

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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### ***Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, May 9, 2002***

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 May 2002.

Committee: Chairman Jeffrey-Clark, Trustees Habecker and Newsom

Attending: All

Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Light & Power Director Matzke, Assistant to the Director Mangelsen, Museum Director Kilsdonk, and Deputy Clerk van Deutekom

Absent: None

Chairman Jeffrey-Clark called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

#### **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – UPDATE.**

Ruben Blackmon, General Manager/Charter Communications briefed the Committee on recent organizational changes, installation of the fiber optic line to the new Town Board room (Channel 39 upgrade), service to the Uplands Subdivision, and changes to the customer notification plan.

Nick Mollé/Nick Mollé Productions explained that installation of the fiber optic line in the new Town Board Room would greatly enhance the picture quality for all broadcasts on Channel 39 (including Town Board meetings). The Committee expressed its appreciation to Mr. Mollé for airing previous Town Board meetings at no cost to the Town.

#### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK (RMNP) RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT – REQUEST APPROVAL.**

Tony Schetzle and Larry Gamble from RMNP presented a draft Right-of-Way Permit that grants the Town the right to own, operate, and maintain the electrical distribution system within RMNP. This agreement includes Town-owned facilities that were covered under a previous permit and new facilities that have been constructed under the improvement program that began in 1995. Permit modifications discussed include raptor protection, 10' easement restrictions, tree trimming, and temporary access to inaccessible locations. Attorneys for the Town and RMNP are currently reviewing permit modifications. Due to current fire danger concerns, RMNP requests that the signed permit be in place prior to any tree trimming efforts in the vicinity of power lines.

**The Committee recommends that the Right-of-Way Permit be approved executed by the Mayor subject to successful negotiation of the modifications as discussed.**

#### **CAUSEWAY CONDUIT REPAIRS – REQUEST APPROVAL.**

Director Matzke explained that staff discovered numerous breaks in the conduit previously installed under the Lake Estes Trail during cable installation preparations for the 2002 Meadowdale and Fish Creek project. The conduit was installed along the north side of the causeway in 1997. R.C. Heath, who did not install the initial conduit, presented a proposal to repair the damage by removing the existing sidewalk and conduit, and replace approximately 1,500 sq. ft. of sidewalk at a cost of \$14,154. The 2002 budget includes adequate funding to complete these repairs. **The Committee recommends approval of the sidewalk removal and replacement by R.C. Heath at cost of approximately \$14,154.**

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### **FALL RIVER HYDRO PLANT LANDSCAPING CHANGE ORDER – REQUEST APPROVAL.**

Director Matzke presented a change order request from T.A. Enterprises for \$2,191.55 to cover the cost of design modifications to the Fall River Hydro Plant pedestrian bridge abutments, an additional concrete pad for the informational kiosk, and installation of additional electrical conduit. The 2002 budget was amended to include an additional \$34,000 for the pedestrian bridge and will adequately fund this change order request. **The Committee recommends approval of the change order request from T.A. Enterprises for \$2,191.55 as outlined above.** Assistant Mangelsen explained that the bridge would be installed on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **FALL RIVER HYDRO PLANT PEDESTRIAN TRAIL ENGINEERING SCOPE OF SERVICES – APPROVAL REQUEST.**

Director Matzke presented a Scope of Services for the Fall River Hydro Plant Trail Design from Cornerstone Engineering and Surveying at a cost of \$9,850, to include surveying the area surrounding the proposed trail alignment, preparation of base maps with 2' contours, trail design with plan and profile sheets, preparation of construction documents, and preparation of necessary easements. The 2002 budget includes \$10,000 for this project. **The Committee recommends approval of the Scope of Services from Cornerstone Engineering and Surveying for the Fall River Hydro Plant Pedestrian Trail at a cost of \$9,850.**

### **FALL RIVER HYDRO PLANT – STATE HONOR AWARD.**

Director Kilsdonk reported that Colorado Preservation, Inc. will present a State Honor Award to the Town for the Fall River Hydro Plant Project at a ceremony scheduled May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Mayor will attend the ceremony.

The Hydro Plant will be featured during an upcoming episode of HGTV's Restore America. The episode will be filmed at the Hydro Plant on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **REPORTS.**

**Downtown Lighting Committee – Update.** Light & Power Secretary Button presented a Decorative Streetlight Project report summarizing public input and comments. Staff is conducting additional bulb research and will present their findings to the Lighting Committee for review.

**Platte River Power Authority.** Brian Moeck recently celebrated his 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary with PRPA. John Wittemeyer/PRPA General Council will retire in June. The Audit Interview Committee will interview 3 audit firms and present a recommendation for a new auditor at the May Board Meeting. A commission test on Rawhide turbine 1 will be conducted the first week of May.

The Committee reviewed the April graphs and March income statements.

**Project Updates:** (1) the Big Thompson Rebuild Project is well underway; staff is very pleased with the Contractor; a target completion date has not been set.

There being no further business, Chairman Jeffrey-Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

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Rebecca van Deutekom, CMC, Deputy Town Clerk