

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the January 17, 2007 Regular Meeting (#1-18)
 - B. Communications (#55-58)
 - C. Receipts
 - D. Bills and Payroll
 - III. Public Forum
 - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - C. Director of Public Works Report
 - 1. On Call Policy (#19)
 - 2. Traffic Study (#20)
 - 3. Power pole Quotes (#21-22)
 - D. Director of Parks and Recreations Report
 - 1. Advertisement (#23-25)
 - E. Library Directors Report
 - 1. Authorization to Seek Quotes (#26)
 - 2. Resolution of Support (#27-28)
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 - G. Sheriff's Department Report
 - H. City Engineer's Report
 - I. Planning and Zoning
 - 1. Conditional Use Permit – Klimek (#31-35)
 - J. Liaison Reports
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Library Situation (#36)
 - B. Wood Pellet Plant Employment Criteria (#37)
 - C. L&M Expansion Employment Criteria (#38)
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Resolution 10-07 Ordering Report (#39-43)
 - B. "Bush" Prebeg Memorial Donation (#44)
 - C. Climate Protection Agreement (#45-50)
 - D. Community Center Use Request (#51-52)
 - E. Conference Attendance (#53)
 - F. Reschedule Next Meeting (#54)
 - G. Communications (#55-58)
 - VII. Open Discussion
 - VIII. Announcements
 - A. COW Meeting – February 7th at 6:30PM
 - IX. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 17, 2007

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Tony Zupancich, Alan Stanaway, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Sam Aluni, City Attorney; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer (entering at 6:40 p.m.); and Rick Feiro, Sergeant.

The Mayor welcomed the audience and the television viewing audience to the meeting.

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

1. Add the following items to the agenda:
 - V. A. 1. Proclamation for Carmella Charmoli
 - VI. C. Park Ridge Grant
2. Approve the minutes of the January 2, 2007, City Council meeting as submitted.
3. That the communications be accepted, 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 January 1-15, 2007, totaling \$109,321.76, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
5. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period January 1-15, 2007, totaling \$163,526.70, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

At 6:33 p.m., it was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing for the JOBZ benefits for Mountain Timber. The motion carried.

There were no public comments made or communications received regarding the Mountain Timber JOBZ benefits.

At 6:35 p.m., it was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to closed the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. The motion carried.

At 6:36 p.m., it was moved by Zupancich and supported by Stanaway to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing for the tax abatement for L & M Supply. The motion carried.

The Mayor informed the Council that the tax abatement would only be for the new expansion of the L & M Supply facility.

There were no public comments made or communications received regarding the L & M tax abatement.

At 6:37 p.m., it was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. The motion carried.

During the public forum, Darwin Alar advised the Council that he had filmed the Mountain Iron-Buhl versus Virginia basketball game on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, and he advised that it would be telecast on the public television station. He also congratulated the Mountain Iron-Buhl Basketball Team for their win.

During the public forum, Barry Rosier, representing the American Legion Post 220, requested that the Council approve a resolution to conduct charitable gambling for the Kinney Fire Department in the American Legion. Mr. Rosier stated that there were currently no charitable gambling activities being conducted at the American Legion. Dan Violette, Gambling Manager for the Kinney Fireman's Relief Association, said that he had a signed lease with the American Legion to conduct charitable gambling at their site.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 09-07, to allow a premise permit for the Kinney Fire Department to conduct charitable gambling at the American Legion contingent on the review of the City Administrator and City Attorney, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

During the Mayor's report, the Mayor said that he was contacted by Merten Sedgeman, Commander from the VFW Eighth District, and he said that the flags placed in the Mountain Iron Room were not placed appropriately. The Mayor said that he switched the American Flag with the Minnesota Flag and they should now be properly placed.

The Mayor advised the Council that the TEA-21 Federal Enhancement Grant funding would not be available until October 2007 and the work would be completed in the Spring of 2008.

The Mayor commented on the past City Council Reorganizational Meeting held on January 2, 2007 regarding the appointments made. The Mayor advised the Council that the Economic Development Authority was a new authority being established on April 19, 2004, by Resolution Number 18-04. The Mayor read section 2.02 of Resolution Number 18-04 regarding the member appointments and terms. He said that there is no part of this resolution stating that the Council members shall be rotated. The Mayor said that he can nominate members to Boards and Commissions subject to the approval of the City Council.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had received an invitation to a fundraiser dinner and silent auction on February 9th for Habitat for Humanity at the Mountain Iron Community Center.

The Mayor said that a meeting should be set up with the Street and Alley Committee to discuss various issues and the Personnel Committee to discuss Management negotiations that are currently pending.

The Mayor advised the Council that he attended the Local Board of Review training held in Cotton on January 17, 2007. He stated that the City of Mountain Iron must have at least one person trained on the Council to have the meeting remain in control of the City otherwise the County would take over the Local Board of Review. He suggested that another member of the Council go through the training next year when it becomes available, to maintain City control over the Local Board of Review meeting.

The Mayor also commented that he had received many compliments on the Christmas Decorations placed this year. The Mayor thanked the Director of Public Works and the City Crew for all of the work completed to make the City look more festive.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to approve a Proclamation for Carmella Charmoli's 100th Birthday Celebration. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and supported by Roskoski to direct Sergeant Feiro to seek additional quotes on the Sheriff's Department SUV purchase to include Iron Trail Motors, Ken Waschke Auto Plaza, and Lundgren Motors. The motion carried.

The Council reviewed the monthly statistics for the Sheriff's Department for the month of December 2006.

Councilor Roskoski asked the City Attorney if it was all right to not follow the procedure established in 2004 by the City Council to advertise for people that would be interested on serving on Boards and Commissions. The City Attorney asked if there was any formal action by the Council to change the procedure. The Mayor stated that he was contacted by a qualified person that wanted to apply for an open position on a Board and the Mayor accepted the application. The Mayor said that in the past the Council did not have any applicants and that is why they would advertise for the open positions.

It was moved by Stanaway and supported by Prebeg to authorize a refund of the \$150.00 variance application fee paid by Kevin Friebe because he was not aware of the required criteria for a variance. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Stanaway that since the motion dated April 3, 2006, authorizing the hiring of the new Library Director, and the motion dated January 2, 2007, authorizing the employment agreement of the new Library Director, do not state any wage rate, that the base hourly wage of the current Library Director be set at \$20.50, at the time of hiring on April 3, 2006. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and supported by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 03-07, approving a business subsidy agreement by and between the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota, and Mountain Timber Wood Products, LLC, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Councilor Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Zupancich to adopt Resolution Number 04-07, authorizing the abatement of taxes pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1812 through 469.1815, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Councilor Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Stanaway to adopt Resolution Number 05-07, ordering improvement and preparation of plans for Park Ridge Drive, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and supported by Stanaway to adopt Resolution Number 08-07, authorizing IRRRB grant for the construction of Park Ridge Drive from Nichols Avenue to the east edge of Park Ridge Plat, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and supported by Stanaway to adopt Resolution Number 06-07, ordering improvements and preparation of plans for the reconstruction of all of 16th Avenue, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to adopt Resolution Number 07-07, ordering improvement and preparation of plans for Unity Second Addition, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and supported by Prebeg to authorize the purchase of approximately 4.3 acres of wetlands credits from Douglas County and authorize the payment of the BOSWR fee at a total cost of \$29,922.52 and further authorize the use of the \$8,000 in escrow to pay a portion of the costs for the purchase. The motion carried with Councilor Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to authorize the continuation of employment for Laura Nieters to a permanent part-time employee at the Mountain Iron Library. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Stanaway to set a Labor/Management meeting for Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to direct City Staff to contact the area cities to see what their minimum purchasing amounts were, without requiring Council approval, and bring the information back to the City Council for further consideration. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Zupancich to authorize the final actual payment of \$2,000 of the initial pledge amount to the Virginia Regional Medical Center Foundation. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to cover training, books, and a mileage fee of \$10.00 for each callout for the Mountain Iron First Responders Group. And further, to advertise in the Mesabi Daily News for additional Emergency Medical Technician to work in the City of Mountain Iron. The motion carried.

