

**DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 17, 2014**

**Members Present:** Rob Prusak, Jim Ramnes, Linda Sellner, Councilor Joel Sipress

**Members Absent:** Councilor Zack Filipovich, Councilor Jennifer Julsrud, Jason Thorsell

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by President Prusak.

**NOTE: This was not an official meeting as there was no quorum.**

**New business:**

**Updates to utility capital improvement plans**

Eric Shaffer gave an overview of the preliminary capital improvement budgets for stormwater, sanitary sewer, water, and natural gas. The budgets should be complete by August.

**Green infrastructure - Stormwater**

This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Updates from staff**

Eric Shaffer reported that one of six roof pours have been done on the West Duluth Reservoir. The contractor is ahead of schedule, so the project may be complete in September instead of October. The temporary tank is working very well.

There is an active gas leak at Morris Thomas and Chambersburg. This is one of the main lines coming in from TBS 1. Staff will meet tomorrow morning to discuss how to shut the pipe down and get it fixed. There is corrosion around the valve vaults, so we will need to evaluate how to solve that problem also.

We obtained a \$3.2M grant that will be used for cured-in-place pipe lining for sanitary sewer upstream of the WLSSD west interceptor. We will also take out an \$800,000 PFA loan for this project.

**Upcoming Council actions**

No actions were mentioned.

**Commissioner questions or comments**

There were no further questions or comments.

**Preview of upcoming business**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. in City Council Chambers. The commission will review utility capital improvement budgets and discuss green infrastructure for stormwater.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.