CALL TO ORDER

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chris Adatte, Andrea Crouse, Steve Lipinski, Councilor Derek Medved, Carrie Ryan, Councilor Joel Sipress, Councilor Terese Tomanek

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Bob Asleson, Jim Benning, Kim Ellsworth, Leanna Gilbert, Chris Ostern, Eric Shaffer, John Upton

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No citizens were present to comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DPUC063 September 21, 2021 DPUC meeting minutes draft

Indexes:

Attachments: 09212021 DPUC meeting minutes draft

Commissioner Lipinski motioned to approve the minutes, and the motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS
2022 Utility Fees

**DPUC064** 2022 Proposed Utility Fees

*Indexes:*

*Attachments: 2022 Fees*

Jim Benning gave an overview of the proposed 2022 utility fees and answered a question about the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD).

**DPUC065** 21PUC-007 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR VARIOUS UTILITY-RELATED SERVICES.

*Indexes:*

*Attachments: 21PUC-007 2022 utility fees*

Commissioner Lipinski motioned to approve resolution 21PUC-007 establishing utility fees effective January 1, 2022, and the resolution was approved unanimously.

**UPDATES FROM STAFF**

**DPUC066** 2022 WLSSD Budget Letter

*Indexes:*

*Attachments: 2022 WLSSD Budget letter*

Jim Benning gave a summary of the WLSSD 2022 budget letter. While their overall wastewater budget increased by 4.11%, Duluth’s portion decreased by 0.31%. Eric Shaffer reported that most projects are done for the year. The gas blanket project contractor should install the final gas services tomorrow. Jim Benning introduced Kim Ellsworth, who will be focusing on lead programs for Public Works & Utilities.

**COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**

Vice President Adatte thanked Jim Benning for the quick response to a resident with a noisy water meter.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL ACTIONS**

No upcoming actions were mentioned.

**PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. The Commission will receive a presentation about the Duluth Citizens’ Climate Action Plan.

**KNOWN ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
No absences were mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.