

vote. Currently, the water enterprise fund has almost \$2 million in its 2A ASD fund. But Smith said, "Even if we add \$400,000 to that \$2 million, every year, that is nothing if you are trying to acquire new water such as tie into the Southern Delivery System or complete the reuse project. You

would need millions upon millions of dollars for those." But it was the definition of "new water acquisition, storage and delivery" that generated a long series of questions from Trustees Greg Coopman and Shea Medicott, including whether that money could be used for general water system operations.

Town Attorney Gary Shupp said the answer was no. But it culminated in a decision to invite the town's water attorney, Bob Krassa, of Krassa and Miller LLC, to address the board soon to answer those same questions. See related Sept. 19 Monument Board of Trustees article on page 10.

Mayor Jeff Kaiser "teed up a question" for Smith, asking her to speak about the email Kaiser received from a citizen about six months ago, and other rumors circulating, that claimed the town had "lost" \$1.5 million. "Is that possible, with this many audits?" Kaiser asked. Smith said she did not believe so and, "At that point you are questioning my integrity and honesty, and I find that insulting. No, that would be a significant anomaly in a \$5 million budget." She thought the misinformation was the result of public confusion about \$745,000 that was put in the general fund instead of the water fund and was later brought forward as part of the capital building fund.

Coopman, who has asked many questions about specific financial calculations and wanted a comprehensive look at the fund instead of random samples by auditors, said, "Maybe it would be okay to get a review and analysis" from an auditor instead of actually performing a new audit. His intention was, "to understand how we got to where we are today and how are we going to get where we need to be responsibly."

Coopman said it would make sense to have Kyle Logan of Logan and Associates let the board know, in person or via email, "if he thought it would be responsible or make sense to look more

comprehensively at these funds and audit a little more in depth prior to making substantial investments in a water system that supports less than 1,000 homes." The majority of the board agreed.

Checks over \$5,000

The following invoices over \$5,000 were approved after being pulled from the consent agenda at the request of Kaiser on behalf of Elliott.

- Land Title Guarantee Co., land for water tank site – \$204,000
- Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck, land use attorney – \$19,341
- SA-SO, street repair and maintenance – \$5,357
- CIRSA Insurance, 2015 payroll audit additional premium – \$10,975

Ordinances and liquor license approved

Rick Velliquette represented The Bistro on 2nd in applying for a new hotel and restaurant liquor license application. The trustees asked him about staff training and then approved the application unanimously.

Shupp presented an ordinance amending Chapter 5.04 of the Monument Municipal Code concerning business license and regulations. The trustees asked many questions, including how the ordinance might affect business partners physically located outside of the town of Monument but doing business in Monument. The trustees unanimously approved the ordinance, and Coopman gained board consensus to direct town staff to clarify that section's wording within the next 30 days for further board consideration.

Shupp also presented an ordinance making it so town fees could be modified by resolution instead of by ordinances in the future. Coopman expressed concern that tap fees were not included and that the fee schedule included a six-year schedule for water rates, even though the board had only approved one year. After some discussion with Town Manager Chris Lowe and an amendment by Coopman, the board unanimously approved the resolution. Note: Tap fees were scheduled to be voted on at the

Sept. 19 meeting. See related Sept. 19 Monument Board of Trustees article on page 10.

Manning presented a resolution and a related ordinance approving a change increasing the number of banner boards allowed and describing the size, height, location, and design of banner boards. The trustees unanimously approved both items.


Recognition of supporters

Many volunteers and sponsors of local events were recognized for their contributions, including:


- Town Streets Superintendent Ron Rathburn was honored by Public Works Director Tom Tharnish for over 30 years of service (and counting!) to the town.
- Eric VanDenHoek was thanked for all his behind-the-scenes support of town staff in order to pull off events.
- The sponsors of the July 4 Street Fair and the Free Movie Nights at the clock tower in Monument Marketplace. Community Liaison Specialist Madeline VanDenHoek thanked Colorado Springs Health Partners, Integrity Bank and Trust, Solar City, Mountain View Electric Association, Kum & Go, Financial Future Services, Big Opposable Thumb, Goodwill, Lang Investment Services, The Wheaton Team, Christian Brothers, US Taekwondo Center, Espresso Americano, Walmart, Safeway, and the Lewis-Palmer Elementary Boxtops committee.
- Fountain Creek Watershed, Creek Week/Town Clean up volunteers. Executive Director Larry Small said last year, volunteers cleaned up 10 tons of debris in our three counties. This year's event was scheduled for Sept. 24-Oct. 2.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Thanks to Audrey Burkart for recording this meeting. Lisa Hatfield can be reached at lisahatfield@ocn.me.



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- **Sun., Oct. 16:** Support the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) by making a purchase at our café on this day and 10% of all sales will be donated to this project.
- **Mon., Oct. 17:** Support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by making a purchase at our café on this day and 10% of all sales will be donated to this hospital.
- **Tue., Oct. 18:** Support the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAI) by

making a purchase at our café on this day and 10% of all sales will be donated to this foundation.

- **Wed., Oct. 19:** Support Shriners Hospitals for Children by making a purchase at our cafe on this day and 10% of all sales will be donated to this hospital.
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