

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, March 9, 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 9th day of March, 2000.

Present: Chairman Hix, Trustees Barker and Jeffrey

Attending: All

Absent: None

Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Light and Power Director Matzke, Sr. Meter Specialist O'Connor, Deputy Town Clerk van Deutekom

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

ITRON DATAPAC – AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE

Sr. Meter Specialist O'Connor reported that the Itron DataPac is a mobile, vehicle-mounted device capable of reading meters at a greatly increased range with improved efficiency. The DataPac is available through APPA's Home Town Connections for \$24,650. This is new technology and was not funded in the 2000 budget; however, the \$48,487 savings realized from the purchase of a Duty Truck in 2000 is more than adequate to cover the purchase of this item. **The Committee recommends approval for the purchase of the Itron DataPac for \$24,650 as presented.**

KIOWA RIDGE UNDERGROUND PROJECT – REVISED AGREEMENT AUTHORIZATION

Director Matzke reported that in November 1999, the Town Board approved a cost sharing agreement between the Town, the Estes Valley Land Trust (EVLTL), and the developer of Kiowa Ridge subdivision, to bury approximately 1900' of an existing three phase power line that crosses the proposed development. The EVLTL recently withdrew their offer to participate in the cost sharing agreement, however, the developer has offered to pay the portion of the cost that was to be funded by the EVLTL. Under the terms of the original agreement approved by the Town Board, the Light and Power Department's participation in the project would not exceed \$22,000. The proposed change will not increase the amount of the Light and Power Department's participation. **The Committee recommends approval of the revised agreement as presented.**

REPORTS

Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) Report: Director Matzke reported that the current officers were reelected and a favorable audit report was presented at the annual meeting in February (moved from April). The bond ratings were increased from A+ to AA-, a policy change was approved regarding underground line design, and Thaine Michie will receive the Alex Radin Distinguished Service award.

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

Project Updates:

Work on the **Estes Substation** is substantially complete. Work remaining includes installment of the surge arrestors and communications for the SCADA system. It is anticipated that the Substation will be energized mid-April.

Replacement of the **Holiday Inn** transformer is complete.

Brief outages were noted during recent high winds. Director Matzke noted that trimming the trees significantly decreased tree related outages.

Chairman Hix expressed appreciation to Committee members, staff, and Trustees for their efforts during his tenure as Chairman.

There being no further business, Chairman Hix adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.