

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSTUDY NOTES**

**May 1, 2008**

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

Mayor Botts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Botts, Councilmembers Hanson, Bowie, Boston, and Olness

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Mulvihill (Excused)

Staff present: Gwendolyn Voelpel, City Administrator; Dan Dal Santo, Utilities Supervisor; May Miller, Finance Director; Steve Pilcher, Community Development Director; Loren D. Combs, City Attorney and Brenda Streepy, City Clerk.

Guests present: Leonard Smith, PacWest Engineering

**NPDES Stormwater Management Program**

Leonard Smith, PacWest Engineering explained the City is required to prepare a Stormwater Management Program which is updated annual and submitted to DOE in conjunction with the City's annual NPDES Permit Compliance report. This document has been prepared and a public hearing has been scheduled for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for public comments.

**Water System Plan**

Leonard Smith, PacWest Engineering reported the update to the Black Diamond Water System Plan has been drafted and reviewed by City Staff, Councilmembers and reviewing agencies. Comments have been received and addressed as appropriate.

Mr. Smith recommended sending the draft document back to the Utility Committee for a final review prior to submitting to the Department of Health. Once the internal review process is complete the next step would be for Council to accept the document and forward to Department of Health for approval. However, formal adoption would occur after Department of Health's review comments are addressed and any necessary changes having been incorporated into the document.

Council was in agreement of the recommendation and asked that the document be forwarded to the Utility Committee for a final review.

## Water/Sewer Rate Issues

### Policy Issue's Discussed

- Should a multi-year rate be evaluated for both water and sewer and for what length of period (number of years)?

Council agreed with a multi-year rate for a period of three years.

- Should the user water rates be updated in a manner that will promote the conservation of water?

Council agreed future rate structure should promote conservation.

- Should updated sewer rates be evaluated with the understanding that a separate storm water fund will be established and will not be funded by sewer rates?

Council agreed as the City will be establishing a stormwater fund.

- What level of operating reserve and capital reserve should be considered in the calculation of updated user rates and connection charges for both water and sewer?

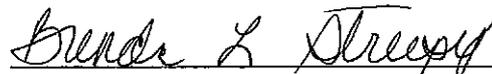
No recommendation was made. Mr. Smith will incorporate options into the draft document.

### ADJOURNMENT:

The workstudy ended at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Howard Botts, Mayor

  
Brenda L. Streepy, City Clerk