Councilor Prebeg requested that the Emergency Medical Technicians periodically submit an activity report to the City Council.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Zupancich to set a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting for Wednesday, February 7, 2007, and invite all board and commission members to attend and discuss various city issues and concerns. The motion carried.

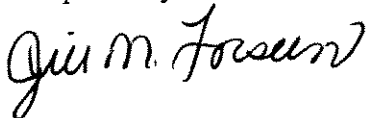
It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to waive the building rental fee for the Gary Stanaway fundraiser scheduled for February 22, 2007, at the Mountain Iron Community Center. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to waive the building rental fee for the Karlie Spurlin Benefit scheduled for February 10, 2007, at the Mountain Iron Community Center. The motion carried.

Councilor Roskoski asked the City Administrator for some clarification regarding a memorandum received from the State Auditor. He asked if this was a generic letter sent to all Cities or is there something specifically that the City of Mountain Iron is not doing correctly. The City Administrator said that this information was sent to all Cities.

At 8:10 p.m., it was moved by Skalko and supported by Zupancich that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

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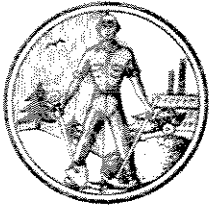
1. State of Minnesota, Office of the State Auditor, comments regarding the 2005 audit and related documents.
2. Notice of public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for Ed Klimek at 5366 Mineral Avenue, Mountain Iron.
3. Notice of public hearing for a Variance for Five Star Living of Mountain Iron at 8583 Unity Drive, Mountain Iron.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	99,621.13
LICENSES	ANIMAL	65.00
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	900.00
MISCELLANEOUS	FAX CHARGES	4.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	50.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	60.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	82.25
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST601	1,301.54
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	578.55
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 604	791.15
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	65.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	525.00
MISCELLANEOUS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS	121.30
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	950.47
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 103	1,359.34
PERMITS	BUILDING	125.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 376	166.80
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	571.92
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	83.40
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	700.00
METER DEPOSITS	WATER	15.00
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	SPECIAL ASSESS.-BOND MONEY	978.09
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	INTEREST-SP.ASSESS.-BONDS ISSU	6.82
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	25.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	WATER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	125.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	SEWER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	50.00
Summary Totals:		<u>109,321.76</u>

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01/07	01/18/2007	34395	107	ALESHA WINGER	002-20200	65.90
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01/07	01/18/2007	34403	30017	CARQUEST (MOUNTAIN IRON)	002-20200	105.23
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01/07	01/18/2007	34405	220003	CITY OF VIRGINIA	002-20200	300.00
01/07	01/18/2007	34406	30054	CIVIC SYSTEMS LLC	002-20200	8,729.00
01/07	01/18/2007	34407	30053	CONSOLIDATED TRADING COMPANY	002-20200	1,528.47
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01/07	01/18/2007	34423	140026	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	002-20200	1,331.36
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01/07	01/18/2007	34431	150014	ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	002-20200	21.75
01/07	01/18/2007	34432	106	PAUL OR JOLENE BORIIN	002-20200	148.26
01/07	01/18/2007	34433	160002	PETTY CASH FUND	002-20200	196.05
01/07	01/18/2007	34434	160042	POLK CITY DIRECTORIES	002-20200	308.50
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01/07	01/18/2007	34448	230004	WENCK ASSOCIATES INC	002-20200	2,560.80

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01/07	01/18/2007	34449	230028	WISCONSIN ENERGY CONSERVATION	002-20200	290.35
01/07	01/18/2007	34450	240001	XEROX CORPORATION	002-20200	594.89
Totals:						102,178.30
Payroll-PP Ending 1/12/07						52,112.99
Sales Tax-Electronic Transfer						9,235.41
TOTAL EXPENDITURES						<u>\$163,526.70</u>



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-07

APPROVING A BUSINESS SUBSIDY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, AND MOUNTAIN TIMBER WOOD PRODUCTS, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota (the "City") as follows:

Section 1. Recitals.

1.01 Mountain Timber Wood Products, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company (the "Company"), has proposed the development of an approximately 25,000 square foot manufacturing facility (the "Project") on a parcel of land within the City, legally described as on Exhibit A (the "Development Property").

1.02 The Development Property is located within a job opportunity building zone pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.310 through 469.320, as amended (the "JOBZ Act").

1.03 In order to develop the Project, the Company has requested assistance from the City as found in the JOBZ Act. The assistance constitutes a business subsidy (the "Subsidy") under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 116J.993 to 116J.995, as amended (the "Business Subsidy Act").

1.04 The City has contacted the office of the Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development regarding the compilation and summary report of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development required by Section 116J.994, subdivision 9 of the Business Subsidy Act and has determined that the Company is eligible to receive the Subsidy.

1.05 The terms and conditions under which the City will provide the Subsidy to the Company are set forth in the Job Opportunity Building Zone Business Subsidy Agreement proposed to be entered into between the City and the Company, the form of which is on file in the office of the City Administrator (the "Business Subsidy Agreement"). The Council has reviewed and considered the factors and information set forth in the Business Subsidy Agreement.

1.06 A properly noticed public hearing on the consideration of the Subsidy by the Council was held on January 17, 2007.

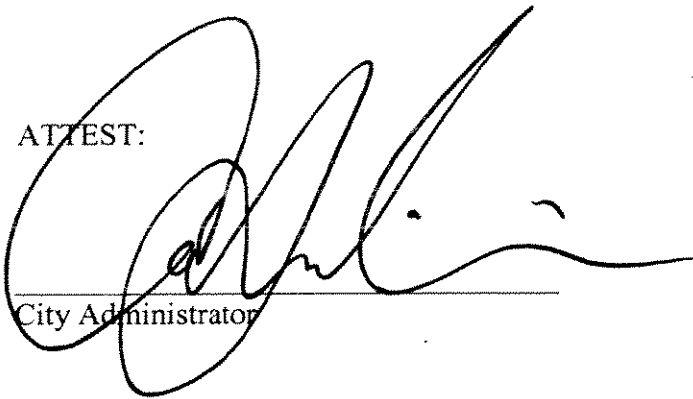
Section 2. Approval of the Business Subsidy Agreement.

2.01 The form of the Business Subsidy Agreement, as presented to the Council, is approved pursuant to Section 116J.994, Subdivision 3(d) of the Business Subsidy Act.

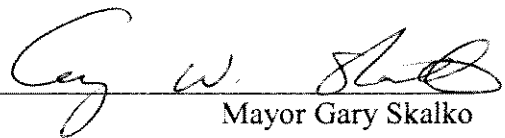
2.02 The Subsidy to the Company, in accordance with the Business Subsidy Agreement, is approved.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2007.

ATTEST:



City Administrator

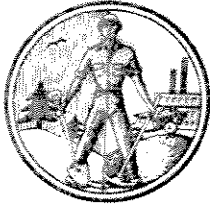


Mayor Gary Skalko

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description of Development Property

West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 58
North, Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, City of Mountain Iron,
County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 04-07

AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 469.1812 THROUGH 469.1815

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. Recitals of Fact. The City Council makes the following recitals of fact:

1.01 Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1812 through 469.1815, as amended (the "Act"), the governing body of a political subdivision may grant a current or prospective abatement, by contract or otherwise, of the taxes imposed by the political subdivision on a parcel of property, which may include personal property or machinery, or defer payments of the taxes and abate the interest and penalty that otherwise would apply, subject to certain conditions as set forth in the Act.

