

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, October 12, 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 12th day of October, 2000.

Committee: Chairman Jeffrey, Trustees Habecker and Newsom

Attending: Chairman Jeffrey and Trustee Newsom

Absent: Trustee Habecker

Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Light and Power Director Matzke, Assistant to the Light and Power Director Mangelsen, Museum Director Kilsdonk, Sr. Meter Specialist O'Connor, Deputy Town Clerk van Deutekom

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

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – SYSTEM UPDATE. Director Matzke introduced Glenn Smith, Tech/Charter Comm. who briefed the Committee on cable system upgrades since the August Committee meeting. The reception and clearance problems at Miles Cottages and Valhalla have been corrected. Construction crews are currently meeting with Town staff to address the problem areas identified in the pole audit list. Extensive line ingress problems in the lines to and from Channel 8 have been corrected and improvements in the reception are evident. However, Charter Comm. staff will continue to correct a minor reception problem on Channel 8 during Town Board meetings.

Nick Mollé, Owner/Channel 8, expressed his appreciation to Charter Comm. for improved reception, noting that the problems have been extreme and difficult to correct.

Chairman Jeffrey expressed the Committee's appreciation to Charter Comm. staff for their efforts in upgrading the system and attention to customer service.

AUTOMATED METER READING UPDATE. Sr. Meter Specialist O'Connor presented a report that compared visual, hand held, and ITRON DataPac meter read times. Significant time reductions were achieved using the automated equipment, especially the DataPac unit. Discussions were held regarding benefits of automation, distance ranges, number of automated meters currently installed, and projections and plans for the future.

FALL RIVER HYDRO PLANT HISTORIC RESTORATION PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER, PHASE 2 – APPROVAL. Assistant Mangelsen explained that the Town negotiated a contract amount of \$388,688 with R.C. Heath Construction Company for the historic restoration of the Fall River Hydro Plant, operator's residence, and visitor's center. The following items were not foreseen prior to construction:

Install sprayed insulation @ Visitor's Center	\$ 861
Install sprayed insulation @ Operator's Residence	940
Install connected security system	4,205
Replace clay sewer line	<u>7,480</u>
Total	\$ 13,486

The total estimated project cost is \$568,815, which includes a construction estimate of \$410,000. This change order request raises the contract amount to \$402,174. **The Committee recommends approval of the change order request by R.C. Heath for \$13,486 as presented.**

Assistant Mangelsen and Museum Director Kilsdonk updated the Committee on the construction schedule, grant process for Phase I and II fund disbursement, and progress of interpretive program and site work. Assistant Mangelsen noted that the State is currently preparing the Contract to award Phase II funds. Pending receipt of the Phase II Contract and to avoid construction delays, Director Matzke requested that Contract approval be placed on the October 24th Town Board agenda. Town Administrator Widmer recommended Town Attorney White review the contract prior to Town Board approval. **The Committee recommends placing the contract on the October 24th Town Board agenda pending Attorney White's review and recommendation.**

REPORTS

Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) Report: The following items were discussed at the last PRPA board meeting: the 2001 budget, generation additions, market power prices, replacement power, additional gas turbine purchases, and Rawhide issues (including a possible tour). Trustee Newsom questioned if inserts to educate citizens on wind generation could be mailed with utility bills.

Financial Report: The September income statement and graphs were reviewed.

Project Updates:

Old Estes Substation Transformer #2 PCB Disposal - Director Matzke explained that the Light and Power Department had both Estes Substation transformers tested for PCB content on December 13, 1982. The tests were performed by Westinghouse Electric and resulted in both transformers being classified as non-PCB (less than 50 ppm). Transformer #1 was determined to have 12 ppm and Transformer #2 was determined to have 40 ppm. Oil samples from both Transformers were taken prior to being transported by U.S. Transformers. After testing these samples at two different laboratories, the main tank of Transformer #2 was determined to have between 63 and 72 ppm PCB content which now classifies it as PCB-contaminated. U.S. Transformer is not licensed to handle PCB materials and cannot accept Transformer #2. (Serial No. 6993 148). The Light and Power Department requested quotes from two vendors licensed to dispose of PCB materials. The quotes were as follows:

TW Services	
Oil Disposal (4508 Gallons)	\$ 9,979.04
Transformer Disposal	<u>20,419.75</u>
Total	\$ 30,398.79
Safety-Kleen	
Oil Disposal	\$ 5,940.00
Transformer Disposal	<u>9,200.00</u>
Total	\$ 15,140.00

Both proposals include complete destruction of the Transformer and the Town will have no future liability. This was not a budgeted amount, however, there is ample funding remaining in the new Estes Substation project to cover this unanticipated expenditure. This will also negate the sale of the Transformer to U.S. Transformer for \$12,500. Staff considered this to be an emergency situation, therefore, the Light and Power Department accepted the proposal from Safety-Kleen at a cost of \$15,140. Disposal of the oil has been completed and Transformer shipment is being scheduled.

Removal of the **transmission lines at Tallant Park** is complete. A pictorial display highlighting before and after photographs of the project is planned. Salvage proposals for the switchgear building have been requested.

The power lines on **Mall Road** are now underground.

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Following a citizen request, lights have been installed at the **Sampson Statue**.

There being no further business, Chairman Jeffrey adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Rebecca van Deutekom, Deputy Town Clerk