

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

of the Public Utilities Commission, City of Hibbing, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, Hibbing, Minnesota, 1902 E. 6th Ave., Hibbing, MN 55746, held on April 14th, 2026. Meeting held at Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21st St., Hibbing MN. Commissioner Bayliss called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Babich, Commissioner Sandstede, Legal Counsel, Andy Borland, General Manager, Luke Peterson, OD & HR Manager, Kendra Powers; Engineering Manager, Paul Skubinna; Customer Service Supervisor, Jill Hietala; Executive Assistant, Magan Schoeben. Also in attendance was HPU Employee George Pogachnick, and HPU Retiree Mark Reger. Attending was Bonnie Schwieger, CPA with Abdo, Bethany Ryers, Baker Tilly rep, Matthew Popkins, Rocky Mountain Institute rep. Absent was Commissioner Stokes.

Item 1. FY25 Audit Discussion

Item 2. Capital Budget Discussion

Item 2.A. Capital Overview

Item 2.B. Project Approval Needed

- 1. Cobb Cook Newhaven**
- 2. 23rd Street**

Item 2.C. Landfill Solar

Item 3. Summer Students Hiring Policy

Item 4. Commission Officers

Action Item

Action Item 1. Approval of the Accounting Coordinator Revised Job Description.

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Hart, to approve Accounting Coordinator Revised Job Description.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 2 Approve Hiring of Oren Kero, Accounting Coordinator, anticipated start date May 4th

Motion by Commissioner Babich, supported by Commissioner Hart, to approve Hiring of Oren Kero, Accounting Coordinator.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Closed Session Pursuant to MN St Sect. 13D.03 subdivision 3c, consideration of the purchase of real property located at parcel code 141-0040-00240.

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Babich, to enter into closed session.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Item 4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Hart, to adjourn at 7:17 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:



Jeff Hart, Commission Secretary



James Bayliss, Chair

Meeting materials are available at
The next meeting is a regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th, 2026
at 5:00 p.m. at the Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21st St., Hibbing MN 55746.

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