1.02 The City has been approached by L&M Supply, Inc., (the "Developer") regarding entering into an agreement (the "Abatement Agreement"), with respect to an abatement of taxes imposed by the City on a parcel of property (the "Abatement"), on which the Developer will relocate a parking lot from the east side of its current facility and which is adjacent to a parcel in which the Developer intends to construct an approximately 25,000 square-foot expansion to its existing facility (the "Project"). A description of the parcel in which the Abatement will occur and the Project is set forth on **Exhibit A** to this Resolution.

1.03 The Project is not within a tax increment financing district.

1.04 The City Council has on this day held a duly noticed public hearing on the Abatement, at which all those wishing to speak were heard.

Section 2. Findings.

2.01 The City Council expects the benefits to the City of the proposed Abatement Agreement and the Project to at least equal the costs to the City of the proposed Abatement Agreement and the Project because the Project will increase business activities within the City and will create additional employment opportunities.

2.02 The City Council finds that the Abatement is in the public interest because it will increase or preserve the tax base in the City and provide employment opportunities in the City.

2.03 The City Council and the Developer will enter into a Business Subsidy Agreement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 116J.993 to 116J.995, of even date herewith (the "Business Subsidy Agreement").

Section 3. Approval and Terms of Abatement. The Abatement is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:

3.01 The term of the Abatement is 10 years, commencing in 2008 and ending in 2018 (the "Abatement Period").

3.02 The total amount of the Abatement must not exceed \$100,000 in the aggregate for the Abatement Period (the "Abatement Amount"). The Developer must certify in the Acknowledgement and Agreement, hereby attached and incorporated into this Resolution as **Exhibit B**, that the Abatement Amount is a maximum figure and the actual Abatement may be less than the Abatement Amount, depending on the amount of taxes paid by the Developer during a given year within the Abatement Period. Even if an Abatement is less than \$10,000 in a given year, in no year within the Abatement Period may an Abatement exceed \$10,000.

Section 4. Developer's Obligations; Conditions Precedent.

4.01 The Developer must provide evidence to the City that the Developer has completed the Project by December 31, 2007.

4.02 The City must issue a certificate of occupancy for the Project.

4.03 In each year of the Abatement Period, Developer must timely pay all real estate taxes and special assessments levied against the Project. For purposes of this Resolution "timely paid" shall mean that no penalties or interest shall have attached to the applicable tax payment.

4.04 A violation of any of the obligations in this Section requires the Developer to repay the aggregate amount of the Abatement received plus accrued interest pursuant to the Business Subsidy Agreement.

Section 5. Payment of Abatement. Upon compliance with Section 4 of this Resolution, the amount of the Abatement will be paid to the Developer semiannually on or about February 1 and August 1 of each year beginning February 1, 2009 and ending on the earlier of (i) February 1, 2019 or (ii) the date on which the City has paid the Developer the Abatement in the aggregate amount of \$100,000.

Section 6. Nature and Extent of Public Benefits. The nature and extent of the public benefits which the City Council expects to result from the Abatement Agreement are as follows: A 25,000 square-foot expansion of Developer's current site of business, the provision of off-

street parking to alleviate congestion on adjacent streets, and the addition of a minimum of 20 new jobs.

Section 7. Review and Modification. The City Council reserves the right to review and modify the Abatement every second year after the date of this Resolution.

Section 8. Administration.

8.01 The City will add to its levy amount for the current year under Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065 and 275.07 the total estimated amount of the current year Abatement.

8.02 The tax amounts shown on the notice of proposed property taxes prepared and given under Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, subdivision 3, and on the property tax statement prepared and give under Minnesota Statutes, Section 276.04, subdivision 2, are the total amounts before the reduction of any portion of the Abatement.

8.03 The total property taxes shall be levied on the Project and shall be due and payable to St. Louis County at the times provided under Minnesota Statutes, Section 279.01.

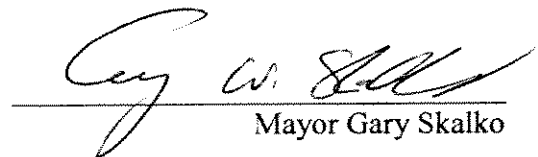
8.04 The City Council certifies that it has not abated property taxes in excess of the greater of 10% of its current levy or \$200,000 during calendar year 2007.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2007.

ATTEST:



City Administrator

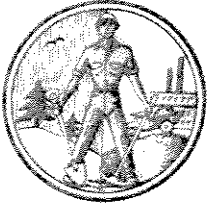


Mayor Gary Skalko

EXHIBIT A

Parcel No. 175-0049-00120 (parking lot)

Parcel No. 175-0071-01075 (approximate 25,000 square-foot expansion)



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-07

ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS

WHEREAS, a Resolution of the City Council adopted the 15th day of May, 2006, fixed a date for a Council Hearing on the proposed improvement of Park Ridge Drive from Nichols Avenue to the east edge of Park Ridge Plat by reconstruction, and;

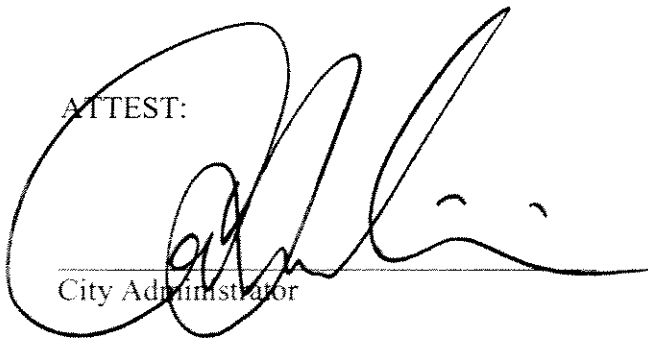
WHEREAS, ten days' mailed notice and two weeks' published notice of the hearing was given, and the hearing was held thereon on the 5th day of June, 2006, at which all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA:

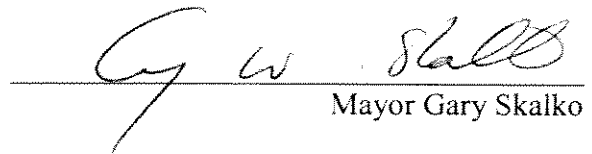
1. Such improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible as detailed in the feasibility report.
2. Such improvement is hereby ordered as proposed in the Council Resolution adopted the 1st day of May, 2006.
3. Benchmark Engineering is hereby designated as the engineer for this improvement. The engineer shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such improvement.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2007.

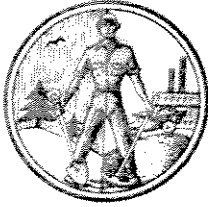
ATTEST:



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-07

ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS

WHEREAS, a Resolution of the City Council adopted the 5th day of July, 2005, fixed a date for a Council Hearing on the proposed improvement of all of 16th Avenue by reconstruction, and;

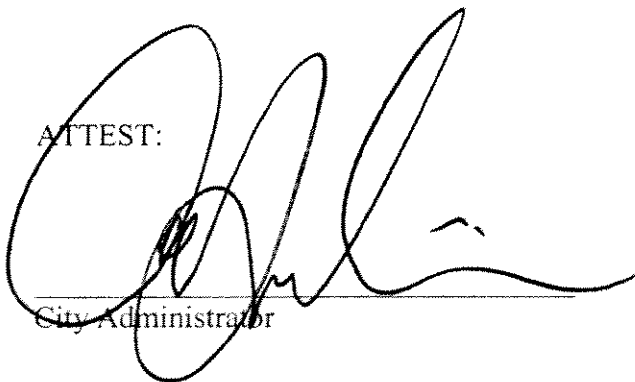
WHEREAS, ten days' mailed notice and two weeks' published notice of the hearing was given, and the hearing was held thereon on the 18th day of July, 2005, at which all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA:

1. Such improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible as detailed in the feasibility report.
2. Such improvement is hereby ordered as proposed in the Council Resolution adopted the 6th day of June, 2005.
3. Benchmark Engineering is hereby designated as the engineer for this improvement. The engineer shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such improvement.

