

City of

**SPECIAL COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP**

*June 26, 2004*

**MINUTES**



*The City of Bonney Lake's Mission is to protect the community's livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.*

*"Where Dreams Can Soar"*

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## **Roll Call**

Mayor Robert Young called the workshop to order at 8:07 a.m. Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryle Noble and Councilmember Jim Rackley.

Staff members attending were Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Interim Public Works Director Bill Gilbert, Assistant Public Works Director Gary Leaf and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Interim Director Gilbert expressed appreciation to Michelle Surdez for arriving early to prepare the coffee and refreshments for the City Council.

## **Agenda Items**

1. Presentation and Discussion: Utility Rate Structures – Economic and Engineering Services, Inc..

Interim Director Gilbert introduced Tom Gould and said he was nationally recognized for his work with utility rates.

Mr. Gould said he was presenting a condensed version of his normal three day course for professionals. His goal is to work with the policy makers throughout the rate-setting process.

Mr. Gould distributed a copy of the slides for his PowerPoint presentation. He gave an initial overview describing the purpose of the presentation as follows:

- Explain why establishing and maintaining cost-based rates is important; and
- Review the “generally accepted” methodologies used to establish cost-based rates; and
- Answer any questions about the process; and
- Provide an update on the status of the City’s comprehensive water, sewer and storm water rate studies.

The City Council received the presentation, asked questions and discussed the information presented by Mr. Gould. They asked Mr. Gould to consider the following in his rate work for the City:

- The cost of segregating portions of the water system to limit the impacts of fluoridated water from Tacoma on the remainder of the system; and
- The facilities to be included in storm water rates, as well as desired levels of stream-monitoring; and
- The benefits of monthly water meter reading.

2. Adjournment.

By common consent, the City Council adjourned this meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

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Robert Young, Mayor