

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, February 10, 2000

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **LIGHT AND POWER COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 10th day of February, 2000.

Present: Chairman Hix, Trustees Barker and Jeffrey

Attending: All

Absent: None

Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Light and Power Director Matzke, Fleet Supt. Mahany, Assistant to the Light and Power Director Mangelsen, Deputy Town Clerk van Deutekom

Chairman Hix called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ONE TON UTILITY TRUCK – AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE

Fleet Supt. Mahany reported the Ford one-ton 4x4 utility truck has been in service since 1994 and is within the Town's vehicle replacement parameters with 63,134 miles. This vehicle replacement is included in the 2000 budget. The following bids were received:

Estes Park Auto Mall	\$23,839.00
Spradley-Barr Ford	\$28,513.00

The Committee recommends approval of the bid from Estes Park Auto Mall to purchase a Ford One-Ton 4x4 Truck W/Utility Body at a cost of \$23,839.00 including \$9,500 trade-in for current duty truck. Due to the February 18th order cut-off date for the Ford F-250 4X4 truck, Chairman Hix directed staff to give a verbal order for this equipment immediately. Town staff will have the right to cancel the order by February 23rd if not approved by Town Board on February 22nd. The purchase order will not be issued until Town Board approval.

FALL RIVER HYDRO PLANT UPDATE

Assistant to the Director Mangelsen reported that the State Historical Fund grant request was approved for the Fall River Hydro Plant project and the contract should be available for signatures at the end of February. The State Historical Fund will grant \$341,289 (60%) and the Town will match \$227,526 (40%) for a project total of \$568,815. It is anticipated that construction will begin in 2-3 months following the standard bidding process. Chairman Hix

recognized members of the Fall River Hydro Plant Committee for their efforts in the grant process.

REPORTS

Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) Report: Director Matzke reported that PRPA reviewed wholesale rates and pricing strategies and recommended maintaining current rates for 2000. The wind turbines have been ordered. So far, Estes Park has sold 21 100-kWh residential and 30 100-kWh commercial blocks. Six residential customers have requested all their electrical power from wind. A \$45,000 Fiber Optic lease payment was received on February 9th.

Financial Report: The December income statements and graphs were reviewed.

Project Updates:

The **Estes Substation** is substantially complete with all major power equipment in place. The bike path has been completed and the Parks Department and Estes Valley Recreation and Park District will assist in planting 37 trees this spring. Minimal power interruptions are anticipated when the new substation goes on-line. A tour of the facility will be conducted following the March meeting.

The laser printer for the **new format utility bills** has been received and installed. Staff is reviewing options for envelope stuffers.

There being no further business, Chairman Hix adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.