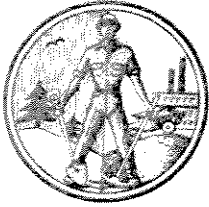
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ATTEST:



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-07

ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS

WHEREAS, the City Council approves the general site layout of the proposed housing development located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 58 North Range 18 West, as presented by the City Engineer, and;

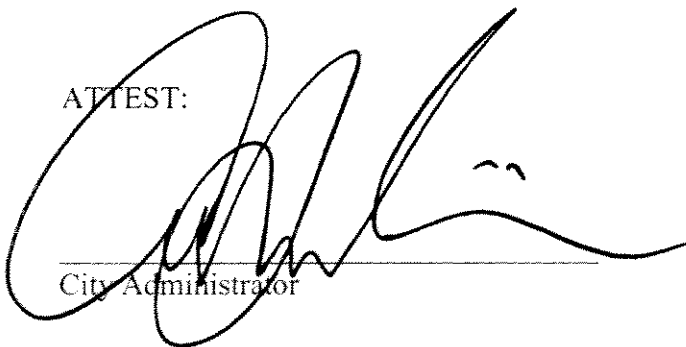
WHEREAS, the City Council desires to construct the improvements, including streets, water, sewer, curb and gutter, needed for the development of the proposed housing development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA:

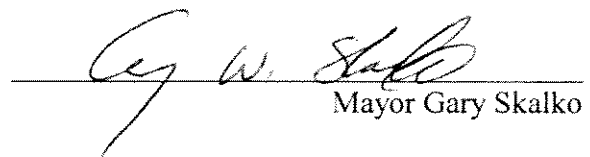
1. Such improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible as presented in the feasibility report.
2. Benchmark is hereby designated as the Engineer for this improvement. The Engineer shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such improvement.

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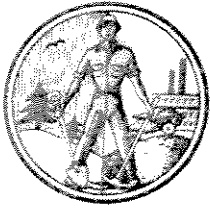
ATTEST:



City Administrator



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-07

APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FOR PARK RIDGE DRIVE

To: IRON RANGE RESOURCES COMMISSIONER (hereafter referred to as "the Agency")
From: City of Mountain Iron

WHEREAS, the City has performed their own due diligence and are recommending the project for the Agency funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") is a municipal corporation organized/operating under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has a need for a grant for the Park Ridge Drive construction (hereafter called "the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is the owner of the site on which the Project will be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has determined that it will need a grant from the Agency for \$215,132 in order to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is in the process of submitting its application to the Agency requesting a grant of funds to do the said project; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant understands and agrees that the Agency will not provide funds to reimburse the applicant for any costs incurred for the Project prior to the date on which this Project is approved by the Agency.

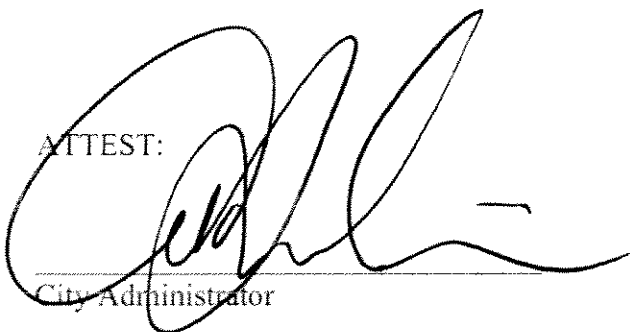
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Applicant hereby authorizes and approves making application to the Agency for a grant for \$215,132 to provide funds to do the Project.

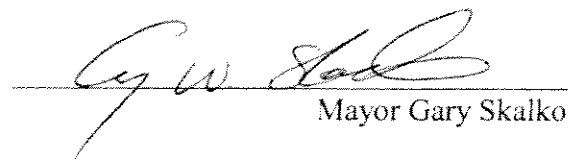
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant's Mayor and City Administrator are authorized and directed to sign and submit an application for the said grant monies and all applicable contracts, documents and agreements associated with the grant or the application for it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant agrees and commits that following completion of the Project site and any equipment installed in connection with the Project be in good operating condition, appearance and repair and protect the same from deterioration, reasonable wear and tear resulting from ordinary use of the property and equipment excepted, for as long as the Applicant retains ownership of the Project site.

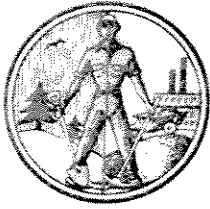
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ATTEST:



City Administrator

Mayor Gary Skalko



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-07

CHARITABLE GAMBLING


WHEREAS, the Kinney Firemen's Relief Association, has applied for a Class B Charitable Gambling Operation Permit consisting of raffles, paddlewheels, tipboards, and pull-tabs at American Legion Post 220, and;

WHEREAS, the Kinney Firemen's Relief Association, is requesting that their Class B Charitable Gambling Permit be issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL, that the Mountain Iron City Council hereby issues said premise permit to the Kinney Firemen's Relief Association located at 124 State Street, Buhl, Minnesota 55713.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2007.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-IVC1

PUBLIC WORKS

ON-CALL POLICY

DATE: January 31, 2007

FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff is requesting City Council authorization to allow more than one person on-call status as determined by Management Personnel.

Current policy is to have no more than one person on-call status during any given time period.

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-IVC2

STREET COMMITTEE

TRAFFIC STUDY

DATE: January 31, 2007

FROM: Street Committee

Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Street Committee is recommending that the City Council request St. Louis County to perform a traffic study along County Road 103 or Mud Lake Road.

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-IVC3

PUBLIC UTILITIES

POWER POLE PURCHASE

DATE: January 31, 2007

FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff is requesting City Council authorization to purchase 42 power poles from Bell Lumber & Pole Company at their quoted price of \$13,077.00.

This purchase will be funded from the Electric Fund.



Bell Lumber & Pole Company

P. O. Box 120786
New Brighton, Minnesota 55112-0024

Phone: 651-633-4334 • Fax: 651-633-8562 • e-mail: poleinfo@bellpole.com

Producers and Processors of Pressure Treated Wood

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
Mike

Date: 17-Jan-2007
Reference: VERBAL
Bell Quote No.: 27428
Customer Fax: 218-735-1138

Option: 1

Red Pine Poles, produced in compliance with REA Bulletin 1728F-700 for timber quality and dimension, and pressure treated with Pentachlorophenol and oil. Framed per REA Drawing M20A. WQC INSPECTION CHARGES ARE INCLUDED.

Quantity	Species	Class/Length	Total Price	Extended
6	NP	3/30	\$197.00	\$1,182.00
15	NP	3/35	\$273.00	\$4,095.00
15	NP	3/40	\$354.00	\$5,310.00
6	NP	3/45	\$415.00	\$2,490.00
42				<u>\$13,077.00</u>

FOB: STORAGE DECK - MOUNTAIN IRON, MN

Option: 2

Western Red/Alaska Yellow Cedar Poles, produced in compliance with REA Bulletin 1728F-700 for timber quality and dimension, and pressure treated with Pentachlorophenol and oil. Incised in the groundline area and framed per REA Drawing M20A. WQC INSPECTION CHARGES ARE INCLUDED.

Quantity	Species	Class/Length	Total Price	Extended
6	Cedar	3/30	\$294.00	\$1,764.00
22	Cedar	3/35	\$444.00	\$9,768.00
22	Cedar	3/40	\$633.00	\$11,726.00
6	Cedar	3/45	\$648.00	\$3,888.00
56				\$27,146.00

FOB: STORAGE DECK - MOUNTAIN IRON, MN

Shipment: OPTION 1: PINE COMMENCING 4 TO 6 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER VIA SELF UNLOADING TRUCK.

OPTION 2: CEDAR COMMENCING 2 TO 3 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER VIA SELF UNLOADING TRUCK.

Terms: Net 30 Days

Order acceptance is subject to credit approval/account set up prior to delivery. If you would like to request a credit application/account set up form, please contact our office.

Freight is subject to fuel surcharge increases as they may occur.

