

## **Medical marijuana dispensary moratorium extended by City**

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A resolution extending the moratorium on the review of applications for medical marijuana dispensaries within the City of Holyoke was adopted at the April 5 City Council meeting.

Council members voted to extend the moratorium, previously established to expire July 20, up and through Jan. 20, 2011.

The Colorado Legislature is involved in various legislative bills relating to the regulation of medical marijuana dispensaries. The extension will allow for consideration of the legislative bills and results of general election ballot issues.

Theresa Tharp was re-elected as summer recreation director at the Monday night meeting. Councilman Kevin Scott said she has done a fantastic job and she is looking forward to coming back.

She was hired for a yearly wage of \$4,200.

### **Reports of city officials**

City Supt. Mark Brown said a sixth siren has been installed south of the elementary school. The new siren will sound only when there is a tornado warning and not during fire calls or daily whistles.

The city-wide cleanup is scheduled for May 12-14, according to Brown. He also mentioned seal coat will be applied to streets sometime in late August.

Mayor David Nygaard said something that caught his eye within the code enforcement report were controlled burns within the city limits. As it stands now, controlled burns are allowed only if the communications center is informed ahead of time and they are not allowed to be performed

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on city streets.

Police Chief Phil Biersdorfer said he has been talking with City Attorney Al Wall and suggested the council look into the issue further. There could be an issue with a state law regarding air pollution.

Council member Barry Winckler said if a fire is called in and the communications center hasn't been notified of a controlled burn ahead of time, the fire department needs to be summoned.

### Other business

In other business April 5, council members:

—approved travel request for Doug Bergstrom to attend Crimes Against Children Conference.

—granted special events permit for the Cinco de Mayo celebration for May 8.

—approved liquor license renewal for Holyoke Golf Club and waived the local fees.

—accepted request to sign landlord's Estoppel Certificate in regard to an airport hangar lease with City Attorney Wall's legal approval.

—approved updated multi-hazard mitigation plan for the northeast Colorado region.

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