

outlined in the water master plan approved by the trustees in October 2014. (See www.ocn.me/v14n10.

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- Tri-Lakes Cares suggested using an opt-in "round-up" system as a way for residents who want to help their neighbors with lower incomes pay for water.
- This change just includes residential and commercial base rates and volumetric rates.
- We won't be doing the impact fee discussion for a few months.
- The new proposed schedule was posted on the town website.

Trustees' comments included:

- Jeff Bornstein: We can't give away free water.
- Mayor Rafael Dominguez: The reserve fund is more of a concern than the transfer back to the general fund.
- Becki Tooley: We can re-evaluate this annually before 2021 to see if any changes are needed.
- Jeff Smith: the "residential rates comparison" chart comparing Monument with other municipalities is misleading since it doesn't compare apples to apples.
- Bornstein: I don't know how this sat from the '90s until today. I hope we don't have other sleeping skel-

etons in closets on other key issues in this town. This is very embarrassing that it sat for this long, and our board has to deal with this. I appreciate (Lowe) being on board. I can be corrected, but I think you're the first true, real town manager professional by title, so thank you for what you are doing.

Public comments included:

- Rod Wilson: I am a minimal water user. This year I paid a total of \$265 for water. With this rate change I would pay \$480 a year for the same amount of water. This will be a shock to people on fixed incomes.
- Cheri Hysell: What suffered on the general fund side when you took out the \$400,000 to put in the water enterprise fund? What was in the plan that didn't get done?

The consensus of the trustees was to vote on the proposed water rates increase at the Tuesday, Jan. 19 meeting.

**Trustees' comments**

- Dominguez: The Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority (BRRTA) met with a CDOT representative on Dec. 28. It looks like \$12.51 million to pay for all I-25 Baptist Road interchange expansion construction costs may be paid to BRRTA in early 2016. (See www.ocn.me/v16n1.htm#brta1228.)
- Becki Tooley: Keep your ears open for the "Hip to Be Square" walking campaign.
- Tooley: We need election judges, planning commissioners, and trustee candidates for the election coming up.

**Checks over \$5,000**

The trustees unanimously approved the consent agenda, which included the following disbursements over \$5,000:

- Triview Metro District, October and November sales tax earned, November motor vehicle tax - \$152,125
- Forsgren Associates Inc., chlorination upgrades - \$5,861
- Forsgren Associates Inc., Second and Front Street Redesign - \$13,323

The meeting went into executive session at 8 p.m. to conference with an attorney for the public entity for the pur-

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