

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the January 7, 2013, Regular Meeting (#1-26)
 - B. Receipts
 - C. Bills and Payroll
 - D. Communications (#35-36)
- III. Public Forum
 - A. Public Hearing on Street Vacations (#27)
- IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - 1. Mark "Bush" Prebeg Snowmobile Run (#28-29)
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - 1. Non-Audit Services Letter (#30-31)
 - C. Interim Public Works Director's Report
 - D. City Attorneys Report
 - 1. Arbitration Ruling
 - E. Sheriff's Department Report
 - F. City Engineer's Report
 - G. Liaison Reports
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. Resolution Number 02-13 Vacating Streets (#32-34)
- VII. Communications (#35 -36)
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjourn

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 7, 2013

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Susan Tuomela, Tony Zupancich, Alan Stanaway, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Clark, Municipal Services Secretary; Sally Peterangelo, Librarian; and John Backman, Sergeant.

The City Administrator administered the oath of office to Alan Stanaway.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich that the consent agenda be approved as follows:

1. Add the following item to the agenda:

VII. Resolution #01-13, Bank Authorization

2. Approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012, regular meeting as submitted.
3. That the communications be accepted and placed on file and those requiring further action by the City Council be acted upon during their proper sequence on the agenda.
4. To acknowledge the receipts for the period December 16-31, 2012, totaling \$740,238.25, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
5. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period December 16-31, 2012, totaling \$1,426,428.49, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously.

No one spoke during the public forum.

The Mayor reported on the following:

- IRRRB Grants. He said that the City was awarded a \$250,000 grant for the extension of Unity Drive.
- Mountain Iron-Buhl Girls Basketball. He said that the MIB Girls Basketball team is currently ranked first in the State. He said that they would be playing the third ranked team in the State, Maranatha Christian Academy, on Saturday Jan 19th at 2:30 in Mountain Iron.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Tuomela to designate the Trenti Law Firm as the City Attorneys for 2013. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Stanaway to designate Benchmark Engineering as the City Engineer for 2013. The motion carried.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Tuomela to appoint the Hometown Focus as the official newspaper for the City of Mountain Iron for 2013. The motion carried.

It was moved by Tuomela and seconded by Prebeg to set the regular meetings for the first and third Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for 2013. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Tuomela to designate the City's official depositories as the American Bank, Frandsen Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, US Bank, Twin City Federal, League of Minnesota Cities 4M Fund, Miller Johnson Steichen Kinnard, Inc., Morgan Stanley, Northland Securities, Northland Trust, First National Bank of Buhl, and Federal Home Loan Bank, for 2013. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to appoint Susan Tuomela as Deputy Mayor for 2013. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Prebeg to designate Susan Tuomela to serve as an alternate Council Liaison for the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela to designate Alan Stanaway to serve as Council Liaison for the Library Board. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to appoint Alan Stanaway to serve as Council Liaison for the Street and Alley Committee. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela to re-appoint Steve Skogman to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission with his term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela to re-appoint Barbara Fivecoate to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission with her term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Prebeg to re-appoint Bruce Peterson to serve on the Utility Advisory Board with his term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Stanaway to re-appoint Kevin Squillace to the Utility Advisory Board with his term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to appoint Steve Hunter, Jr. to the Park and Recreation Board with his term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried.

The Mayor requested that the City Administrator send a letter to Scott McDermid thanking him for his years of service on the Park and Recreation Board.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela to re-appoint Natalie Pankratz-Leff to the Park and Recreation Board with her term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela to re-appoint Barbara Fivecoate to the Economic Development Authority with her term expiring on December 31, 2017. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela to appoint Mary Jacobsen to the Economic Development Authority, filling the remaining term of Alan Stanaway, with her term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to re-appoint Shirley Congdon to the Library Board with her term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela to appoint Kathy Witzman to the Library Board with her term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried.

The Mayor requested that the City Administrator send a letter to Jackie Jenko thanking her for her years of service on the Library Board.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Prebeg to re-appoint Stephen Skogman to the Public Safety and Health Board with his term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela to appoint Brittany Chopp, filling the remaining term of Susan Tuomela, to the Public Safety and Health Board with her term expiring on December 31, 2014. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Stanaway to re-appoint Stephen Skogman to the Cable Commission with his term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to re-appoint Peter Skogman to the Cable Commission with his term expiring on December 31, 2015. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Tuomela to authorize the amendment to Lease 13304, with RGGGS Land & Minerals, LTD, and payment of the lease in the amount of \$190, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Library Director reported on the following:

- December, 2012 Report. She submitted her monthly report to the Council
- Concert. She advised the Council that there would be a concert, “Ragtime to Riches” with Shannon Gunderson, on Friday, January 18, 2013, at the Library.
- Thank you. She thanked Jackie Jenko for her dedication and service on the Library Board.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Tuomela to adopt the Mountain Iron Strategic Plan, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

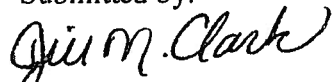
It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Tuomela to re-schedule the next regular meeting to Tuesday, January 22, 2013, because of the Martin Luther King Junior holiday. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 01-13, Bank Authorization, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

During the announcements, Councilor Prebeg informed the residents that the 11th Annual Bush Prebeg Memorial Snowmobile Run Fundraiser was scheduled for February 16, 2013, at B.G.'s in Mountain Iron.

