

## ***Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, August 9, 2001***

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001.

Committee: Chairman Jeffrey-Clark, Trustees Habecker and Newsom  
Attending: Chairman Jeffrey-Clark and Trustee Habecker  
Absent: Trustee Newsom  
Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Light & Power Director Matzke, Assistant to the Light & Power Director Mangelsen, Deputy Town Clerk van Deutekom

Chairman Jeffrey-Clark called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

### **FALL RIVER HYDRO SITE DEVELOPMENT – AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT.**

Director Matzke requested removal of this item from the agenda noting that the negotiated contract was just recently submitted to staff and has not been thoroughly reviewed.

Assistant Director Mangelsen updated the Committee on the progress of the hydro plant floor and equipment cleaning and donation of a 12” replica of a water wheel from the Georgetown plant.

### **DECORATIVE CHRISTMAS TREES ON HIGHWAY LIGHTING POLES – ADOPTION OF UNIFORM POLICY.**

Director Matzke explained that establishing a uniform policy to address decoration of highway light poles within Town limits would assist staff in determining which poles should be decorated during the Christmas lighting season. He reported that there are approximately 22 highway light poles on Moraine Ave. and approximately 12 light poles in various locations around Town that do not contain switched outlets. Therefore, these poles have not been decorated in past years with the standard rebar Christmas trees. There is adequate funding in the 2001 Street Lighting budget to fund the pole retrofit expense and there are adequate rebar trees to decorate the highway lighting poles along Moraine Ave.

The **Committee recommends establishing a uniform policy of installing decorative rebar Christmas trees on all highway lighting poles within the Town limits and that all future highway lighting poles be purchased equipped with switched outlets.** Staff will proceed with retrofitting the poles along Moraine Ave. and continue with any remaining highway light poles within the Town limits subject to the availability of rebar trees.

### **HIGHWAY 7 THREE PHASE UPGRADE ENGINEERING SERVICES – AWARD CONTRACT.**

Director Matzke reported that his project involves replacing approximately 20,000' of existing #2 CU overhead primary with 1/0 AL tree cable from the Baldpate Inn south to Big Owl Rd. Staff received a proposal from ESC to perform the line design and construction management for an estimated cost of \$46,000. The 2001 budget includes \$650,000 for this project.

**The Committee recommends that the contract for engineering services for the Highway 7 Three Phase upgrade be awarded to ESC at an estimated cost of \$46,000.**

**DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT – PROPOSED WORK PLAN.**

Director Matzke reported that since the mid 1980s, the Light and Power Department has been replacing highway and street lights within the Town limits with the goal of reducing stray light, improving energy efficiency, and improving light quality. However, the 300 plus decorative lights installed in the Estes Park Urban Renewal area produce significant stray light, have no photo metrics for efficient light distribution, and have become increasingly expensive to replace and maintain. A proposed work plan to address the task of upgrading the downtown light fixtures was discussed. The 2001 budget includes \$25,000 for this project.

**The Committee recommends that the proposed work plan be adopted and a number of light fixtures be purchased for a demonstration purposes.**

**REPORTS**

**Platte River Power Authority (PRPA):** Director Matzke noted that a new peak of 498 megawatts was reached Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**Financial Report:** The July graphs were reviewed.

**Project Updates:**

A letter has been mailed to **Charter Communications** outlining items to be addressed prior to approval of their change of ownership request.

Bids have been requested for replacement of the **pole trailer**.

There being no further business, Chairman Jeffrey-Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:43 a.m.