

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, February 8, 2001

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 8th day of February, 2001.

Committee: Chairman Jeffrey, Trustees Habecker and Newsom
 Attending: Chairman Jeffrey and Trustee Habecker
 Absent: Trustee Newsom
 Also Attending: Assistant Town Administrator Repola, Assistant to the Director Mangelsen, Fleet Manager Mahany, Deputy Town Clerk van Deutekom

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

VEHICLE PURCHASES – REQUEST APPROVAL OF BUDGET EXPENDITURES.

Fleet Manager Mahany reported that the Light & Power Department has requested replacement of a Meter Reader Jeep with an all-wheel drive (AWD) Utility Van for AMR meter reading and meter calibration/testing in the field. This trade-in vehicle is 6 years old with 63,821 miles and is within the parameters of the vehicle replacement policy. The following bid was received:

Transwest GMC Trucks:	\$23,130	GMC AWD Utility/Cargo Van w/workstation
	- \$ 7,509	Less Trade-in
	<u>\$15,621</u>	Bid Price

The 2001 budget includes \$26,500 to replace of this vehicle. The **Committee recommends approval of the bid from Transwest GMC Trucks to purchase a GMC AWD Utility/Cargo Van for a cost of \$15,621 as presented.**

The replacement of a 1991 Ford 4x4 Pickup used for line locating was also budgeted. This trade-in vehicle is 10 years old with 77,300 miles and is within the parameters of the vehicle replacement policy. The following bids were received:

Estes Park Auto Mall:	\$23,012	Ford F-150 4x4 w/topper & tool boxes
	- \$ 5,600	Less Trade-in
	<u>\$17,412</u>	Bid Price
 Spradley Barr Ford:	 \$23,117	 Ford F-150 4x4 w/topper & tool boxes
	- \$ 5,600	Less Trade-in
	<u>\$17,517</u>	Bid Price

The 2001 Budget includes \$25,500 to replace this vehicle. The **Committee recommends approval of the bid from Estes Park Auto Mall to purchase a Ford F-150 4x4 for a cost of \$17,412 as presented.**

HIGH VOLTAGE TREE TRIMMING – CONTRACT APPROVAL.

Director Matzke reported that in 1998 the Light and Power Department contracted with Asplundh Tree Expert Co. to provide tree trimming services in the vicinity of its power lines. Since that time, Asplundh has cleared trees from approximately 20 miles of three-phase and 25 miles of single-phase lines on the Allenspark circuit. In January 2001, the Department advertised a request for proposals to provide tree trimming services for 2001/2002. Bid packages/specifications were delivered to qualified bidders and the following bid was received:

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Crew Hourly</u>	<u>Hours Per Year</u>	<u>Extended Cost</u>
Asplundh Tree Expert Co.	2001	\$ 79.30	2000	\$ 158,600
	2002	82.26	2000	164,520

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Cost for both years are within the 2001/2002 budget year amounts of \$165,000. The **Committee recommends that the tree trimming contract be awarded to Asplundh Tree Expert Co. at a cost of \$158,600 and that the 2002 contract be awarded subject to approval of the 2002 budget and satisfactory performance in 2001.**

Discussion was held regarding subsidization of projects in rural areas, in particular, if current rates adequately cover costs associated with this project. The Committee directed staff to compile all costs associated with tree trimming and report back to the Committee.

REPORTS

Platte River Power Authority (PRPA): No report.

Financial Report: The January graphs were reviewed. End of year income statements will be presented at the March meeting.

Project Updates:

The **Fall River Hydro Plant Restoration** project is progressing smoothly.

There being no further business, Chairman Jeffrey adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Rebecca van Deutekom, Deputy Town Clerk