Prices may be considered firm through completion of shipment.

This quotation is valid for acceptance through January 24, 2007.

Stock is subject to availability at the time of the order placement.

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-IVD1

PARKS & RECREATION

ADVERTISING

DATE: January 31, 2007

FROM: Larry Nanti
Director of Parks & Recreation

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff is requesting Council approval for advertising for the Mesabi Daily New Special Edition.

The cost will be \$381.10. Information on the 2006 advertising is attached for review.



Special Edition 2007

A Day in the Life of the Iron Range Frozen in Time

January 18th will be a day 'frozen in time' across the Iron Range.

The stories from that day will be recorded for our readers in our annual Special Edition. This ambitious project will be published in four Friday issues of the Mesabi Daily News. Each issue will cover six hours of January 18th. Be a part of history - be a part of this year's Special Edition - A Day in the Life of the Iron Range, Frozen in History.

Appearing Fridays, February 16 & 23
and March 2 & 9

Advertising Deadlines

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 Deadline Section B.....February 9
 Deadline Section C.....February 16
 Deadline Section D.....February 23

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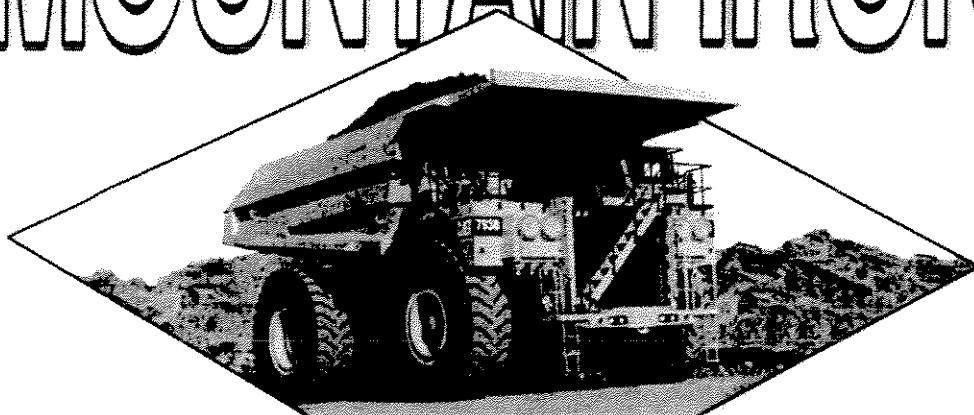
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COUNCIL LETTER 020507-IVE1

LIBRARY BOARD

REQUEST FOR QUOTES

DATE: January 31, 2007

FROM: Library Board

Sally Peterangelo
Library Director

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Library Board is requesting City Council authorization to seek quotes for library furniture, circulation desk, computer stations, chairs, etc.

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-IVE2

LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLUTION APPROVAL

DATE: January 31, 2007

FROM: Library Board

Sally Peterangelo
Library Director

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Library Board is supporting the attached resolution and would like the City Council to also support this matter.

Resolution

- ▶ Whereas the regional public library systems in Minnesota have contributed to both improvements in library operation and efficiencies in providing services to the entire population of the State of Minnesota and,
- ▶ Whereas the State's contribution to Regional Library Basic System Support has not increased for more than a decade, and,
- ▶ Whereas the funding for regional public library systems has increasingly fallen on local property tax dollars,
- ▶ Be it therefore resolved that the Mountain Iron City Council hereby requests its legislative representatives and the Governor to place a high priority on a substantial increase in the Regional Public Library System Basic Support appropriation during the 2007 legislative session.
- ▶ Be it further resolved that the Mountain Iron City Council hereby requests that the League of Minnesota Cities join the Minnesota Library Association (MLA) in lobbying the Legislature for this increase during the 2007 Legislative session.

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-IVF1

FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICERS

DATE: January 31, 2007
FROM: Tom Cvar
Fire Chief

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Fire Department recommends that the City Council approve the officers for the next two years:

Fire Chief:	Tom Cvar
Assistant Fire Chief:	Steve Norvitch
Training Officer/Captain:	Justin Kochar
Captain:	Joe Buria
Captain:	Gerry Knapper
Secretary:	Joe Buria

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-IVF2

FIRE DEPARTMENT

TRAINING

DATE: January 31, 2007

FROM: Fire Department

Tom Cvar
Fire Chief

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Here is the information for the Arson class. I am recommending that we send at least one firefighter to this class. The class is held in St. Cloud on March 28th through the 31st. There will be 20 hours of excellent training. The approximate cost of this class is:

Registration	\$195.00
Hotel	\$235.00
Mileage	\$111.55
Meals Apprx.	\$ 45.00
Training Hours	<u>\$200.00</u>

Total Cost \$786.55 for one firefighter

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION *

Name of Applicant ED KLIMEK Signature of Applicant Ed Klimek Date of Applications 12-27-06
5366 Mineral Avenue, Mountain Iron

Legal Description:
 Sec/Lot 15 Twp/Block 58 Rge/Subd 18 Parcel Code # 175-0070-01644
sly 425 ft. of N1/4 600 ft. of W1/4 280 ft. of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 ex N1/4 280 ft. beg at NW cor of bdy...
.79 acres

Description of Proposed Use garage

Statement as to why proposed use will not cause injury to value of adjoining property.

VACANT LOT TO THE SOUTH & EAST STREET TO WEST

Statement as to how proposed use is to be designed, arranged and operated in order to permit development and use of neighboring property.

storage garage

* Applicant is required to submit documentation required in Section 22.24, Subd 4 of the Zoning Ordinance along with this application for a Conditional Use Permit. Applicant is also required to submit a Vicinity Map, drawn to scale, showing applicant's and adjoining property including existing and proposed buildings or uses. Use reverse side of this form. SEE BUILDING PERMIT

pd \$150.00 12/28/06
Rec. 1.025213

OFFICE USE ONLY

ITEM	ACTION	DATE	INITIAL
Zoning Administrator Review	<u>Sent to JOK</u>	<u>12/28/06</u>	<u>JOK</u>
Public Hearing Set	<u>Set for 1/24/07 7:05 pm</u>	<u>1/9/07</u>	<u>JOK</u>
Hearing Notice Published	<u>Mesabi Daily News</u>	<u>1/16/07</u>	<u>JOK</u>
Planning & Zoning Recommendation			
Council Action			
Filed with County Recorder			

