

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, July 11, 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 11th day of July 2002.

Committee: Chairman Jeffrey-Clark, Trustees Habecker and Newsom

Attending: Chairman Jeffrey-Clark

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

Absent: Trustees Habecker and Newsom

Chairman Jeffrey-Clark called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

DRY GULCH ROAD UNDERGROUND REPLACEMENT – REQUEST APPROVAL.

Director Matzke reported that during design and construction of the extension of underground electric facilities to serve the Good Samaritan project, staff negotiated construction of additional trench and conduit to allow replacement of 880' of direct buried cable to improve the distribution system on Dry Gulch Rd. Cornerstone Engineering completed the installation of the conduit, including contractor cost, inspection, and permits, at a cost of \$9,165.00.

This project was not specifically funded in the 2002 budget, however, a line item of \$15,000 for miscellaneous underground projects could accommodate this expense. **The Committee recommends approval of the construction of additional trench and conduit by Cornerstone Engineering in the amount of \$9,165.00 to be funded from miscellaneous underground projects.**

LONG RANGE UNDERGROUND PRIORITY LIST – REPORT.

The Town has replaced numerous overhead electric lines with underground facilities, including EPURA projects, CDOT highway improvement projects, joint projects with developers, and projects initiated by the Town. Director Matzke presented a draft list outlining: 1) the existing overhead lines that could be replaced with underground facilities; 2) street light feeds; and 3) transmission lines. Some of these projects would result in improved capacity and reliability, but many have only aesthetic value. The purpose for developing this list is to provide input for the budget process. The highest priority projects will be recommended for the 2003/2004 budget. **Staff will refine the draft list to include cost estimates and project prioritization for the August meeting.**

REPORTS.

Platte River Power Authority (PRPA). The auditing firm of Ernst & Young was chosen to provide auditing services for the next three years. John Wittemeyer/PRPA General Council retired in June. Due to outages at several generation units on June 24th, including Rawhide and Craig, during a significant peak system load, PRPA had to purchase approximately 400 MW to supply the municipal loads. All generation units are back on line. PRPA will hold their August 29th board meeting in Estes Park. A tour of the hydro plant will be conducted following the meeting.

Financial Report. The Committee reviewed the June graphs and May income statements.

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Fall River Hydro Plant. Assistant Director Mangelsen announced the grand opening of the Fall River Hydro Plant on July 15th. Areas discussed include bridge lights, electrical upgrades, re-vegetation efforts, signage, and grand opening preparations and events.

Project Updates: (1) the **Big Thompson Rebuild Project** is nearing completion; (2) work began on the Baldpate to Big Owl Rd. Project; (3) the utility installation for Phase I of the **Good Samaritan Project** has been completed; (4) the **Rocky Mountain National Park right-of-way permit** has been signed and staff is currently preparing the tree trimming schedule; (5) the Mayor formally requested Charter Communications extend **service to the Uplands**; Charter indicated that project design for the extension is underway and a portion of the project will be completed this year; (6) three additional **demonstration light fixtures** were delivered: one was taken from Bond Park to the hydro plant, additional 10' poles have been ordered, and the Street Light Committee will make a recommendation once all the survey results have been reviewed.

There being no further business, Chairman Jeffrey-Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Rebecca van Deutekom, CMC, Deputy Town Clerk