

DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2014

Members Present: Councilor Zack Filipovich, Councilor Jennifer Julsrud, Rob Prusak, Jim Ramnes, Linda Sellner, Councilor Joel Sipress

Members Absent: Jason Thorsell

Staff Present: Jodi Amundson, Jim Benning, Liz Bieter, Leanna Gilbert, Glenn Strid

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Prusak.

Carl Green appeal

The appellant, Carl Green, did not appear to present his case. The appeal was unanimously denied.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

New business:

2015 meeting schedule

After some discussion, the Commission approved the proposed 2015 meeting schedule provided by staff with the exception of the August and December meetings. The Commission will not meet those months.

14PUC-004 - RESOLUTION OF THE DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY OF DULUTH ADOPT A NO-LOSS POLICY FOR WETLANDS.

This resolution was pulled from the agenda.

Updates from staff

Eric Shaffer is currently at gas modeling school. We are wrapping up projects for the year and ramping up design for 2015.

Upcoming Council actions

There are two grant resolutions on the agenda. One is for Brighton Beach and the other is for College Street.

Commissioner questions or comments

President Prusak inquired about the two creek resolutions on the Council agenda. Jim Benning explained that they are both for the design of flood projects and will be funded through the state or FEMA.

President Prusak asked about the ordinance on the Council agenda regarding extra PILOT funds. Jim Benning explained that there would be no change to the total amount paid by the gas utility. This would change how the PILOT funds are distributed.

Preview of upcoming business

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Commissioners will elect new officers at the January meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.