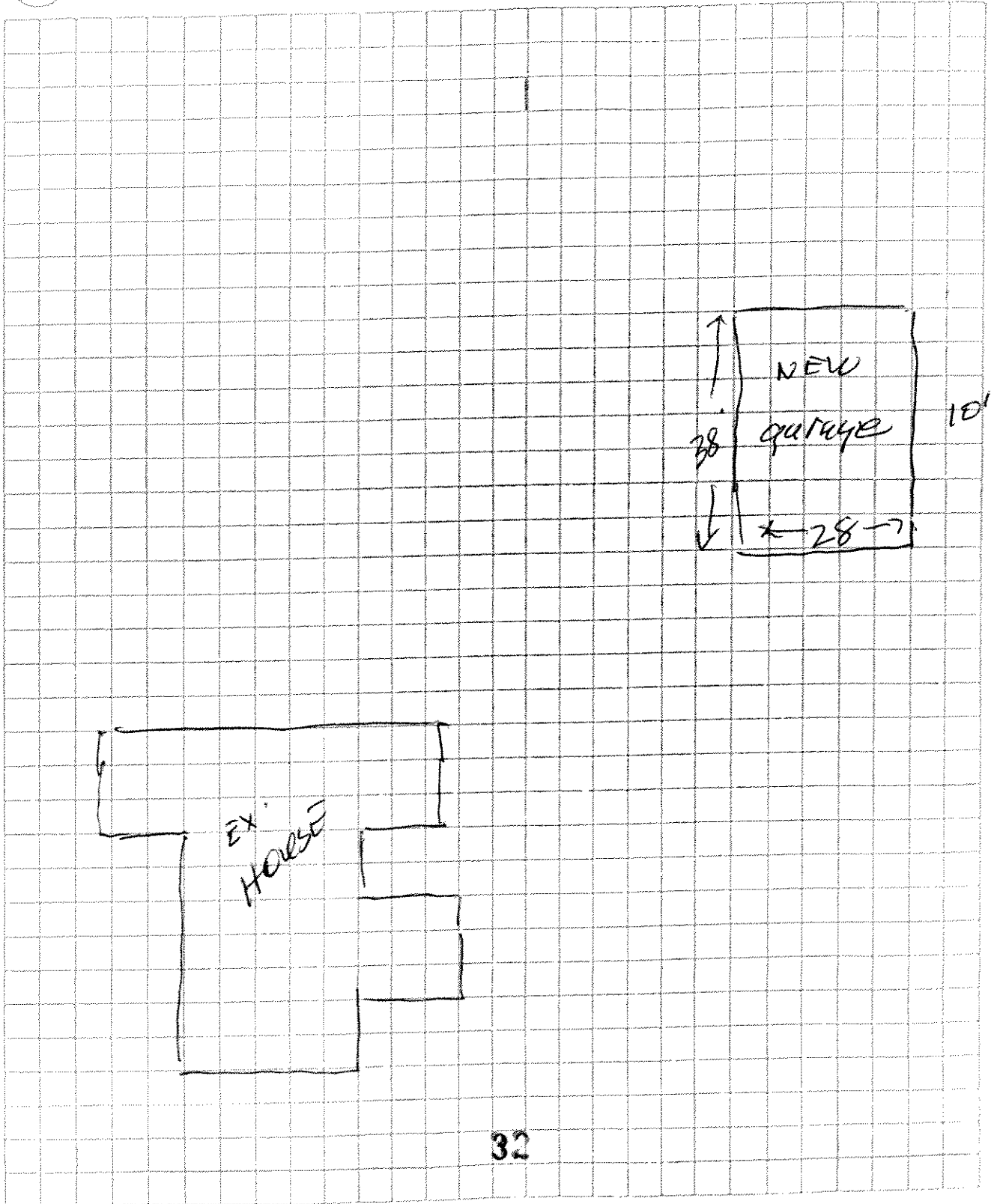
Conditions Attached _____

PLANNING MAP IN SCALE - SHOW DIMENSIONS OF LOT AND ALL EXISTING AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS OR LATER EXTENSION OF FRONT, SIDE AND REAR LOT LINE SETBACKS TO ALL EXISTING AND PROPOSED STRUCTURES. SHOW ALL ADJACENT STREET NAMES AROUND LOT.

I Warrant that the proposed construction will conform to the dimensions and uses shown and that no changes will be made without first obtaining approval.

Signature Ed Klimek Date 12-27-06

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Mountain Iron will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 7:05 p.m. in the Mountain Iron Room of the Mountain Iron Community Center.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a request made by Ed Klimek, 5366 Mineral Avenue, Mountain Iron, for a Conditional Use Permit as required by the Zoning Ordinance to construct an accessory building that would be in excess of 900 square feet. The property is legally described as follows:

Section 15, Township 58 North, Range 18 West

Southerly 425 feet of Northerly 600 feet of the Westerly 290 feet of Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) except the Northerly 280 feet except beginning at the Northwest Corner of forty thence south along west line 455 feet to point of beginning

Acres: 0.79

Parcel Code 175-0070-01644

The public can present its opinions at the public hearing or by letter addressed to the Zoning Administrator, City of Mountain Iron, City Hall, 8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mountain Iron, Minnesota 55768-8260.

By Order of the Planning and Zoning Commission
Jerry D. Kujala
Zoning Administrator

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES

MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA

JANUARY 22, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Mountain Iron Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Chairman Steve Giorgi at 7:02 p.m. Present were: Ray Saari, Steve Skogman, Jim Giorgi, Steve Giorgi, Vicky Juntunen, Zoning Administrator Jerry Kujala and Council Representative Tony Zupancich, Margaret Soyring. Absent member: Barb Fivecoate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by J. Giorgi with support from Saari to accept the minutes of December 11, 2005 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting as written and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:05 p.m., a motion was made by J. Giorgi with support from Skogman to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for Ed Klimek, 5366 Mineral Avenue, Mountain Iron to construct an accessory building that would be in excess of 900 square feet. Questions were asked of Mr. Klimek regarding set backs that were not listed on permit. No correspondence was received for or against.

A discussion was led by Mr. Roskoski with the language of Conditional Use or Variance.

At 7:10 p.m., a discussion was held regarding a variance for Five Star Living and was tabled for further review with a motion by Skogman and supported by Soyring.

At 7:15 p.m. a motion was made by S. Giorgi and supported by J. Giorgi to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Discussion was held on Building Permits and requiring a survey. Tabled until further information is gathered.
- b. Fabric Structures-still being reviewed. No further action was taken

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Giorgi made a motion with support from Skogman to recommend that the council grant the Conditional Use Permit for Ed Klimek with the recommendation that Mr. Kujala confirm all the setbacks. The motion passed unanimously.

Jack Bergstad of the ARDC explained some of the comprehensive plan and got some ideas from the commissioners.

Any revisions to the Sign Ordinance were tabled for further review.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Margaret Soyring with support from Jim Giorgi to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Vicky Juntunen

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-VA

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

LIBRARY SITUATION

DATE: January 31, 2007
FROM: Councilor Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested this item be place on the agenda with the background information:

The rear door open warning light and the cracked tile grout in the basement restrooms should be taken care of.

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-VB

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

**WOOD PELLET PLANT
PROJECT EMPLOYMENT CRITERIA**

DATE: January 31, 2007

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested this item be place on the agenda with the background information:

Local employment was one of the objectives of the State JOBZ Program when it was implemented by the State Legislature.

Staff Note: Staff has reviewed the appropriate Minnesota Statute sections and no mention of local employment is made in the section relating to JOBZ. (CJW)

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-VC

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

**L & M EXPANSION
EMPLOYMENT CRITERIA**

DATE: January 31, 2007
FROM: Councilor Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested this item be place on the agenda with the background information:

Mountain Iron will have over \$430,000.00 invested in L & M Supply by various incentives. Certainly, local employment should be a benefit of this investment.

Staff Note: The original contract for the 1994 site improvements for the L&M site was \$146,179.23, there were also \$20,000 in cost overruns on the site development. These costs were paid through a bond issue that was paid back through Tax Increment Financing. Therefore there were no direct costs to the City.

In 2007 the City agreed to purchase wetlands credits for completion of the 1994 project in the amount of \$29,922.52. Also in 2007 the City Agreed to provide tax abatement in the amount not to exceed \$100,000, again this is not being paid directly by the City.

This note is being prepared to demonstrate and set the record straight that the City has not directly invested \$430,000 in the L&M project, the only direct expenditure the City has participated in is for the purchase of the wetlands credits. All other investments in the project were paid by the developer through the payment of the developers taxes. (CJW)

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-VIA
STREET COMMITTEE
BITUMINOUS OVERLAY

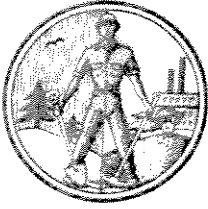
DATE: January 31, 2007
FROM: Street Committee

Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 10-07 authorizes Benchmark to draft a feasibility report for the overly or reconstruction of the streets identified in Exhibit A. Once prepared, the report will be brought to the Council for review and possible action. This report is required as an initial step in determining the feasibility and willingness to undertake certain street projects in 2007.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 10-07 Ordering the Preparation of a Report.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-07

ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, it is proposed to improve those Street identified in Exhibit A by construction, reconstruction and/or overlay and to assess the benefited property for all or a portion of the cost of the improvement, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA:

That the proposed improvement be referred to Benchmark Engineering for study and that they are instructed to report to the City Council with all convenient speed advising the City Council in a preliminary way as to whether the proposed improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible and as to whether it should best be made as proposed or in connection with some other improvement, and the estimated cost of the improvement as recommended.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007.

