

**Benefits of Hosting a Foreign Exchange Student**

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  3. Great kids
  4. Family dynamics
  5. Discovery and fun !
- Let's talk about the 2014-2015 school year now. Sheryl Ellis, Monument, cell 321-536-9504  
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agreements and actions to develop the more promising projects." The board approved a \$5,000 contribution to the study. (ocn.me/v13n6.htm#bot0520)

On Dec. 2, the board packet included a Nov. 27 proposal from Barber for a two-phase renewable water source investigation at a cost of \$36,430. (ocn.me/v13n12.htm#bot1202)

Town Manager Pamela Smith stated that the funding for any combination of renewable or reuse projects would come from the 2A Water Acquisition Fund of the town's water enterprise fund once the fund's revenues no longer are used to pay off the Town Hall construction loan at a rate of about \$400,000 per year through

August 2016. The amount available for water acquisition will then rise to about \$500,000 to \$750,000 per year.

At the conclusion of the 45-minute discussion of all the factors that create uncertainty and require further study using economic and acquisition computer program analysis by Barber's WestWater staff, the board agreed to move forward with the proposal. Barber said he would present a letter of engagement to the board on Dec. 16.

However, Barber was not listed on the very short Dec. 16 agenda nor was a budget restatement agenda item. Mayor Travis Easton, Trustee Stan Gingrich, and Trustee Kaiser did not attend the 25-minute Dec. 16 meeting. (ocn.me/v14n1.htm#bot)

**Barber engagement letter tabled on Jan. 6**

On Jan. 6, shortly before the board meeting, the trustees received emailed copies of Barber's Dec. 16 Engagement Letter for Professional Services. The board declined to vote on the contract without time to read it. Smith apologized for not providing the proposed contract to the trustees sooner, and stated, "We had it." Gingrich asked Shupp to read the proposed contract and provide comment at the Jan. 21 board meeting. Trustee Rafael Dominguez stated that Bornstein had also asked that the contract be tabled so that he could discuss it at a future board meeting.

Barber stated that he planned to show the preliminary survey work on four options available to the town and review them with Krassa, Lytle, and Koger, then schedule an executive session with the board on Feb. 17. He would provide three or four recommendations on concepts, feasibility, design development, permitting, and financing by April 1 at the end of Phase 1 due to the month-long delay in contract start-up. There may not be sufficient definition of the preferable option until September for short-term grant applications. The staff will also be required to list the amount of matching funds that the town can provide.

The trustees each expressed frustration again about not having already made a decision to start Barber's study. Smith replied, "Again, every meeting you talk about wanting to go forward and not wanting to talk it to death, but every meeting we put it out for going forward." Gingrich said the board was not ready to vote on the engagement letter without a review by Shupp and didn't see how the board could move forward any faster than that.

Smith stated that she did not forward the Dec. 16 letter of engagement to the

trustees because, in her and Tharnish's opinions, it addressed everything the board had talked about. "We didn't see it basically as a big deal," she said, adding, "We need to push forward at the next meeting."

Dominguez stated again that Bornstein had asked that the contract be tabled until Bornstein could address the board in person. Dominguez then asked Easton to formally table the engagement letter and study proposal until the next board meeting. After further discussion, the board asked Shupp to read the letter of engagement and prepare a resolution for the town manager to execute a contract with Barber as a formal agenda item for the Jan. 21 board meeting.

**Land purchase for new public works facility proposed**

Smith proposed the purchase of vacant land on Old Denver Highway for a new Public Works Department facility and the Colorado Sports Center hockey rink. She proposed paying \$5,000 per month for a lease to purchase agreement with landowner Mike Watt over the next three years.

The accumulated \$180,000 would apply toward the town's purchase of five to six acres from Watt as well as a new leased public works building Watt proposed to construct for the town. She said the three-year lease would include the town's "definite assurance to buy" the building and lot from Watt after the three years needed for the town to pay off the construction loan on Town Hall through August 2016 with ASD funds.

The consensus of the board was that the trustees were interested in the land but construction of the new public works facility would have to go out for bid. The board was also interested in self-funding construction of the facility in lieu of holding another election to request voter approval of using ASD fund revenues for another non-water building construction project.

Watt's proposal included the opportunity to acquire adjacent vacant land to the north that would Watt would give to the town as protected Preble's mouse habitat. Watt's land is in the county and would have to be annexed into the town.

**MVEA zoning/plat/site plan changes approved**

The board unanimously approved three ordinances for the 1.5-acre expansion of the Mountain View Electric Association's (MVEA) Anderson Substation Subdivision, located on Jackson Creek Parkway north of Ent Federal Credit Union, for installation of new transformers and infrastructure in order to be able to provide more power from this substation that has been in use since 1991:

- A zoning change from Planned Residential Development-6 to Planned Industrial Development (PID)
- A preliminary/final PD plat for the expanded portion of the Anderson Substation Subdivision
- A final PD site plan for the expanded portion of the Anderson Substation Subdivision

These three ordinances were unanimously recommended for approval by the Monument Planning Commission on Dec. 11 (www.ocn.me/v14n1.htm#monpc1211).

The property will now be 2.457 acres and include two new easements on the north and east sides. The new easements will provide access for MVEA to plant and maintain the landscaping buffer area and screen wall. There is adequate room on the south and west sides of the property for MVEA to maintain



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