

DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2018

Members Present: Chris McIntosh, Rob Prusak, Carrie Ryan, Councilor Joel Sipress, Councilor Em Westerlund

Members Absent: Councilor Noah Hobbs, Jen Julsrud

Staff Present: Bob Asleson, Jim Benning, Todd Carlson, Leanna Gilbert, Howard Jacobson, Tom Johnson, Glenn Strid, Kerry Venier

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by President Prusak.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

New business:

Updates from staff

Jim Benning reported on projects including Superior Street reconstruction, the gas blanket contract, the meter relocation project, and the gas main relocation project along Woodland Avenue. He also mentioned that the citizen commissioner City email accounts are seldom used and had been suspended by IT. Commissioners agreed that it would be better to forward any messages to their personal email addresses.

Upcoming Council actions

No actions were mentioned.

Commissioner questions or comments

None.

Preview of upcoming business

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. in City Council Chambers. The Commission will continue to discuss the stormwater system. Eric Shaffer and Jim Benning will both be gone in July.

Known absences for future meetings

Vice President McIntosh will not be able to attend the June meeting.

Stormwater system tour

Todd Carlson gave a brief summary of the stormwater tour locations including the 5th Avenue W sedimentation channel behind the Depot, Brewery Creek behind the Co-op, the 10th Avenue E underground sedimentation box, the down drain at 15th Avenue E & 7th Street, the Macfarlane Road structure, Locust Street ditching, the Palm Street pond, and the Chester Creek tunnel underneath Superior Street. Commissioners went on the tour after the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.