

**Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, November 9, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000.

Committee: Chairman Jeffrey, Trustees Habecker and Newsom

Attending: All

Absent: None

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

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

**OLYMPUS HYDRO PROJECT – UPDATE.** Director Matzke introduced Brian Moeck/Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) General Manager and Dr. Richard Smart who updated the Committee on designing, constructing, and operating a low head hydroelectric power generation facility at the base of Olympus Dam. The powerhouse and facility would be located on the north bank of the Big Thompson just below the Dam. The unit size is approximately 130 kW in size and would produce an estimated 802,030 kWh per year (enough energy to supply the annual needs of approximately 103 households). PRPA is willing to finance the project and recover costs through its wholesale rates to Estes Park over a 30-year period. Areas discussed include project cost and financing, licensing requirements, environmental benefits, educational opportunities, and river impacts. **The Committee supports the Olympus Hydro Project and authorizes the Mayor to forward a letter of support for the project.**

**FALL RIVER HYDRO MUSEUM EDUCATION GRANT.** Gianna Sullivan, Educational Coordinator for the Museum, explained an in-school energy education program being developed in connection with the Fall River Hydroplant Interpretive Center. Director Kilsdonk introduced Ruben Blackmon, Colorado General Manager for Charter Communications, who presented a \$5,000 contribution to cover the costs for program development, program rental, marketing, and the purchase of scientific interactive learning tools. Director Kilsdonk noted that Charter Communications has been supportive and enthusiastic about the in-school energy program from its inception.

Mr. Blackmon addressed concerns regarding cable service from Brenda Morrison at 465 Pine River Lane and confirmed that her issues would be immediately addressed

On behalf of the Committee, Chairman Jeffrey expressed appreciation for Charter Communication's contribution towards the in-school energy program.

**COMPRESSOR TRUCK PURCHASE – APPROVAL.** Fleet Manager Mahany reported that the Light & Power Department has requested replacement of the 1985 Ford one-ton 4x4 truck w/under deck air compression. This vehicle is 15 years old and is within the parameters of the vehicle replacement policy. The following bid was received:

Estes Park Auto Mall :	\$72,437.00	Ford F-450 4X4 W/Compressor & Truck Body
	(\$ 8,500.00)	Less Trade-in
	\$63,937.00	Bid Price

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The 2000 budget includes \$66,000 for vehicle replacement. The **Committee recommends approval of the bid from Estes Park Auto Mall to purchase a Ford F-450 4x4 Truck for a cost of \$63,937.00 as presented.**

**STANLEY VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER – CHRISTMAS LIGHTING REQUEST.** Director Matzke reported that the Town and EPURA received a request from Stanley Village Shopping Center to provide seasonal lighting in the Ponderosa Pine trees west of McDonald's Restaurant. There is no permanent electrical wiring in the vicinity to power the lights, so a temporary electrical extension was proposed. The cost of the temporary extension is \$750, including \$250 to wire temporary outlets and \$500 in Light and Power Department labor and equipment costs. TA Enterprises submitted a proposal to install and maintain lights in eight trees for \$1,843.61. Lights for the trees will be provided by Stanley Village. Wil Smith, EPURA Executive Director noted that EPURA will be considering a streetscape project request by Stanley Village to incorporate tree outlets in their area.

The **Committee recommends approval of the temporary electrical extension as presented at an estimated cost of \$750. The Committee also recommends the Christmas decoration installation contract with TA Enterprises be amended by \$1,843.61 to include installation and maintenance of the lights.**

Director Matzke suggested awaiting EPURA's determination on the Stanley Village streetscape request prior to committing to Stanley Village lighting projects in future years.

**REPORTS**

**Fall River Hydro Plant Restoration Grant Update:** Assistant Director Mangelsen reported that the Phase II Contract from the State Historical Society has not been received. Some of the Phase II work was completed prior to receipt of the Contract and may present a problem with distribution of grant funds. Work at the hydro building has ceased and staff continues to resolve the sequencing matter. The Contract will be submitted for Town Board approval upon receipt.

**Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) Report:** Brian Moeck, PRPA General Manager, discussed electricity demands and availability, the Rawhide gas turbine project, increasing electricity costs, additional generation resources, coal supplies, peaking periods, legal issues, and status of the Rawhide outage.

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

**Project Updates:**

**Old Estes Substation Switchgear Removal -** Director Matzke reported that Colorado Iron & Metals is scheduled to remove and dismantle the switchgear building for a cost of \$1,000. Additional scrap metal will also be removed and the Town will receive a refund of 10% of the salvaged metal. This should offset a portion of the cost of removal.

The **Little Valley 3 Phase** project was completed in house and ahead of schedule.

A slightly different **decorative street light** will be installed in front of the Municipal building to provide a comparison to the current lights. The new light is a standard catalog item through a different vendor and will offer easier replacement of lights.

There being no further business, Chairman Jeffrey adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

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Rebecca van Deutekom, Deputy Town Clerk