

for Small Town Christmas. See [www.monumentmerchants.com/SmallTownChristmas.htm](http://www.monumentmerchants.com/SmallTownChristmas.htm).

3 Trustee Jeff Bornstein commended Engineering Assistant Tom Martinez, Pesicka, and Tharnish on the new downtown sidewalks project.

4 Dominguez said he recently attended the District 4 CML Regional Mayors Meeting and CML Mayors Summit.

5 Dominguez said the Colorado Springs Business Journal would be touring Monument on Oct 16.

6 Trustee Howe reminded everyone that the 2014 Community Coming Together Thanksgiving is in need of volunteers. See [www.trilakeshap.org/cct.php](http://www.trilakeshap.org/cct.php).

**Public comments**

During public comments, resident Vince

Hamm addressed the board regarding a complaint he had with the Police Department. Since he had already talked with Shirk about the issue and it was not resolved to Hamm's satisfaction, and since it involved specific personnel, Shupp recommended that the BOT meeting was not the correct venue for these complaints. Hamm said he did not know where to turn next in the town management to address

his concerns, and Town Manager Smith said she would talk with him the day after the meeting.

The meeting went into executive session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss personnel matters as well as the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest.

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**Monument Board of Trustees, Oct. 20**

**Utility easement in park approved**

*By Lisa Hatfield*

The trustees approved a utility easement and discussed several other topics at the Oct. 20 Monument Board of Trustees meeting.

Mayor Rafael Dominguez was excused. Mayor Pro-Tem Jeffrey Kaiser presided over the meeting.

**MVEA utility easement for park**  
The trustees unanimously approved a resolution presented by Public Works Director Tom Tharnish to grant an easement and a right-of-way for Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA) to access Park Trail Park. MVEA will construct and maintain an electric transformer and other fixtures and provide electric service for irrigation and future needs of the development at this town park, Tharnish said.

In response to several questions from Trustees Becki Tooley and Kelly Elliot, Tharnish said that he would request a sketch plan of MVEA's proposed placement of the 3-foot-square electrical box in the 11-acre park. Town Manager Pamela Smith said the installation of the electrical utilities in the park is "not something we can't do."

**2015 budget, sidewalks, land use items**

A trustee workshop for the 2015 budget

was scheduled for Nov. 1, 8 a.m. to noon at Town Hall. All the trustees encouraged Monument residents to attend.

Planning Director Mike Pesicka said the downtown sidewalks project would wrap up soon. Trustee Jeff Bornstein asked if there were plans to fix traffic and parking issues that have developed since some streets are narrower now than before the sidewalks were installed. Pesicka said there are plans in progress, including moving the yellow lines in the center of a street and revising parking rules, to alleviate those problems.

Pesicka mentioned two land use items that were approved at the Oct. 8 Planning Commission meeting. Kaiser asked about the dissenting votes on both items, but Gary Shupp, town attorney, recommended that Pesicka not elaborate on either topic since both will have public hearings at Nov. 3 trustees meeting. One item was the proposed Mount Herman RV Storage petition for Replat and Preliminary/Final PD Site Plan, at the north end of Mitchell Avenue west of the railroad tracks. The other item regarded the Village Center at Woodmoor 2nd Major Amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Final PD Site Plan, Filing 4A Replat, and Filing 4A Final PD Site Plan. See related article on page 17.

A Parks Committee survey distrib-

uted to residents and businesses in the Monument area sought input on the town's four major parks: Limbach, Lavelette, Dirty Woman Creek, and Park Trail.

Smith mentioned the 2014 amended budget and presented her report on disbursements over \$5,000 and the September financial numbers. She said the holiday lights along Second Street will be turned on Nov. 29 and the lights at Limbach Park will go on the following Saturday.

Tharnish said that the parking lot at Dirty Woman Park is complete. The town crews are preparing equipment for winter weather conditions, and a new part-time maintenance employee has started work at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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The next BOT meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 3 at Town Hall, 845 Beacon Lite Road. Meetings are usu-

ally held the first and third Mondays of each month. Check <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com/> to see future meeting agendas and packets. Information: 884-8017.

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**VOTE YES ON BALLOT INITIATIVE 300**

Shall the Town of Palmer Lake Municipal Code be amended as to permit for the taxation, regulation and licensing of retail marijuana, subject to the following regulations, conditions, and limitations?:

1. REGULATORY PROCESS: Within 45 days of approval of this measure, the Town shall, upon proper public notice, and approve and implement rulemaking procedures specific to licensing and operation of retail marijuana entities, with such regulations requiring an adequate public comment process, and as necessary, requiring a "good neighbor plan" to mitigate concerns articulated therein.
2. LIMITATIONS TO NUMBER OF LICENSEES: Licenses to operate a Retail Marijuana Establishment shall be restricted to no more than one license per every 2,500 residents of the Town of Palmer Lake.
3. PUBLIC SAFETY: "Time Place and Manner" restrictions shall include but not be limited to the following: No entity shall be licensed to operate as a Retail Marijuana Establishment if it is within 1,000 feet of any public school. No licensee shall permit the consumption of marijuana on site (including exterior portions of an establishment's licensed premises).
4. COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW: Licensing approval and the continued right to operate shall be subject to compliance with applicable state statutes and regulations, including but not limited to the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code.
5. TAXES: All retail marijuana sales shall be subject to a 6 percent sales tax, 100 percent greater than the present 3 percent local sales tax, and in addition to, state-imposed sales and excise taxes on retail marijuana totaling 25 percent. This 6 percent sales tax shall be subject to increases, upon voter approval as required under Colo. Const. Art. XX.
6. RETAIL MARIJUANA CRITICAL ASSISTANCE FUND: All revenue generated by the 6 percent tax shall be immediately segregated, upon receipt by the Town, made fully transparent for citizen inspection pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402, and made identifiable once directed to an account to be known as the "RETAIL MARIJUANA CRITICAL ASSISTANCE FUND". Such funds shall be directed, in an ongoing basis, toward providing financial assistance for underfunded Town obligations and services, including but not limited to local road maintenance, fire mitigation, capital construction and other public services deemed most critically in need pursuant to the budget procedures of the Town.
7. SEVERABILITY: If any portion of this measure is found to be invalid or ineffective, it shall be deemed severed from all other sections and the remaining sections shall remain valid and in full force and effect.
8. CODIFICATION INSTRUCTION: To any extent that any language contained herein contradictions language appearing in Town Code prior to approval of the measure, the language contained in this measure shall supersede. This measure shall not be construed as to create any rights or liabilities for acts or events alleged to have occurred prior to the Amendment's passage.

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