

was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Town fee schedule amendment approved

The board unanimously approved a resolution to bring town staff research and retrieval fees in line with a new statewide requirement in the recently passed House Bill 14-1193. The state law limits the amount that can be charged for town staff research to \$30 per hour after the first hour, which has to be provided for free as of May 2. The town had been charging \$5 per 15 minutes.

The following sign fees were created by this resolution:

- \$50 per freestanding or monument sign, plus \$250 landscaping bond
- \$25 per wall sign
- \$15 per temporary/banner sign

A re-inspection fee of \$50 was also created for each scheduled inspection where the contractor is not ready for the inspection, resulting in an additional trip by the engineering assistant.

Financial reports

The board unanimously approved four disbursements over \$5,000:

- \$119,584 to Triview for March sales tax (\$111,792), April motor vehicle tax (\$7,518), and April Pikes Peak Regional Building sales tax (\$274)
- \$6,010 to CIRSA Insurance for a workers compensation 2013 payroll audit adjustment
- \$20,132 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a 1997 Water Enterprise Fund loan payment for water distribution equipment
- \$39,072 to Wells Fargo Equipment Finance Inc. for a lease for Public Works and Water Enterprise equipment and vehicles

Harder reported that through April, general fund revenues were \$23,000 more than budgeted (1.64 percent), general fund expenses were \$351,000 less than budgeted (23.5 percent), and net revenue was \$374,000, up by \$60,000 compared to last year. Water fund revenues were \$146,000 less than budgeted (31 percent), expenses were \$119,000 less than budgeted (27 percent), and net revenue was \$27,000 less than budgeted, up from \$110,000 less than budgeted through April last year.

The town financial reports were unanimously approved.

Staff reports

Police Chief Jacob Shirk presented a comprehensive 30-minute Police Department training briefing prepared for the orientation of Trustee Elliott. However, she did not attend the briefing.

Some of the items Shirk reported were:

- Officers Steve Lontz and Robert Steine attended a 40-hour training class to be certified as field training officers (FTOs).
- FTOs train new officers for 12 weeks.
- The Monument Police Department responded for a suicidal person armed with a handgun on foot during blizzard conditions, requiring dispatch of the Fountain Monument SWAT team before lengthy negotiations by Sgt. Mark Owens persuaded the person to put down his weapon so he could be taken into custody.

Some of the other items Shirk noted in response to board member questions were:

- There has been an increase in heroin use and juvenile marijuana possession.
- Confiscated guns are returned to the owner, traded in for credit for department purchase of new guns, or destroyed.

Some of the items Tom Kassawara, director of Development Services, reported were:

- Administrative Assistant Marsha Kassawara will retire on June 1.
- A land use permit had been issued for the new Front Range Animal Hospital building.
- Seven new building permits for single-family residential housing were issued, bringing the total to 26 for the year.
- Three benches have been installed in the Second Street art park just west of the D-38 Big Red build-

- ing.
- Red bike racks and a trash can as well as three silver table and chair sets have been placed in the new gathering area in front of the Monument Sanitation District building on Second Street.
- Five new parallel parking spaces have been striped along the new sidewalk in front of the Monument Sanitation District as part of the downtown sidewalks project.

Tom Tharnish, director of Public Works, reported that the town's new bulk water station at the Wagon Gap Trail intersection of Old Denver Highway is operational.

Town Manager Pamela Smith reported that the town received a \$27,500 Pikes Peak Regional Building grant for youth summer hiring for parks and mitigation. It will be used to hire six youths for 40 hour per week youths and two youths for 20 hour per week. Smith also noted that hiring one part-time staff member at 25 hours per week at \$13 per hour will produce savings of \$17,600 per year over the out-sourced cleaning contract that Smith did not renew.

Board of Trustees comments

Trustee Becki Tooley reminded everyone that Art Hop has started and will be held on the third Thursday of the month through the summer.

Mayor Rafael Dominguez stated he was approached by one the local veterans' associations with a request to install a taller flagpole in the Monument cemetery so a POW flag could be displayed as well as the American flag. He asked Smith to obtain a price quote.

Dominguez said a tree limb is blocking the directional sign on Second Street near Wisdom Tea House. Tharnish will notify the property owner the tree limb is in the right of way and that public works will cut the limb.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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