At 7:02 p.m., it was moved by Skalko and seconded by Stanaway that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Submitted by:



Jill M. Clark, MMC
Municipal Services Secretary

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mountain Iron Senior Citizens, a thank you for the contribution to their Christmas party.
2. Steve Peterson, Director of Development, IRRRB, a request to appoint a representative to attend and participate in the Laurentian Vision Partnership meetings.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	93,539.37
LICENSES	ANIMAL	35.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	ELECTRIC-CHG FOR SERVICES	29.48
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	1,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	27,761.73
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	247.12
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	47.11
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	102.01
METER DEPOSITS	WATER	80.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	150.00
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	600.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	50.00
FINES	PARKING VIOLATIONS	15.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	33,713.23
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	42.74
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 604	112.19
FINES	CRIMINAL	730.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID	578,134.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	MISCELLANEOUS STATE AID	3,338.27
PERMITS	BUILDING	10.00
COPIES	COPIES	1.00
Summary Totals:		<u>740,238.25</u>

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M = Manual Check, V = Void Check

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
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01/13	01/08/2013	143373	260003	ZEE SERVICE COMPANY	101-20200	163.95

Totals:

1,368,157.97

Payroll-PP Ending 1/4/13 57,832.12

Electronic Trans.-Bldg Per Surcharge 438.40

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$1,426,428.49

AMENDMENT

Surface Lease 13304 (hereinafter the "Agreement")

IT IS HEREBY AGREED, by and between the undersigned parties, that the referenced Agreement by and between RGGG Land & Minerals, LTD., L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and the City of Mt. Iron, 8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mt. Iron, Minnesota 55768 be and hereby is amended as follows:

- 1. The original term of the referenced Agreement is January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005. The Agreement is hereby amended and extended until December 31, 2017.
- 2. The annual rental fee for this extended time period shall be increased to \$190.00, which sum shall be payable to RGGG Land & Minerals, LTD., L.P.
Sign both copies of this Amendment and return one copy along with your rental payment to RGGG Land & Minerals, LTD., L.P. at P.O. Box 1266, Virginia, Minnesota 55792.
- 3. This Amendment shall be effective as of January 1, 2013.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that except as hereinabove amended, the terms, conditions, and obligations of the referenced Agreement are incorporated herein as if fully set forth at length, and shall remain in full force and effect until termination or until otherwise further amended by the parties in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the date(s) set forth below.

Lessor: RGGG LAND & MINERALS, LTD., L.P.

Lessee: CITY OF MT. IRON

By: Gordy Oil Company, a Texas corporation

By: Cyrus Stoltz

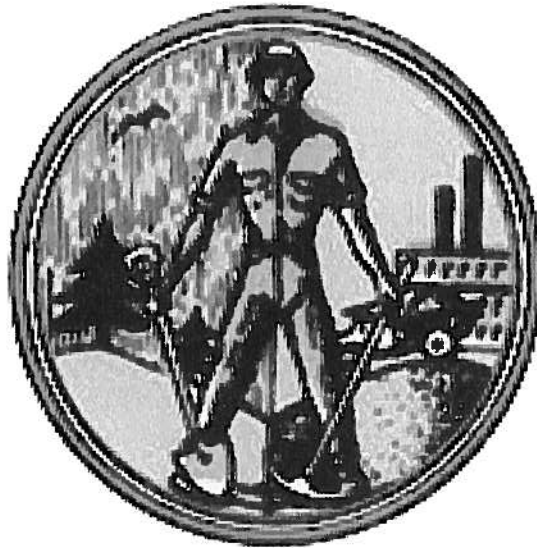
Its: General Partner

Title: Mayor

By: Russell D. Gordy
Russell D. Gordy, President

Dated: December 3, 2012

Dated: 1/8/2013



City of Mountain Iron
Taconite Capital of the World

(DRAFT – FOR FINAL REVIEW)

Strategic Plan Update
Adopted by the Mountain Iron City Council
November ____, 2012

Prepared for the City of Mountain Iron by the
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission
Regional Planning Division

City of Mountain Iron 2012 Strategic Plan Update

Introduction:

In May 2012 the City of Mountain Iron undertook an initiative to update the City's Strategic Plan, last completed in May 2002. The updated plan addresses the areas of Housing, Economic Development, and Community Infrastructure and Services Needs, and recommends strategies and action steps for implementation of prioritized projects over the next ten years.

The Strategic Plan is a complimentary planning document to other existing plans adopted by the City of Mountain Iron, including the Old Town Plan (January 2002), the City of Mountain Iron Comprehensive Plan (April 2008), City of Mountain Iron Economic Development Strategy (February 2010), and Mountain Iron Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (November 2010). These plans serve as primary planning documents for the City of Mountain Iron. As with these plans, the Strategic Plan Update was created under the guidance of the City's guiding Vision and Mission Statements:

City of Mountain Iron - Vision Statement

We see Mountain Iron as having an expanded, diversified, residential/business community, while preserving our history and heritage, ethnicity and small town character; and provides year round tourism and recreational opportunities; and having a system to attract families, including educational, employment, and business opportunities; with a proactive government promoting growth and identity.

City of Mountain Iron - Mission Statement

To respond to the ever-changing needs of our community and its residents; and to ensure their financial and personal security through guided quality growth, innovation, and the efficient use of resources.

The Planning Process:

The update of the Strategic Plan took place between May 2012 and November 2012 with a committee of City Staff and City Council members. The process was facilitated by planners from the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission's (ARDC) Regional Planning Division. Committee members invited to participate in the planning process included:

1. Craig Wainio, City Administrator
2. Jerry Kujala, Zoning Administrator
3. Gary Skalko, Mayor
4. Steve Skogman, Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission
5. Tony Zupancich, City Councilor
6. Ed Roskoski City Councilor
7. Joe Prebeg City Councilor

8. Susan Tuomela City Councilor
9. Renny Renzaglia Chair of the Utilities Advisory Board
10. Alan Stanaway, Chair of the Public Health and Safety Board
11. Joe Buria, Fire Chief
12. Mike Downs, Foreman
13. Sally Peterangelo, Library Director

Over the course of three meetings held May 30, 2012; July 26, 2012; and September 20, 2012 the Committee reviewed accomplishments from the 2002 plan and identified new or existing issues or barriers; new or existing assets and opportunities, and new or existing projects for implementation.

The Strategic Plan was adopted by the City of Mountain Iron City Council on (Insert Date, 2012).

General Conclusions:

The City of Mountain Iron continues to work at being an innovative, inclusive, and welcoming community that provides its residents with a high quality of life and its visitors with a good experience. Since the City's last strategic plan 10 years ago, many strides have been made in the areas of housing, economic development, and community infrastructure. However, additional improvements in those areas are still a priority. Implementing the steps outlined in the Strategic Plan Update will continue to improve the community and help the City meet its vision. Strategies involving housing, connectivity, economic development, community infrastructure, and city services are addressed.

