

DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

City Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. Roll call
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes
3. New business:
  - 3.1 15PUC-005 - RESOLUTION AMENDING WATER CUSTOMER CATEGORY C/I 6 EFFECTIVE WITH METER READINGS AFTER AUGUST 12, 2015 TO INCLUDE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION.
4. Updates from staff
5. Upcoming Council actions
6. Commissioner questions or comments
7. Preview of upcoming business

**DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 19, 2015**

**Members Present:** Councilor Zack Filipovich, Rob Prusak, Jim Ramnes, Linda Sellner, Councilor Joel Sipress; Councilor Jennifer Julsrud arrived at 5:20 p.m.

**Members Absent:** Jason Thorsell

**Staff Present:** Bob Asleson, Jim Benning, Leanna Gilbert, Chris Kleist, Eric Shaffer, Glenn Strid

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. by President Prusak.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes**

**New business:**

**Chapter 43 revisions: Illicit discharge language**

Chris Kleist gave an overview of proposed revisions to the illicit discharge language in the City code and answered questions from commissioners. The proposed language would clarify the existing ordinance to meet MS4 requirements.

**Large diameter water mains**

Eric Shaffer gave a presentation about large diameter water mains in the city, particularly the two transmission mains from the water plant. These pipes are very old and are deteriorating, and the riveted steel pipe is impossible to connect onto and very difficult to repair. Plans for replacement need to begin soon to prevent a catastrophic failure to the water supply. Replacement method and routes are to be determined. Commissioners and staff discussed potential issues and costs of replacement.

**Updates from staff**

Eric Shaffer reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> Street from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Ave E project bids tomorrow. The gas blanket project is ongoing. The Lift Station 8 project was awarded to Rice Lake Construction and work will start in a couple weeks. The first phase of the gas line job from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W to Lakeside is advertised to bid.

**Upcoming Council actions**

Jim Benning mentioned a few items on the agenda, including grant money from the DNR for stream repairs, a cost overrun for consulting on lift station projects due to changes in scope, a project going from design phase to construction, and a land swap near Lift Station 8. The illicit discharge ordinance will appear soon.

**Commissioner questions or comments**

Commissioner Sellner inquired about the water piping for Spirit Mountain. Eric Shaffer explained that this is not a City project, so we are not involved in the plans. Spirit Mountain is partnering with the DNR on the project.

**Preview of upcoming business**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15PUC-005**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING WATER CUSTOMER  
CATEGORY C/I 6 EFFECTIVE WITH METER READINGS  
AFTER AUGUST 12, 2015 TO INCLUDE MUNICIPAL  
GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION.**

RESOLVED by the Duluth Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") that, effective as of August 12, 2015, the definition of the customer category "Commercial/Industrial 6" (C/I 6), as defined in Resolution No. 12PUC-005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Commercial/Industrial 6 (C/I 6)	Commercial/Industrial services <u>receiving</u> ninety (90%) percent of their annual volume within a three (3) month period in any twelve (12) month period for commercial snowmaking <u>or municipal golf course irrigation</u> .
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Approved by the DPUC: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Submitted to City Council: \_\_\_\_\_  
(where appropriate) (date)

ATTEST:

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Director  
Public Works and Utilities  
City of Duluth

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this resolution is to modify the definition of those commercial and industrial uses to be charged at the rate provided for in the C/I 6 class.