

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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*Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, April 8, 2004.*

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **UTILITIES COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2004.

Committee: Chairman Jeffrey-Clark, Trustees Gillette and Newsom

Attending: Chairman Jeffrey-Clark and Trustee Newsom

Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Public Works Director Linnane, Utilities Supt. Goehring, Fleet Mgr. Mahany, and Deputy Clerk van Deutekom

Absent: Trustee Gillette

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

### **WATER DEPARTMENT**

#### 1. Vehicle Replacement – Request Approval.

The Department budgeted for the replacement of their 1996 GMC ¾-ton 4x4. This vehicle is 8 years old, has 81,000 miles, and is within the Town's vehicle replacement parameters. The following bid was received:

Phil Long Ford:  
\$42,927.81 2004 Ford 4x4 w/utility body  
- 7,000.00 Trade-in (96 GMC 4x4)  
\$35,927.81 Bid Price

Estes Park Auto Mall:  
No response.

Burt Automotive Group:  
No response.

The Budget includes \$38,500 to replace this vehicle. **The Committee recommends acceptance of the bid from Phil Long Ford to purchase a 2004 Ford 4x4 Truck w/utility body at a cost of \$35,927.81, as presented.**

### **Reports**

- Monthly Financial Report. The Light and Power and Water Financial Reports and associated graphs were reviewed.
- Estes Park to Loveland Fiber Optics Project. Work will begin this fall and be completed in approximately 2 weeks.
- Light and Power Department Bond Rating. The Dept. continues to maintain an "A" bond rating.
- Christmas Decorations Project Report. This report will be presented at the May meeting.
- Fall River Road Tank and Water Line. The project design work is nearly completed and easement issues are being resolved. Director Linnane noted that construction is tentatively set for September.
- Water Rights Lease Market. The Town will, once again, have water rights available for lease. Attorney White will contact various entities to advertise this availability.
- Snow pack/Estimated Stream flows. Utilities Supt. Goehring briefed the Committee on issues discussed at a recent Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD) meeting. The moisture content of Big Thompson River Basin is estimated

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at 58% of average and stream flow at 44% of average, which is alarmingly low. The initial quota set at the beginning of the water year (November 1, 2003) was 50%. This percentage could change to 60% this month. Staff will brief the Committee of any changes at the May meeting.

- Flushing Program. Staff will flush the main water lines April 13-16 and 20-23.
- Town Map. Revised Town maps are now available in printed form and on the website.
- Olympus Dam Project Update. Construction could begin as early as 2005, depending on Platte River Power Authority budget constraints. Project bids will be requested prior to construction.

There being no further business, Chairman Jeffrey-Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

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Rebecca van Deutekom, CMC, Deputy Town Clerk