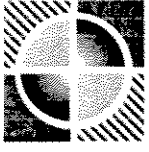
Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

City Administrator

EXHIBIT A

Heather Avenue from Unity Drive to South End of Road
Coral Street from Marble Avenue to Mountain Avenue
Enterprise Drive North from Nichols Avenue to County Highway 7
Granite Street from Mineral Avenue to Marble Avenue
West End Centennial Street to approximately 400 feet east of Heather Avenue
Tamarack Street from County Road 7 to approximately 600 feet east of County Road 7
Locomotive Street from Mountain Avenue to west edge of Town of Grant plat
Unity Drive From County Road 7 to Mountain Iron Drive



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January 29, 2007

Craig Wanio
City of Mountain Iron

Re: Updated Street Inventory and Priority List

Dear Mr. Wanio

Enclosed please find; updated street inventory list and the revised street priority list, as requested at the last Street and Alley meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Benchmark Engineering, Inc.

Rodney Flannigan, P.L.S.

RF: als

Enclosures

OPINION OF COST SUMMARY

The following table summarizes the engineer's opinion of cost for the repair options of each section. A complete cost estimate breakdown for each segment and option is included within Appendix A of this report.

OPINION OF COST SUMMARY

NUMBER	SEGMENT	ESTIMATED COST
1	HEATHER AVE. – CENTENNIAL TO SOUTH	\$71,201.55
2	HEATHER AVE. – CENTENNIAL TO UNITY DRIVE	\$45,501.53
3	SLATE STREET – MINERAL AVE. TO 500' WEST	\$20,980.56
4	ENTERPRISE DRIVE NORTH – NICHOLS AVE. TO CR #7	\$131,900.57
5	UNITY DRIVE – CR #7 TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS	\$104,728.65
6	CENTENNIAL DRIVE – HEATHER AVE. TO 400' EAST	\$10,603.80
7	TAMARACK DRIVE – CR #7 TO 600' EAST	\$28,731.53
8	CORAL STREET – MARBLE AVE. TO MOUNTAIN AVE	\$12,910.97
9	GRANITE STREET – MINERAL AVE TO MARBLE AVE	\$11,326.20
10	LOCOMOTIVE STREET – MOUNTAIN AVE TO WEST EDGE GRANT PLAT	\$14,957.55

SUMMARY

In conclusion, the afore-mentioned information attempts to summarize the existing conditions and recommended repair and/or rehabilitation options of the requested street segments within the City of Mountain Iron. It is our opinion that based upon the information provided, the repairs to these street segments is feasible and in all cases necessary as a continuation of the City of Mountain Iron's street maintenance program.

In several cases if the repair/rehabilitation is ignored, the roadways will continue to deteriorate until a complete reconstruct of the street is the only remaining option. It is recommended that the previously mentioned repairs be the minimum done to rehabilitate these streets and provide suitable repairs to the current pavement problems.

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-VIB

MAYOR SKALKO

**“BUSH” PREBEG MEMORIAL
DONATION**

DATE: January 31, 2007
FROM: Mayor Skalko
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Mayor Skalko requested this item be place on the agenda with the background information:

City donation of \$100 for “Bush” Memorial Snowmobile Run. All monies collected stay locally and used for diabetes foundation at VRMC.

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-VIC

MAYOR SKALKO

CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

DATE: January 31, 2007

FROM: Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Mayor Skalko requested this item be place on the agenda with the background information:

Background information is enclosed in your packet

US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement – Signature Page

You have my support for the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mayor's Email: _____

Staff Contact Name: _____

Staff Contact Title: _____

Staff Phone: _____

Staff Email: _____

Please add my comments in support of the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.
We will add these to the Website *(optional)*:

Please return completed form at your earliest convenience to:
US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

By Mail:
c/o City of Seattle
Office of Sustainability and Environment
Seattle Municipal Tower
PO Box 94729
Seattle, WA 98124-4729

By Fax: (206) 684-3013

By Email: john.mauro@seattle.gov

For more Information: (206) 733-9084

Blue-Green Alliance

David Foster, Executive Director
c/o United Steelworkers, District #11
2929 University Ave SE #150
Minneapolis, MN 55414
(612) 623-8003
dfoster@usw.org

January 10, 2007

Dear Mayor Skalko:

The Blue-Green Alliance of Minnesota is planning a Town Hall type meeting/Press event in Virginia on February 28th. The purpose of this meeting is to inform and educate our members (steelworkers/sierra club) and the general public, about the cause and effects of Global Warming and some of the simple solutions to slow down global warming. One of the solutions to Global Warming which we want to focus on is Renewable Energy, not only for the environmental benefits, but also the creation of many new job opportunities that are associated with renewable energies.

The meeting/press event for the Iron Range in Virginia is on February 28th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Mesabi Range Community College. At this presentation we would like to have the mayors from the towns on the Iron Range sign the "US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement." I have enclosed information that will explain what this agreement is, a sample signature page, and a Climate Action Handbook which will explain some of the simple actions that each city can do to help slow down Global Warming.

Please RSVP to Jerry Fallos at 218-744-2757 or jfallos@usw.org by February 14, 2007, as we are having this event tapped for public access TV, and we would like get as many iron range mayors there as we can. We also want to include your name on our flyers as one of the mayors' that will be attending and signing this agreement.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Jerry at 218-744-2757 or Josh at: 612-659-9124.

Sincerely,



Jerry Fallos Joshua Davis
Blue-Green Alliance



**Cities Working Together to Protect Our Air Quality, Health and Environment:
*A Call to Action***

March 30, 2005

Dear Mayor:

We invite you to join the **US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement** by signing onto the enclosed resolution and supporting it at the US Conference of Mayors meeting in June. We also welcome the endorsement of other Mayors, whether or not you are currently a member of the US Conference of Mayors.

With less than 5% of the world's population, the US produces more than 25% of the global greenhouse gas emissions, and those emissions are continuing to grow. We believe that US cities can – and should – act to reduce global warming pollution, both in our own municipal operations and in our communities. Many of us are already doing so through programs such as energy conservation, urban forest restoration, controlling sprawl and using alternative fuels in our fleets. Not only are we reducing our contributions to global warming pollution, we are investing in more livable cities through cleaner air, creation and preservation of open space and urban forests, and reduced energy costs.

On February 16, the Kyoto Treaty, the international agreement to address climate disruption, became law for the 141 countries that have ratified it to date. As you know, the United States is not among them. For 38 of the countries with the most advanced economies, the Treaty sets binding legal commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels. If the United States had ratified the Kyoto Treaty our nation would be required to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 7% below 1990 levels by 2012.

Please join us and the other Mayors who are already committed to providing leadership on this nationwide, urgent effort. When we meet together at the June US Conference of Mayors we intend to have at least 141 mayors signed up to participate in the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. The June meeting is an opportunity to promote and expand this effort by passing a resolution that endorses the Agreement. Although there have been climate protection resolutions adopted by the USCM in prior years, you will see that we are urging specific actions – the only way we will make real progress in reversing the trend toward global warming.

Since Seattle's Mayor Greg Nickels first announced this initiative on February 16, the interest and positive feedback has remained intense, including national news stories. This is an opportunity to build on what is becoming an increasingly bi-partisan issue. And it is an opportunity to provide real leadership to the more than 80% of Americans who think the US should be acting to reduce global warming pollution.

