

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, August 17, 2006.

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **UTILITIES COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in Town Hall in said Town of Estes Park on the 17th day of August, 2006.

Committee: Chairman Homeier, Trustees Newsom and Pinkham
Attending: Chairman Homeier, Trustee Pinkham
Also Attending: Town Administrator Repola, Finance Director McFarland, Deputy Town Clerk Schares, Acting Public Works Director Goehring, Public Works Supt. Mahany
Absent: Trustee Newsom.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT

Wholesale Wind Energy Rate Change. Acting Director Goehring stated effective July 1, 2006 Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) reduced the renewable energy wholesale rate by 50%, reducing the charge from \$.024/kWh to \$.012/kWh. Fort Collins, Loveland, and Longmont have passed the savings on to customers and staff recommends do the same. **The Committee recommended the retail Renewable Energy rate be reduced from \$.025/kWh to \$.015/kWh.** Staff was instructed to research the availability of wind energy.

Community Drive Underground Project – Request Approval. Acting Director Goehring stated 4 bids were received for placing power lines underground on Community Drive.

- 1) Atkins Electric
\$42,468.00
- 2) Selcon Utility Contractor
\$43,251.50
- 3) Kearney and Sons
\$44,289.00
- 4) A-1 Excavating, Inc
\$45,067.50

Staff recommends approving the contract with Atkins Electric for \$42,468.00 with staff providing some of the labor and materials to complete the project. Following discussion, **the Committee recommends approval of the contract with Atkins Electric at a cost of \$42,468.00 (Account# 502-7001-580-35-58).**

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Light and Power Duty Truck 93320 – Request Approval. Superintendent Mahany explained the replacement of vehicle 933120C, a 2000 Ford F350 was approved in July with the approved vendor being Spradley Barr Ford for \$31,079.00. Spradley Barr Ford was unable to fulfill their bid and a new vendor is needed. Staff recommends approving the bid from Transwest GMC in the amount of \$31,387.00 for a 2007 GMC 3500 4X4 truck w/utility body. Following discussion, **the Committee recommends approval to purchase the budgeted truck as outlined above at a cost of \$31,837.00 for Transwest GMC (Account# 502-7001-580.34-42).**

Reports

1. Light and Power Dept. Financial Report – Dir. McFarland reviewed the report. Staff was instructed to review the possibility of phasing out the smaller electric rate categories.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Reports

1. Water Dept. Financial Report – Dir. McFarland reviewed the report.
2. Water Rate Schedule Adoption Report – Dir. McFarland reviewed the Water Rate Schedule adopted in December 2003 to increase water rates by 2.9% for 2007 and 2008. The increased rate will assist in funding Marys Lake Water Treatment Plant expansion and other capital projects. The rate schedule would have a positive influence on water conservation. Staff will publish notices explaining the change.

There being no further business, Chairman Homeier adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

Suzy Schares, Deputy Town Clerk