



Hermantown Utility Commission - Thursday, March 21, 2024

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Hermantown City Hall
5105 Maple Grove Rd
Hermantown, MN 55811

Remote access to the Utility Commission Meeting via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83937252217?pwd=QzFUWEJtSUJlL1R4RkNwbVNwVXd4UT09>

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**CITY OF HERMANTOWN
UTILITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM Central
Council Chambers, City Hall - Hermantown Governmental Services Building**

1. ROLL CALL

2. MINUTES

Approval or Correction

A. January 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- I. Rob-correction for the second motion should be Rob McLachlan not Jim Samberg for the sewer credit report the**
 - a. Rob McLachlan motioned to approve**
 - b. Bill Berg seconded**
 - c. All in favor**

(motion, roll call)

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

This is the time for which individuals can address the Commission about any item pertaining to utilities. The time limit is three minutes per person. - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. WLSSD Discharge Monitoring Report- Doug commented that the report seemed very consistent**
- B. WLSSD 2023 Wastewater Treatment Year End Adjustment- Rob asked if the credit from WLSSD is normal. Paul explained that that yes they estimate each month and reimburse surpluses at the end of the year. Jim noted that that it is odd they don't estimate more accurately because the reimburse over \$500,000**
- C. Minnesota Public Utilities Commission - Notice of Hearings**
- D. Utility Billing Update- 11 shut off notices were given and all were paid. Still no word from the city of Duluth rate increase. We are concerned that they will back bill us.**

5. PRESENTATIONS

City Department Heads may give reports if necessary

- 6. OLD BUSINESS- Still need to fill the open position on the Utility Commission. It was noted we should publish in the Hermantown Star and online again.**

7. **NEW BUSINESS** None

8. **REPORTS**

- A. Budget to Actual Expenditure Report
- B. Public Works Director Report-
- C. Utility & Infrastructure Director Report- Trish gave her stormwater presentation, which was also given to City Council in February. The commission enjoyed it and said that we should publish a shorter on our website.
- D. Water Loss Report- Doug asked if it included last weeks break and Paul stated that it did not
- E. WLSSD Monthly Flow - Rain Fall & Flow Report
- F. Comfort Systems Invoice
- G. New Connections Report- Noted there are several new connections compared to this time last yet, probably due to mild weather.

9. **COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORT**

- A. Jim Samberg – asked if we could update the commission on the developments that are happening. Ex: Jenny Farms and Zierdan. Paul says Jenny Farm doesn't have public utilities and Zierdan's plans are not finalized but that we will bring them to the commission when they are.
- B. William Berg-None -
- C. Robert McLachlan – Rob brought up the case of the commercial business (Molin) that is suing the City of Duluth over unfair stormwater charges. He asked if Hermantown should be concerned. Paul unlike Duluth stated that Hermantown went through an extensive public fee anylisis process to come up what we thought was fair.
- D. Doug Kerfeld – Doug Asked what the size of Benson road culvert will be. Paul and Trish both said it was still in the design phase.
- E. Councilor Andy Hjelle -

10. **RECESS 6:22pm**

- I. Bill Berg motioned to adjourn
- II. Rob McLachlan seconded
- III. All in favor

(motion, roll call)