TOPICAL AREA #1: HOUSING

ISSUES & CHALLENGES

The general state of housing in Old Town Housing is outdated. Properties are primarily owner occupied and rental properties, and weatherization and energy efficiency of existing properties is a concern. There is not much real estate available for one-story houses, which is often desired by small single families or individuals wishing to purchase a home. An increase of housing is desired in Old Town, however significant improvements in infrastructure are necessary to make this happen. Enhancing Old Town's attractiveness as a quality neighborhood is important.

Connectivity is an issue when crossing Highway 169. Highway 169 cuts the City of Mountain Iron in half. Old Town is not fully connected to the main goods and services of "new" Mt. Iron. This creates challenges for safe pedestrian movement. Desired projects include completing the connecting trail between the schools and providing a walkway from the apartments near Perkins to that popular restaurant.

Increased housing options for seniors are needed. High quality, low-maintenance condos, townhomes, or "carriage homes" with garages in safe areas are desired and more appealing for

the retired population. Currently there is a lack of housing designed for seniors in Mountain Iron and more options than just apartments are needed. Locating good senior housing options in a pedestrian friendly environment is important to provide connections to local goods and services.

The availability of land for purchase and development remains an issue. Much of the land in Mountain Iron is owned by mining companies or by private property owners who do not wish to sell. The City requires the available land in desired locations to be able to be developed with appropriate housing. Home owners have continued to express strong concern about the potential for an increase in property taxes if new development occurs around them. Property owned by RGGGS Land & Minerals, Ltd. may be suitable for pockets of development; however they have been unwilling to sell property.

ASSETS & OPPORTUNITIES

Over the last ten years the City of Mountain Iron has made progress in developing new housing options with a variety of options to choose from. Housing near the ball field has been completed, and there are some remaining nodes of development available. Mountain Manor (HRA owned) has expanded its apartment rentals for both independent living for seniors and mixed use apartments to serve single families or lower income residents. Carriage homes and other rental units are available in Parkville. Additional senior-specific housing includes assisted living at Diamond Willow and Park Place serves apartments to seniors age 55 and older.

When looking for opportunities to develop new housing beyond apartments, the City of Mountain Iron is aware that many people desire large lots when looking for new property. Condos are also desirable as a new asset in this area, providing safe and low-maintenance housing options.

IRRRB grants are available to address the tear down of blighted homes or problem structures. Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) has two grants that may be explored for addressing elimination of blighted homes and problem structures and making way for new construction in Mountain Iron. IRRRB's Commercial Redevelopment funds are designated for the demolition and removal of commercial buildings or publicly-owned structures, or the cleanup of Brownfield sites. In addition, for over 35 years IRRRB's Residential Redevelopment Grant Program has helped to remove blight within the agency's service area to pave the way for a cleaner, healthier environment, more attractive communities and new construction. Formally known as "Building Demo", a total of more than 6,800 structures, primarily single-family homes and garages, have been demolished through the program. The Residential Redevelopment program (RRP) is designed to demolish dilapidated residential structures to encourage new in-fill development on previously developed sites where infrastructure already exists.

There are valuable opportunities for the City of Mountain Iron to focus on preservation, maintenance and improving the longevity of what housing we currently have. While the City recognizes the need for new housing development, it also acknowledges the value that must be

placed on restorative efforts for existing properties that can benefit from maintenance and preservation. Another grant program is available through IRRRB called the Neighborhood Revitalization program. This program provides homeowners and owners of rental properties within the IRRRB service area with funds for home and rental property improvements which promote energy conservation and efficiency. The Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) administers the Neighborhood Revitalization program on behalf of the IRRRB. AEOA will coordinate projects from the grant application process, assist property owners through the application process, solicit qualified contractors to complete projects, and provide information and applications as needed for potential matching funds and utility rebates for this program.

STRATEGIES AND ACTION STEPS

- Strategy H1: Address elimination of blighted or problematic structures.**
- Action H1-A: Inventory properties in Old Town that are considered as blight or problematic (beyond City scope of restorative efforts) and enforce the City’s blight ordinance.*
- Action H1-B: Research and apply for IRRRB Commercial Redevelopment and/or Residential Redevelopment grants as appropriate. If blighted properties are historic structures, Historic Society funding may be applicable for restoration efforts.*

- Strategy H2: Maintain and improve the quality of safe and affordable Old Town housing for families and senior citizens.**
- Action H2-A: Promote the rehabilitation and preservation of public and subsidized housing stock. This provides stability to lower-income families by ensuring their access to quality and safe, affordable housing.*
- Action H2-B: Investigate and pursue development of new senior-friendly housing opportunities in Old Town*
- Action H2-C: Conduct a housing survey of the community to determine current numbers and demographics of residents who own their home or rent in Old Town.*
- Action H2-D: Conduct an inventory and assessment of existing goods and services in Old Town vs. needed or desired goods and services to support Old Town residents.*
- Action H2-E: Inventory Parkville properties that will be bought out by U.S. Steel and identify new location for Parkville homes.*

- Strategy H3: Develop commercial opportunities in Old Town for provision of local services to local residents.**
- Action H3-A: Map all existing commercial properties in Old Town and available retail space. Provide map with H2-D Inventory and Assessment to develop new business projects.*

TOPICAL AREA #2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ISSUES & CHALLENGES

Attracting economic development on Highway 169 while competing with the Highway 53 corridor is an issue. It is a challenge to convince developers that commercial development on Highway 169 is just as attractive as on Highway 53. The City of Mountain Iron owns some parcels of city property on Highway 53, but there is no infrastructure on Highway 53 to support it. There is other private owned property available for development, but real estate prices are high. The City needs to be able to sell Highway 169 as a good site for development, particularly for “big box” stores popular to the public.

Tourism and commerce in Old Town is a challenge. The expansion of Mountain Iron has drawn visitation away from Old Town. Minntac tours for the public have stopped, and Wacootah Overlook is going to be lost when the mine expands. Offering visitors a bird’s eye view of U.S. Steel’s taconite mining operations is an important experience to understanding the tradition of mining in Mountain Iron. Having a lookout over the mine is something the City does not want to lose. The addition of a museum or historical society in Old Town would help to offer interpretation to the visitor. Lastly, provision of a small convenience store in Old Town would be beneficial to serve the needs of both visitors and local residents.

