

Monument Mayor Travis Easton, and six major projects were identified in the town's 2006 20-year stormwater plan.

Tharnish gave two reasons why the town of Monument could opt out of the county's request that all municipalities participate in a regional plan:

- The town already has its own stormwater funding mechanism in place and wants to make sure it is not "double paying."
- The town is already working on its own stormwater projects to help mitigate current issues.

The Waldo Canyon Fire and the Black Forest Fire have pushed stormwater issues to the forefront, since fire-scarred land is extremely susceptible to erosion, washing sediments downstream and adversely affecting watersheds, roads and bridges, businesses, insurance rates, utility rates, water quality, property values, and personal safety.

Currently, there are no dedicated regional funds to address stormwater needs in the region, since the Stormwater Enterprise fund was dissolved in late 2009 and only \$2.2 million in capital funds is available annually now, according to the Pikes Peak Regional Stormwater Task Force. The Pikes Peak Regional Transportation Authority (PPRTA) raises about \$70 million a year for roads and bridges and could be used as a model for a similar fund for stormwater improvements.

Trustee Jeffrey Kaiser said that the City of Colorado Springs is trying to manage its flow of water downstream so that the City of Pueblo won't hold the Southern Delivery System (SDS) "hostage" to meeting Pueblo's stormwater control demands on Colorado Springs. The SDS has been designed to transport water north to El Paso County entities that hold water rights but need a way to get the water to their districts.

The county's 2013 stormwater task force findings indicated that Monument's five infrastructure needs would cost about \$6 million, while the regional total, including infrastructure needed in Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Fountain, Monument, Cherokee Metro District, and Manitou Springs would cost about \$850 million.

In its 2006 Storm Water Plan, the Town of Monument listed six major stormwater infrastructure projects, including Beacon Lite Road from Highway 105 south to Dirty Woman Creek, Front Street between Second and Third, Jefferson Street from Third Street to Santa Fe Avenue, along the east side of the railroad tracks draining southward, and stormwater drainage to Monument Lake to be completed over the next 20 years for an estimated cost of \$4.1 million, Tharnish said.

Two new issues that have arisen since the 2006 plan was made will receive funding first since they require immediate

attention. Heavy rain caused the culvert to over flow at Teachout Creek along Old Denver Road, and erosion at Front Street and Lincoln exposed a water main and washed away the edge of a citizen's property and affected the safety of the railroad tracks.

Town Attorney Gary Shupp said the town could support the county's resolution without entering into the Intergovernmental Agreement, but the specific language of the issue is not yet available.

**Kassawara summarizes Development Services**

Director of Development Services Tom Kassawara explained the general mission and function of the department. It reviews and processes development project applications that require a recommendation from the Planning Commission and approval by the Board of Trustees, as well as smaller-scale development applications that are approved

administratively.

It also responds to inquiries related to land use planning, land use and zoning regulations, reviewing infrastructure construction plans, and permitting and inspecting all new developments and infrastructure improvements. It manages the planning, design, and construction of capital improvement projects. And, he said, it is working more closely with the Public Works department than it has in the past.

Kassawara then explained the legally required quasi-judicial process trustees must use in making decisions on development projects at Planning Commission and Town Council meetings. Rulings on whether the project meets town code must be made based on facts and evidence presented at the hearing, not on personal opinions, emotions, anecdotal evidence, or hearsay.

Recommendations on proj-

ects are provided in the staff report and presented as evidence to the trustees. The project applicant presents his evidence, and the public is invited to give factual input during the public comment section of the meeting. Then the decision is made to approve or deny the development project. This quasi-judicial process is vital, because if it is circumvented, the results could later be challenged in court, Kassawara said.

**Code cleanup ordinance**

The trustees unanimously approved Ordinance 18-2014, designed to improve eight sections of municipal code on an administrative level, Kassawara said. See [www.ocn.me/v14n5.htm#mpc0409](http://www.ocn.me/v14n5.htm#mpc0409) for more details.

**Disbursements over \$5,000**

The board unanimously approved one disbursement over \$5,000:

- \$7,083 to Jacobs Engineering for engineering work for the Monument Sidewalk Project.

At 7:35 p.m., the meeting went into executive session in regards to "legal advice/pending lawsuit." No votes were taken or announcements were made after the executive session.

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<p><b>1. Purple Mountain Jewelry</b> 47 Third Street, Unit C 719.487.0444</p> <p><b>2. Frog on a Limb Primitives</b> 341 Front Street 719.481.8888</p> <p><b>3. Posh Pineapple</b> 251 Front Street, "9" 719.487.2866</p> <p><b>4. The Love Shop</b> 251 Front Street "13" 719.598.3348</p>	<p><b>5. La Casa Fiesta</b> 230 Front Street 719.481.1234</p> <p><b>6. Wisdom Tea House</b> 65 Second Street 719.481.8822</p> <p><b>7. Bella Art &amp; Frame</b> 183 Washington St. 719.487.7691</p> <p><b>8. 1492 Chocolates</b> 174 Washington Street 855.700.1492</p>	<p><b>9. Catriona Cellars</b> 243 Washington Street 719.481.3477</p> <p><b>10. Bliss Studio and Gallery</b> 243 1/2 Washington Street (alley access) 719.244.8992</p> <p><b>11. Margo's on the Alley</b> 253 Washington Street 719.487.1406</p> <p><b>12. Covered Treasures Bookstore</b> Corner of Second and Washington 719.481.2665</p>	<p><b>13. Shades of Amber</b> 125 Second Street 719.265.9921</p> <p><b>14. Bella Casa</b> 155 Second Street 719.559.4133</p> <p><b>15. Santa Fe Trail Jewelry</b> 215 Chapala Plaza 719.481.0250</p> <p><b>16. Hangers</b> 245 North Jefferson Street 719.488.2300</p>	<p><b>17. The Village Merchants</b> 155 North Jefferson Street 719.375.5438</p> <p><b>18. DeVine Grill</b> 366 Second Street 719.481.4900</p>
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