

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 July 7, 2026. Meeting held at Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21st St., Hibbing MN. Commissioner Bayliss called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner Bayliss, Commissioner Sandstede, Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Stokes, Commissioner Babich, Legal Counsel, Andy Borland; Senior Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development, Kendra Powers; Energy & Operations Manager, Paul Plombon, Engineering Manager, Paul Skubinna, Power Plant Manager, Dan Edwards; Executive Assistant, Magan Schoeben; and Grant Writer & Engagement Specialist, Eliot Dixon. Also in attendance were HPU Employee & Local 94 Union President, George Pogachnik, Jaqueline Prescott, with HRA, Karleen Kos, and Shelly Dau, with MMUA, Dan Murdden, with Tromco Electric, Justin Kangas, with Iron Range Electric, and Community Member, Mark Reger.

ADDS/DELETES

Public Forum

1. Dan Murdden with Tromco Electric spoke regarding bid bond filing.
2. Justin Kangas with Iron Range Electric spoke regarding the bid bond for meter changes.

Action Item 1. Authorize Request for Community Contribution North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity.

Commission discussed determining cost breakdown of the request, request form did not specify needs.

No Action Taken.

Action Item 2. Approval of Minutes June 9, 2026 & June 23, 2026

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Stokes, to approve Minutes of June 9, 2026 & June 23, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 3. New Haven Drive Gas and Electric Utility Extensions

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Babich to approve the award of 76,000 to Jivery Construction for the construction of gas main and primary electric distribution extensions to serve the New Haven Drive Housing Development.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 4. New Haven Drive Water Extensions

Discussion regarding project specifics and funding source.

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Babich, to approve 55,000 to Bolton and Menk for design and construction phase engineering services for New Haven Drive Water Extension Phase 1 water main extension and loop.

Motion carried 4-1.
Opposed- Commissioner Hart.

Discussion between Commission and Jaqueline Prescott regarding timeline and explanation of need from HPUC.

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Motion by Commissioner Sandstede supported by Commissioner Stokes to approve the award of 735,000 to KGM Construction for construction of New Haven Drive Housing Development Phase 1 water main extension and loop.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 5. AMI Gas Rejection

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Babich, to reject the AMI Gas Rejection Bid for Tromco Electric.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. AMI Electric Rejection

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Stokes to reject the AMI Electric bid and hold Iron Range Electric Financially harmless.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Authorize Remote Vehicle Monitoring

Discussion from George Pogachnik stating the Union will be requesting a letter of understanding.

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Hart to authorize purchase and installation of remote vehicle monitoring.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

1. Transition Committee Update
2. Base Rate
3. Project Funding Matrix
4. Commission Meeting Start Time
5. Purchasing Procedures Policy

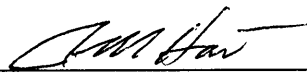
Commission reviewed and discussed the listed discussion items. The Commission took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

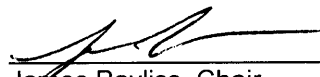
Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:



Jeff Hart, Commission Secretary



James Bayliss, Chair

Meeting materials are available at
The next meeting is an action session scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2026
at 5:00 p.m. at the Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21st St., Hibbing MN 55746.

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