Closing Highway 102 will cut off the existing snowmobile trail crossing and ATV connectivity. The City of Mountain Iron desires to keep ATV/snowmobile trails as an important recreation resource. St. Louis County’s Highway Department does not have plans for placement of ATV/Snowmobile trail within the new CSAH 102 alignment/right-of-way. A well-defined, officially signed route is needed.

ASSETS & OPPORTUNITIES

Old Town still has a lot to offer for tourism and economic development, and it is not “going away” as a result of the Minntac Mine expansion. Old Town has some key community resources, including the U.S. Post Office, library, affordable housing and apartments, City Park, street lighting, a career center, the American Legion, the Mesabi Trail, and the High School. Over the last ten years the City has accomplished a tremendous amount of work on the Library. Most of it has been renovated, and it continues to be a work in progress. Public benches are an enhancement outside of the building, and many community events occur at the Library. Park enhancements in Old Town are in progress. Streetscape improvements were also completed, including decorative lighting and flowers.

Alignment of the Mesabi Trail in Mountain Iron is not planned to change as a result of the CSAH 102 road work. The section of the Mesabi Trail that runs through Mt. Iron, which is on property of landowners U.S Steel and St. Louis County, is not planned for relocation. The Mesabi Trail organization reports that a preliminary plan of the new US Steel access road makes

accommodation for the Mesabi Trail north of CSAH 102. This important recreation resource will not be disturbed as a result of the Mine expansion and road work.

Our region is growing. Highway 169 has commercial property to sell. Forty acres of land was sold on the north side of the highway, resulting in key commercial development of a Holiday Inn Hotel and adjacent Perkins restaurant. There is an additional 40 acres located south of Highway 169 for development near the Community Center. Rock Ridge could be a good area for commercial “big box” development. Attracting well-known businesses which serve as destinations (like Menards) would be a key commercial asset to meet the needs of area consumers.

Development of new seasonal or year round tourism attractions are possible. While the City has decided that a large golf course is not feasible, it is suggested that the game of mini-golf could be a possible interest for tourism. The City can explore options to strategically cluster tourism assets, such as building a new public, outdoor swimming pool adjacent to mini-golf. In Old Town the construction of an open-air shelter outside of the library could be used for special events and performances. In the interest of preserving the tourism draw of the mining industry, the City should pursue opportunities to build a new overlook to the Minntac Mine. Potential locations suggested for this include on the other side of Perkins (which is currently slated for commercial property). Creating a mixed-use “green space and overlook” could provide a unique location for public events as well as serving as an overlook.

Grant funding is available to support tourism related development. Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) has a Culture and Tourism grant program that supports initiatives that are unique to our region and that strategically utilize local resources to stimulate tourism, enrich communities and generate economic impact through artistic, heritage-related or recreational activities.

STRATEGIES AND ACTION STEPS

- Strategy ED – 1** **Develop Highway 169 as a new destination-commercial corridor.**
Action ED-1A: *Map all available land and infrastructure existing or planned along Hwy. 169 to support new commercial development.*
Action ED-1B: *Identify and pursue potential commercial opportunities for “big box” retailers to locate on Highway 169.*
Action ED-1C: *Secure property and necessary infrastructure to available City-owned retail sites.*
Action ED-1D: *Evaluate potential for the new section of Hwy. 102 to be used as a frontage road for development.*
- Strategy ED – 2:** **Strategically identify and plan for new tourism and recreation resource opportunities.**
Action ED – 2A *Inventory and map potential locations for a new scenic overlook to the mine (i.e., Energy Park, new dump, across from City garage). As*

appropriate, hold discussions with U.S. Steel to request support for creation of a new overlook to the mine with the loss of the Wacootah Overlook.

Action ED – 2B

Have Parks and Recreation Board create a Plan to identify and prioritize tourism / recreation development projects for implementation by the City. The plan should address development of a new mine overlook and to evaluate additional desired recreational & tourism facilities that will benefit the City. The plan should address ATV and snowmobile trail route needs and the engagement of associated stakeholders, such as the Snowmobile Club and ATV Club. The plan should also consider possibilities to cluster seasonal resources (i.e., mini-golf, outdoor swimming pool).

Strategy ED – 3
Action ED-3A

Identify and secure outside funding for tourism-related initiatives.
Develop grant application for IRRRB’s Culture and Tourism Grant to support planning for an appropriate tourism project.

TOPICAL AREA #3: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES NEEDS

ISSUES & CHALLENGES

Mt. Iron needs to evaluate its capacity for emergency services. The existing fire hall is small and no longer central to the community with the expansion of Mt. Iron to the south. The current facility is part of the City Garage and is located near Old Town. Development of a new fire hall will be a significant expense. There are differing opinions on the feasibility of creating a joint fire hall facility between the City of Mountain Iron and the City of Virginia, but it can be explored. In addition, it is imperative to have an inventory/audit of emergency equipment and services in both Mt. Iron and Virginia to see where gaps exist and upgrades are needed. This includes a critical look at utilities, as there may not be water mains downtown that are large enough to fight a big fire.

Addressing the utility needs of power and infrastructure throughout the city is a long term challenge. The need for road improvements exists throughout the city. Upgrades to sewer and water also need to be addressed, including the need for new lines, particularly to Old Town which is need of some new line replacements. Significant funds are required for these tasks.

The extension of Enterprise Drive remains a challenge. The extension of Enterprise Drive to the west and north are addressed as two separate projects. Private land ownership is still a barrier to extending Enterprise east to 109. Enterprise Drive South (which is a frontage road) going east lacks pedestrian facilities. There is an existing sidewalk between the Dairy Queen and the movie theater; however, there are no sidewalks from the movie theater to Highway 109.

The extension of Unity Drive also remains a challenge. The extension of Unity Drive will provide access that will open up areas between the South Grove area of Mountain Iron and the new Community Center for housing. The extension will further provide a needed street connection for the residents of South Grove by allowing residents to easily access the new community center and other areas of Mountain Iron south of Highway 169. However, public resistance to extension of Unity Drive remains an issue. Homeowners who live along this road are not supportive of the project as they feel it will be invasive to their country-living style lots and are concerned of a potential rise in their assessment and property taxes.

