

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, May 17 2007.

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **UTILITIES COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Town Hall in said Town of Estes Park on the 17th day of May 2007.

Committee: Chairman Homeier, Trustees Newsom and Pinkham

Attending: Chairman Homeier and Trustee Newsom

Also Attending: Town Administrator Repola, Deputy Town Administrator Halburnt, Utilities Director Goehring, Asst. L&P Director Mangelson, Finance Officer McFarland, Town Clerk Williamson

Absent: Trustee Pinkham

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Treatment Facility Modifications, Design and Construction Management RFP - Request Approval.

HDR Engineering Inc. evaluated the Town's current water treatment facilities in 2006/2007 and recommended the Town increase the Mary's Lake treatment capacity from 2 million gallons per day to 4 million gallons per day. Also included in Phase I is an upgrade in treatment technology from rapid sand filtration to low pressure membrane filtration that would meet the upcoming State and EPA regulations. The Water Department estimates the design will take approximately one year with construction to begin in August 2008. Following discussion, **the Committee recommends approval of the Mary's Lake Water Treatment Facility Modifications, Design and Construction Management RFP with proposals to be discussed at the July Utilities Committee meeting.**

Reports

1. **Light and Power Dept. Financial Report** – Dir. Goehring and Finance Officer McFarland reviewed the financial reports.
2. **Net Metering Update** – The Town does not have a rate or a policy that addresses net metering. On average the Town receives 3 to 4 inquiries per month from homeowners that would like to install a renewable energy system and sell back surplus power produced to the Town. The department would propose a policy that buys the surplus electricity at the same rate the Town purchases energy from Platte River (wholesale), sell electricity to the customer at the current rate, initiate a monitoring program to ensure the renewable system installed does not exceed the current size of the residence, and inspection systems to protect the Town's distribution system and linemen. The department does not support a rebate on the installation of these systems because the utility does not recover distribution costs with the buy-back of electricity. The Town is not affected by Amendment 37 which is a requirement for utilities with 40,000 customers to provide at least 10% of their power from renewable sources. The Town currently has approximately 10,000 customers. Staff will continue to investigate the issue and hold a public hearing in the future to gain additional information on the level of interest within the community and to assess the costs associated with the program.
3. **Water Financial Reports** –Dir. Goehring and Finance Officer McFarland reviewed the financial reports.

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4. **Consumer Confidence Report** – Dir. Goehring reviewed the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that will be mailed to all customers. A fluoride monitoring violation has occurred (missed conducting a sample), and therefore, the department must notify all customers of the violation by January 1, 2008. To ensure the violation does not occur in the future, an additional step has been added to the chain of custody.
5. **Big Thompson Building Removal** – The old treatment plant is scheduled to be removed this year; however, during an inspection it was discovered the building contains asbestos shingles. Prior to hiring a contractor to remove the building a mitigation company will be hired to remove the shingles.

There being no further business, Chairman Homeier adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Jackie Williamson, Town Clerk