

DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019

Members Present: Councilor Arik Forsman, Howard Jacobson, Chris McIntosh, Rob Prusak, Carrie Ryan, Councilor Joel Sipress

Members Absent: Councilor Zack Filipovich

Staff Present: Bob Asleson, Leanna Gilbert, Eric Shaffer, Glenn Strid

Call to Order: President Prusak called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Old business:

Middle booster station

Eric Shaffer will put together an RFP for the design of the Middle booster station project. There was some discussion about the timeline and options for funding this project. There was also some discussion about other projects. Commissioner McIntosh requested a count of water main breaks and leaks over the last winter.

Updates from staff

Eric Shaffer reported on the progress of various projects including the couplings on Superior Street, McCuen, Woodland, the gas blanket project, the lowering of a gas main for a development, and the Twin Ports Interchange project.

Upcoming Council actions

A resolution for the Middle booster station design may be on the agenda soon.

Commissioner questions and comments

President Prusak said that he thinks Eric Shaffer is doing a great job, and Commissioner Jacobson agreed.

Preview of upcoming business

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in City Council Chambers. If the funding for Essentia comes through, there will be a flurry of utility work. There was some discussion about funding for this project.

Known absences for future meetings

No absences were mentioned.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.