Throughout the City there is a need to improve infrastructure for non-motorized connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists. The City of Mountain Iron is slightly more than 70 square miles in area, or almost two standard townships. Population, businesses, and services are clustered in four main areas: Old Town Mountain Iron and Parkville north of Highway 169, and South Grove and West Virginia south of Highway 169. Less dense residential development is also clustered around Mud Lake and new development is occurring south of the Community Center and Merritt Elementary School. As such, the City's neighborhoods are distant from each other and pedestrian and bicycle connections between the neighborhoods are poor. Establishing a safe, accessible, efficient, and desirable network of sidewalk and trail infrastructure will increase the

quality of life for residents providing options for non-motorized transportation, recreation, and connections to local goods and services.

ASSETS & OPPORTUNITIES

We have good, functioning inter-governmental cooperation between the City of Mt. Iron and City of Virginia for emergency response. Our established system of reciprocity for emergency response services to emergency calls between Mountain Iron and Virginia is working well. We have both paid and on call emergency responders between Mt. Iron and Virginia. The opportunity exists to do a collaborative inventory of emergency services and equipment and to discuss our fire hall needs. Having a joint fire hall with the City of Virginia can be approached as an open discussion to explore, as well as alternative options, such as to build one main fire hall and have additional satellite fire hall stations in key locations.

Mt. Iron has a Public Safety and Health Board to track progress, identify and address issues. This board regularly meets monthly and reports on the status of First Responders, Fire Department, St. Louis County Sherriff's Office, and new business or concerns related to planning and coordination for emergency response services.

Planning for extensions of Enterprise Drive and Unity Drive are still under development. The City has funding and plans in place for future construction on Unity Drive and to get the road connected. \$350,000.00 is needed for project work in 2014, which would connect Unity Drive east to west. There is \$100,000.00 budgeted to date. 3 phases of development are being planned for: gravel, blacktop, sidewalks.

Grant funding is available for Public Works projects. A strong grant opportunity for the City of Mountain Iron is Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board's Public Works Grant Program. This grant program provides funds for cities and townships for infrastructure, site work, renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, airport or healthcare capital projects that support community and economic development. Eligible projects are publicly owned infrastructure to a development or a potential development including water, sewer, utility extensions, site improvements, fiber, streets, upgrades and repairs to water and sewer systems, renewable energy or energy efficiency projects, healthcare capital projects, and airport projects that support community and economic development.

The development of potential, new recreation resources can better enhance and serve the community. The City of Mountain Iron has many recreational resources as assets in the community, but development of additional resources would serve to enhance the community even further. New community resources to explore could include:

- **Development of a Dog Park** – The City of Eveleth has a dog park that is working and can serve as an example to work from. Maintenance and liability are potential concerns that need to be explored. A potential location for a Mt. Iron Dog Park could be at Wolf Park.

- **Development of Walking trails** –Development of a trail that can serve as a summer walking trail and winter cross-country ski trail can be explored. Grooming the trails at the West Two Rivers Reservoir for skiing can also be explored.
- **Development of Bike trails** - Mt. Iron does have a pedestrian and trails plan that makes extensive recommendations for specific trail areas that can serve as bike trails.
- **Further development at the Mountain Iron Recreational Complex in South Grove** – such as paving of the ice rink for easier flooding in winter, paving the drive to make it nicer, and construction of a skate park for youth.

STRATEGIES AND ACTION STEPS

- Strategy CI&S – 1** **Identify and prioritize all City utility and infrastructure improvements and secure funding for implementation.**
- Action CI&S - 1A* *Review the comprehensive Mt. Iron Water Study and implement the identified recommendations.*
- Action CI&S – 1B* *Have the Mt. Iron Utilities Board evaluate and pursued as appropriate the development of additional comprehensive studies for other Mt. Iron utilities (i.e., sewer).*
- Action CI&S – 1C* *Research and apply for the Iron Range Resource and Rehabilitation Board’s Public Works Grant program and St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant as appropriate.*

The IRRRB Public Works grant program provides funds for cities and townships for infrastructure, site work, renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, airport or healthcare capital projects that support community and economic development. Eligible projects are publicly owned infrastructure to a development or a potential development including water, sewer, utility extensions, site improvements, fiber, streets, upgrades and repairs to water and sewer systems, renewable energy or energy efficiency projects, healthcare capital projects, and airport projects that support community and economic development.

- Strategy CI&S – 2** **Connect existing and planned community destinations by expanding and filling in gaps in the existing sidewalk and trail system.**
- Action CI&S - 2A:* *Review, update, re-prioritize recommended construction projects in the Mountain Iron Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (adopted November, 2010).*

The purpose of the Mountain Iron Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is to increase mobility, promote additional transportation choices, and promote a higher quality of life by establishing safe, accessible, efficient and desirable bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The plan outlines goals and specifies action steps for implementation, including recommended construction projects. The plan should be consulted for full descriptions of the following recommended projects. (Note: The plan states on page 16 that the Steering Committee prioritized Project 1 and 2 as very important).

Project 1: County Road 102 Corridor Trail (page 15) – This project consists of the construction of a 10-foot wide paved trail in the right-of-way along County Road 102 between Highway 169 and Old Town Mountain Iron.

Project 2: Unity Drive Trail (page 15) – This project consists of the construction of a 10-foot wide paved trail following the planned Unity Drive corridor heading east from County Road 102. This trail would connect to the sidewalk system which ends at the intersection with Diamond Lane. Currently no neighborhood exists in this area. Bicycle and pedestrian connections should be included as part of the construction of the planned Unity Drive extension.

Project 3: Enterprise Drive South Sidewalk (page 16) – This project consists of the construction of a 5-foot wide sidewalk along Enterprise Drive South, starting near Cinema 6, to McInnes Road, and south to Unity Drive. The City's existing sidewalk system ends near Cinema 6. This would connect the West Virginia neighborhood of Mountain Iron to community destinations including Merritt Elementary School and the Community Center. A more direct connection along Unity Drive is likely not possible due to soil and wetland conditions.

