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### **Changes to Town Council process**

Mayor McDonald announced some changes to the way Town Council meetings will be managed. Each meeting will begin with a 30-minute or one-hour workshop session, which the public is welcome to attend but which will be used for the council to debate issues without public comments. Each issue will be assigned a time limit for consideration during the council meeting that will follow the workshop. Issues brought before the council by citizens will be added to the agenda for the next council meeting to ensure the trustees have time to research issues before taking any action.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 14 in Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of the month. Information: 481-

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**Right:** Michelle Connelly, forester at the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP), attended the Palmer Lake Town Council meeting on July 10. CUSP is involved with the fire mitigation program in Palmer Lake. Photo and caption by Jackie Burhans.



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change much, a more detailed cost breakdown would be available in 2016. However, those voting for a November election didn't want to wait another 11/2 years.

Voters will be looking at a mill levy that will pay the \$3.9 million price tag for connection, the current estimate by GMS Engineering. Costs would have been slightly higher for the other two treatment options.

> members voters to know the

cost breakdown and understand the issues, there will be no other choice than a "yes" vote, no matter when the election is held, since the district's treatment system can't meet current or future state regulations covering ammonia, nitrogen, or phosphorus numbers. At previous meetings, the board has been told that a "no" vote could lead to the state taking over the district's wastewater opera-\*\*\*\*\*

The Academy Water and Sanitation District board meets at 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the fire station on Gleneagle and Jessie Drives. The next meeting is Aug. 19.

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