Project 4: South Grove East Trail (page 17) – This project consists of the construction of a 10-foot paved trail running north-south along the east side of the South Grove neighborhood. This trail will serve the dual purpose of providing a bicycle and pedestrian friendly facility that will connect area neighborhoods to the elementary and high schools, and providing a community-wide trail connection.

Project 5: South Grove South Trail (page 17) – This project would construct a 10-foot wide paved trail through the City's ball fields near the Mud Lake Road and CR 102 intersection. The trail would provide a community to City recreation facilities via extension of the South Grove East trail. It would also provide connections to new housing developments south of the ball fields to the City's trail system.

Project 6: Mesabi Trail to Rock Ridge Retail Center Connector Trail (page 17) – This project consists of the construction of a 10-foot wide paved trail connecting the Mesabi Trail to the Rock Ridge Retail Center.

Project 7: 23rd Avenue West Sidewalk (page 19) – This project consists of completing a sidewalk along 23rd Avenue West on the south end of the West Virginia neighborhood of Mountain Iron. Approximately 900 lineal feet of sidewalk is needed to complete the sidewalk system that connects to Unity Drive. This will provide a safe pedestrian and bicycle route for residents in that area.

Project 8: Merritt Elementary School Gravel Trail (page 19) – This project would connect the Merritt Elementary School to Unity Drive via an unpaved trail through a wooded area owned by the School District. The trail would create a short-cut that could be used seasonally and could

encourage children to walk and bike to school by creating a fun alternative to the City's sidewalk and trail system.

Strategy CI&S – 3 **Evaluate and address the City of Mountain Iron's capacity for emergency response needs and services.**

Action CI&S - 3A *Conduct an audit of the City's emergency response equipment, personnel, and supporting utilities, identifying strengths, weaknesses, and needs to support emergency response.*

Action CI&S – 3B *Develop and prioritize recommendations from the audit study for implementation.*

The City of Virginia has conducted an evaluation of its emergency services and should be consulted in the implementation of this effort to maximize the strength of Mt. Iron and Virginia's combined emergency response services. To support greater effectiveness of regional emergency services, the City of Mt. Iron should consider encouraging the cities of Eveleth and Gilbert to conduct parallel audits to Mt. Iron and Virginia.

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
2012 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – IMPLEMENTATION CHART**

PRIORITY LEVELS FOR IMPLEMENTATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HIGH = 1-2 YEARS

MEDIUM = 2-5 YEARS

LOW = 5+ YEARS

TOPICAL AREA 1: HOUSING		
STRATEGY	ACTION STEPS	PRIORITY LEVEL (HIGH / MEDIUM / LOW)
<p>Strategy H1: Address elimination of blighted or problematic structures.</p>	<p><i>Action H1-A: Inventory properties in Old Town that are considered as blight or problematic (beyond City scope of restorative efforts) and enforce the City's blight ordinance.</i></p> <p><i>Action H1-B: Research and apply for IRRRB Commercial Redevelopment and/or Residential Redevelopment grants as appropriate. If blighted properties are historic structures, Historic Society funding may be applicable for restoration efforts.</i></p>	<p><i>Action H1-A: Priority: High</i></p> <p><i>Action H1-B: Priority: Medium</i></p>
<p>Strategy H2: Maintain and improve the quality of safe and affordable Old Town</p>	<p><i>Action H2-A: Promote the rehabilitation and preservation of public and subsidized housing stock. This provides stability to lower-income families by ensuring their access to quality and safe, affordable housing.</i></p> <p><i>Action H2-B: Investigate and pursue development of new senior-friendly housing opportunities in Old Town.</i></p> <p><i>Action H2-C: Conduct a housing survey of the community to determine current numbers and demographics of residents who own their home or rent in Old Town.</i></p> <p><i>Action H2-D: Conduct an inventory and assessment of existing goods and services in Old Town vs. needed or desired goods and services to support Old Town residents.</i></p>	<p><i>Action H2-A: Priority: High</i></p> <p><i>Action H2-B: Priority: Medium</i></p> <p><i>Action H2-C: Priority: High</i></p> <p><i>Action H2-D: Priority: High</i></p>

	<i>Action H2-E: Inventory Parkville properties that will be bought out by U.S. Steel and identify new location for Parkville homes.</i>	<i>Action H2-E: Priority: High</i>
Strategy H3: Develop commercial opportunities in Old Town for provision of local services to local residents.	<i>Action H3-A: Map all existing commercial properties in Old Town and available retail space. Provide map with H2-D Inventory and Assessment to develop new business projects.</i>	<i>Action H3-A: Priority: High</i>

TOPICAL AREA 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
STRATEGY	ACTION STEPS	PRIORITY LEVEL (HIGH / MEDIUM / LOW)
Strategy ED – 1: Develop Highway 169 as a new destination-commercial corridor.	<p><i>Action ED-1A: Map all available land and infrastructure existing or planned along Hwy. 169 to support new commercial development.</i></p> <p><i>Action ED-1B: Identify and pursue potential commercial opportunities for "big box" retailers to locate on Highway 169.</i></p> <p><i>Action ED-1C: Secure property and necessary infrastructure to available City-owned retail sites.</i></p> <p><i>Action ED-1D: Evaluate potential for the new section of Hwy. 102 to be used as a frontage road for development.</i></p>	<p><i>Action ED-1A: Priority: High</i></p> <p><i>Action ED-1B: Priority: High</i></p> <p><i>Action ED-1C: Priority: Medium</i></p> <p><i>Action ED-1D: Priority: Medium</i></p>
Strategy ED – 2: Strategically identify and plan for new tourism and recreation resource opportunities.	<p><i>Action ED – 2A: Inventory and map potential locations for a new scenic overlook to the mine (i.e., Energy Park, new dump, across from City garage). As appropriate, hold discussions with U.S. Steel to request support for creation of a new overlook to the mine with the loss of the Wacootah Overlook.</i></p> <p><i>Action ED – 2B: Have Parks and Recreation Board create a Plan to identify and prioritize tourism / recreation development projects for implementation by the City. The plan should address development of a new mine overlook and to evaluate additional desired recreational & tourism</i></p>	<p><i>Action ED – 2A: Priority: High</i></p> <p><i>Action ED – 2B: Priority: High</i></p>

	<i>facilities that will benefit the City. The plan should address ATV and snowmobile trail route needs and the engagement of associated stakeholders, such as the Snowmobile Club and ATV Club. The plan should also consider possibilities to cluster seasonal resources (i.e., mini-golf, outdoor swimming pool).</i>	
Strategy ED – 3: Identify and secure outside funding for tourism-related initiatives.	<i>Action ED-3A Develop grant application for IRRRB’s Culture and Tourism Grant to support planning for an appropriate tourism project.</i>	<i>Action ED-3A: Priority: High</i>

TOPICAL AREA 3: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES NEEDS		
STRATEGY	ACTION STEPS	PRIORITY LEVEL (HIGH / MEDIUM / LOW)
Strategy CI&S – 1 Identify and prioritize all City utility and infrastructure improvements and secure funding for implementation.	<p><i>Action CI&S - 1A: Review the comprehensive Mt. Iron Water Study and implement the identified recommendations.</i></p> <p><i>Action CI&S – 1B: Have the Mt. Iron Utilities Board evaluate and pursued as appropriate the development of additional comprehensive studies for other Mt. Iron utilities (i.e., sewer).</i></p> <p><i>Action CI&S – 1C: Research and apply for the Iron Range Resource and Rehabilitation Board’s Public Works Grant program and St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant as appropriate.</i></p>	<p><i>Action CI&S - 1A : Priority: Medium</i></p> <p><i>Action CI&S – 1B: Priority: Medium</i></p> <p><i>Action CI&S – 1C: Priority: Medium</i></p>
Strategy CI&S – 2 Connect existing and planned community destinations by expanding and filling in gaps in the existing sidewalk and trail system.	<i>Action CI&S - 2A: Review, update, re-prioritize recommended construction projects in the Mountain Iron Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (adopted November, 2010).</i>	<i>Action CI&S - 2A: Priority: High</i>
Strategy CI&S – 3 Evaluate and address the City of Mountain Iron’s capacity for emergency response needs and services.	<p><i>Action CI&S - 3A: Conduct an audit of the City’s emergency response equipment, personnel, and supporting utilities, identifying strengths, weaknesses, and needs to support emergency response.</i></p> <p><i>Action CI&S – 3B: Develop and prioritize recommendations from the audit study for implementation.</i></p>	<p><i>Action CI&S - 3A: Priority: Medium</i></p> <p><i>Action CI&S – 3B: Priority: Medium</i></p>



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-13

BANK AUTHORIZATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY: That at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Mountain Iron, (hereafter referred to as the "City"), operating under the laws of the State of Minnesota, duly held on January 7, 2013, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Bank of the North, (hereafter referred to as the "Bank"), is hereby designated as a depository for the funds of the City, which may be withdrawn on checks, drafts, advices of debit, notes or other orders for the payment of monies bearing any two of the following officers or employees of the City, whose actual signatures are shown below:

Gary Skalko – Mayor

Craig J. Wainio – City Administrator

Susan Tuomela – Deputy Mayor

and said Bank shall be and authorized to honor and pay whether or not payable to bearer or to the individual order of any agent or agents signing the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bank is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against any of the City's accounts with the Bank bearing the signature or signatures of Agents, as authorized above or otherwise, even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any Agent signing or tendered by such Agent for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such Agent or for deposit to the Agent's personal account, and the Bank shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of the item,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any one of such Agents is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes and other items payable to or owned by this City for deposit with the Bank, or for collection or discount by the Bank; and to accept drafts and other items payable at the Bank.

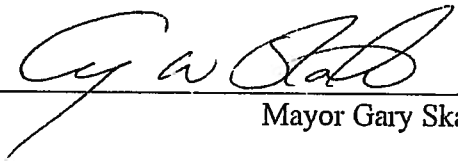
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above named agents are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks, or items of the City may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions. The other agreements and other acts may not be contrary to the provisions contained in this Resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City hereby conferred upon the above named agents shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of any amendment or revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by the Bank at each location where an account is maintained. Bank shall be indemnified and held harmless from any loss suffered or any liability incurred by it in continuing to act in accordance with this resolution. Any such notice shall not affect any items in process at the time notice is given.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.

ATTEST: 

City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
COUNTY OF SAINT LOUIS
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATION OF HERON
STREET AND A PORTION OF FALCON AVENUE STREET
PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTE §412.851**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the City Council on the 22nd day of January, 2013, in the Community Center located at 8586 Enterprise Drive South at 6:30pm to consider a proposed vacation of Heron Street (Second Avenue) between Eagle Avenue (First Street) and Nichols Avenue (Third Street) and a portion of Falcon Avenue (Second Street) between Heron Street (Second Avenue) and an east-west line between the southwesterly corner of Lot 9, Block 1 and the Southeasterly corner of Lot 12, Block 2 in Parkville First Addition.

Dated this 10th day of December 2012.

SIGNED BY:

City Administrator

COUNCIL LETTER 012213-IVA

MAYOR GARY SKALKO

**DONATION TO THE 11TH ANNUAL
MARK "BUSH" PREBEG DIABETES
SNOWMOBILE RUN**

DATE: January 17, 2013

FROM: Mayor Gary Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Mayor Skalko requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

This run has raised over \$270,000 in the past 17 years. All proceeds go to the diabetes center at Essentia-Virginia. Therefore, I suggest a donation of \$500.00 be made this year. This would be an increase over the \$250.00 given last year, but would equal the donation given by the city to the VRMC's "Dancing for a Cure" Fundraiser this past October. All monies would come from our Charitable Gambling Fund.

COUNCIL LETTER 012213-IVA

MAYOR GARY SKALKO

MARK "BUSH" PREBEG DAY PROCLAMATION

DATE: January 17, 2013

FROM: Mayor Gary Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Mayor Skalko requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

In collaboration with the snowmobile run, Saturday, February 16th would be proclaimed Mark "Bush" Prebeg Day in the City of Mountain Iron. The proclamation would appear in the Friday, February 15th edition of our city's official newspaper, the Hometown Focus.

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TO: CRAIG WAINIO

FROM: PATTY SABIE

DATE: January 3, 2013

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON "NONAUDIT SERVICES" LETTER

Craig,

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that we are required to have on file to document that you have been designated by the City Council to oversee, monitor, accept responsibility and evaluate the "nonaudit services", which include preparation of the financial statements and notes to the financial statements to be included in the audit.

Please have a council member sign the letter also, and return to our office.

Please call if you have questions.

Thank you,



NONAUDIT SERVICES

Nonaudit services performed by Walker, Giroux & Hahne, Ltd. (check applicable items):

1. Preparing a trial balance based on entity management's chart of accounts.
2. Maintaining depreciation schedules for which entity management has determined the method and rate of depreciation and salvage value of the assets.
3. Preparing draft financial statements based on entity management's chart of accounts and trial balance and any adjusting, correcting, and closing entries that have been approved by entity management.
4. Preparing draft notes to the financial statements based on information determined and approved by entity management.

With regard to the above nonaudit services performed by Walker, Giroux & Hahne, Ltd. during the audit of City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota for the year ended December 31, 2012, I confirm the following:

1. I have been designated by the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the nonaudit services.
2. I have monitored the performance of the nonaudit services.
3. I have made all decisions that involved entity management functions related to the nonaudit services and accepted full responsibility for those decisions.
4. I have evaluated the adequacy of the services performed.

Craig Wainio, Administrator

Printed Name and Title

Signature

Craig Wainio, Administrator has been designated by the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the above nonaudit services.

Printed Name and Title

Signature

COUNCIL LETTER 012213-VIA

ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION 02-13

DATE: January 17, 2013

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 02-13 is for the vacating of certain roads within Parkville at the requested of Great Northern Properties. If the Council believes that the roads should be vacated as petitioned for, Resolution Number 02-13 should be adopted as presented.

As a part of these vacation proceedings, if passed, Staff requests the authority to remove the street light at the corner of County 102 and Nichols Ave (County 109). Currently, the electrical infrastructure need to power this light runs from Parkville Road north up Falcon Avenue then west on Heron Street and then north on Nichols Avenue. The only service on this line is the street light. By removing the street light, the City could then remove the entire electrical infrastructure from the vacated streets.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-13

A RESOLUTION VACATING STREETS UPON A PETITION OF A MAJORITY OF ABUTTING LANDOWNERS

WHEREAS, a petition signed by the majority of property owners abutting Heron Street (Second Avenue) and a portion of Falcon Avenue (Second Street) in the City of Mountain Iron was received by the City Administrator on the 19th day of November, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the petition requested that the City Council pursuant to Minnesota Statute §412.851 vacate Heron Street (Second Avenue) between Eagle Avenue (First Street) and Nichols Avenue (Third Street) and a portion of Falcon Avenue (Second Street) between Heron Street (Second Avenue) and an east-west line between the southwesterly corner of Lot 9, Block 1 and the Southeasterly corner of Lot 12, Block 2 in Parkville First Addition, Mountain Iron

WHEREAS, the City Administrator reviewed and examined the signatures on said petition and determined that such signatures constituted a majority of the landowners abutting upon the streets to be vacated; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the vacation of such street was held on the 22nd day of January, 2012, before the City Council in the City Hall located at 8586 Enterprise Drive South at 6:30 pm after due published and posted notice had been given, as well as personal mailed notice to all affected property owners by the City Administrator on the 10th day of December, 2012 and all interested and affected persons were given an opportunity to voice their concerns and be heard; and

WHEREAS, any person, corporation or public body owning or controlling easements contained upon the property vacated, reserves the right to continue maintaining the same or to enter upon such way or portion thereof vacated to maintain, repair, replace or otherwise attend thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Council in its discretion has determined that the vacation will benefit the public interest because it no longer is needed as a public street and by closing the road the health and safety of the public can be maintained.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, COUNTY OF SAINT LOUIS MINNESOTA, that such petition for vacation is hereby granted and the streets described as follows is hereby vacated:

Heron Street (Second Avenue) between Eagle Avenue (First Street) and Nichols Avenue (Third Street) and a portion of Falcon Avenue (Second Street) between Heron Street (Second Avenue) and an east-west line between the southwesterly

corner of Lot 9, Block 1 and the Southeasterly corner of Lot 12, Block 2 in Parkville First Addition, Mountain Iron.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.

Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

City Administrator

COMMUNICATIONS

1. North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity, an invitation to their Winter Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser on February 7, 2013 at the Mountain Iron Community Center.

Dear City of Mountain Iron, Mayor & Council,
You are cordially invited to the seventh annual



Winter Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser for
North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity

**Celebrating a brighter future for 52 families in North St. Louis County
and 56 families in Mexico!**

Thursday, February 7, 2013
Mountain Iron Community Center
8586 Enterprise Drive South

Hors d'oeuvres at 5:15 p.m., Dinner served at 6:15 p.m.

Fiesta Mexicana!

Assorted Tapa's as appetizers along with tortilla chips and Pico de Gallo

Pollo con Mojo

A tender chicken breast marinated in a bold citrus medley
perfectly balanced with chili peppers, garlic and olive oil.

Served with

cilantro rice (white rice delicately seasoned with salted lime and fresh cilantro),
roasted corn and black bean salsa and stone ground corn tortillas.

Dessert, Gourmet Coffee and Punch Bar

Prepared by Chefs Keith Haas, Dennis Purkat and Mona Millen

Program at 7:00 p.m.

Raffles, Silent Auction, Live music

All guests (prepaid or pay at the door) please RSVP by January 28, 2013

You may RSVP at the Habitat office: 106 S. 15th Ave W, Virginia, MN

By phone: 866.749.8910, Email: habitat@nslchfh.org, or the enclosed RSVP card

Tickets are \$35 if prepaid and \$40 if paid at the door



Thursday, February 7, 2013

We look forward to celebrating a brighter future for families with
North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity!

_____ will attend

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Persons attending:

_____ unable to attend, but please accept my donation: \$ _____

Reply is requested 36 January 28, 2013