Enclosed, please find the draft Resolution, which includes the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and a form for your signature. Also included are contacts for more information; the website for the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement is www.seattle.gov/mayor. To meet our target of having most signatures collected by May 2, we look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,



Greg Nickels
Mayor, Seattle, WA



Peter Clavelle
Mayor, Burlington, VT



Rocky Anderson
Mayor, Salt Lake City, UT



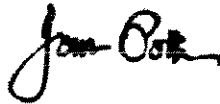
Rosemarie Ives
Mayor, Redmond, WA



Gavin Newsom
Mayor, San Francisco, CA



Pam O'Connor
Mayor, Santa Monica, CA



Tom Potter
Mayor, Portland, OR



Mark Ruzzin
Mayor, Boulder CO



R.T. Rybak
Mayor, Minneapolis, MN



City of Seattle
Greg Nickels, Mayor

US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

How many mayors have signed the Agreement?

As of November 9, 2006, 328 mayors from both political parties representing over 53 million Americans in 46 states and Washington, D.C. have signed on. Mayors of seven of the ten largest US cities have signed along with mid-size and smaller cities.

What does the Agreement do?

Mayors who sign on to the Agreement are making a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in their own cities and communities to 7% below 1990 levels by 2012 through actions like increasing energy efficiency, reducing vehicle miles traveled, maintaining healthy urban forests, reducing sprawl and promoting use of clean, renewable energy resources. The Resolution also encourages the federal government to assist cities in sharing best practices on local climate protection programs. The Agreement also calls for Congress to pass legislation that sets meaningful timelines and limits on emissions through a flexible, market-based cap and trade system.

What is the connection to the US Conference of Mayors?

The US Conference of Mayors (USCM) unanimously endorsed the Agreement in June 2005 and now urges all mayors to participate. A partnership of the USCM and ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) was formed to help participating cities implement the Agreement and to track progress. A Mayors Council on Climate Protection has formed under the auspices of the USCM that will provide oversight and work on climate protection policy at the federal level.

What's happened since the USCM Endorsement?

Cities throughout the country are taking action on climate disruption. In addition to the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, there's been a lot of other activity, such as:

- Coordinated state leadership in the Northeast (the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) and in California to set emissions targets and implement cap-and-trade systems.
- Major business leaders, including several Fortune 500 Companies like GE, DuPont and Wal-Mart have made strong commitments to clean energy and emissions reductions.
- The US Mayors Climate Action Handbook (www.iclei.org/us), a short resource guide for mayors to take climate action was launched.
- Building on the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, the US Conference of Mayors endorsed the 2030 Challenge,

Why is this agreement important to mayors?

- Mayors recognize that climate disruption is a distinctly local issue and that action is urgent. Cities throughout the US are already feeling major climate impacts—and citizens turn to their local governments first for help during droughts, extreme storm events, dangerous heat waves, floods, and wildfires.
- Mayors know that actions to reduce global warming pollution provide additional benefits that are important to the quality of life in American cities, including cleaner air, decreased dependence on imported oil and gas, more livable and economically vibrant communities, healthy urban forests and reduced energy bills.
- Mayors understand the needs of their constituents. Public opinion polls demonstrate that citizens across the country know climate disruption is happening (more than 85%, according to a Time/Stanford poll in April 2006)—and they are calling for quick action.
- Mayors know that taking action now reduces the impacts – and costs – of climate disruption.

Visit www.seattle.gov/mayor/climate for more information, including participation forms, media coverage, climate resource links and the latest list of signers.

January 24, 2007

To: Mountain Iron Mayor and City Council

From: Jeremy Jesch, dba Mac's Bar
Tim Rossi Benefit Committee

Re: Request for Community Center Use

A cancer benefit for Mountain Iron resident Tim Rossi is scheduled for March 17th, 2007 at the Mountain Iron Community Center. We are formally requesting the Mountain Iron City Council waive the fees for the kitchen and the dining area.

Also we are requesting City Council approval to set up a bar, under Mac's Bar liquor license, at this event. This is allowed by Minn. Stat. 340A.404 Subd. 4. A copy, of a letter allowing this, from the City Attorney is attached.

Thank You in advance for your consideration.

THE TRENTI LAW FIRM
PO BOX 958
225 FIRST STREET NORTH, SUITE 1000
VIRGINIA, MN 55792

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Dated: November 15, 2008

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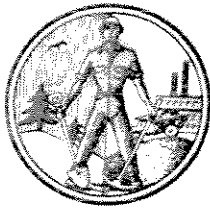
DELIVER TO: Judy Seurer

Re: City of Mountain Iron: Community Center Liquor
Our File No.: 55,337-4

FROM: Sam A. Aluni, City Attorney, City of Mountain Iron 

No. of pages: 1 (including this page)

MESSAGE: Minn. Stat. ~~340A.404~~ Subd. 4 authorizes the holder of a retail on-sale intoxicating liquor license to dispense intoxicating liquor at a social affair owned by the municipality. This is an exception and supersedes the basic liquor license condition that the license is effective only in the space for which it was granted.



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MEMO

TO: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator

FROM: Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary *Jmf*

DATE: January 25, 2007

RE: Request for Attendance at MCFOA Annual Conference

I would like to submit a request to the City Council to request authorization to attend the 2007 MCFOA Conference from March 6-9, 2007, in Alexandria, Minnesota. I have attended this conference for the past 19 years and found it to be an asset to my position. Along with the excellent classes offered, there is an opportunity to network with Clerks and Finance Officers from around the State. I am currently serving on the Executive Board of Directors, as Secretary, for this organization and am applying to serve as Vice-President during the election held during the conference. There is a portion of the conference that is "mandatory" through the Secretary of State's office for Election Training. The newly elected Secretary of State will be attending the conference and providing us with updates. I also am scheduled to teach a break out session at the conference regarding records retention.

The following is an estimate of the costs for the training:

Registration	\$200
Hotel (3 nights)	\$340
Mileage 534 @ .485/mile	\$259
Meals	<u>\$ 60</u>
TOTAL	\$859

Your consideration concerning this matter is greatly appreciated.

COUNCIL LETTER 020507-VIF

ADMINISTRATION

RESCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

DATE: January 31, 2007
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The next regular meeting of the City Council needs to be rescheduled due to the Presidents Day Holiday. Typically the meeting have been rescheduled to the following Tuesday, in this case it would be Tuesday, February 21st.

COMMUNICATIONS
FEBRUARY 5, 2007

1. Mountain Iron Senior Citizen's Club, a thank you for the donation to their New Year's Eve party.
2. Saint Louis County, a letter advising the City of a grant workshop and notification of CDBG award for the Mountain Manor Playground Project in the amount of \$10,000.
3. Merton Sedgeman, V.F.W. 9th District Commander, a letter advising the City that the flags are placed incorrectly in the Mountain Iron Room.

1/25/07

To the Mayor and City
Council of Mt. Zion

The Mt Zion Senior Citizens
Club wishes to thank you
for your generous donation
to our New Year's Party.

It was greatly appreciated
Shelley Rabin, Sec.



Saint Louis County

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January 22, 2007

Craig J. Wainio
City of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron MN 55768

RE: CDBG Grant - **Mountain Iron Mountain Manor Playground**
Recommended Funding Level - \$10,000

Dear Mr. Wainio:

The St. Louis County Board on November 7, 2006 approved the CDBG Citizen Advisory Board's 2007 funding recommendations and the FY 2007 Action Plan. The Action Plan is the County's blueprint for expenditure of HUD entitlement funding and includes your above-referenced project. The Action Plan has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.

HUD has completed their review of the county's action plan, but cannot provide final approval until congress approves the FY 2007 appropriation. We are expecting a year-long continuing resolution for the FY 2007 appropriation, which will generally follow the FY 2006 funding levels. St. Louis County cannot execute any contracts until the FY 2007 appropriation has been approved. We are doing everything possible to be ready to proceed with the FY 2007 CDBG program as soon as funding is available.

A contract training workshop has been scheduled for *Thursday, March 8, 2007, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.*, at the Mountain Iron Community Center. The purpose of this workshop is to hopefully distribute contracts and provide information important to implement your project. Please make note of this date and plan to attend the workshop. An agenda and reminder notice will be sent prior to the meeting date.

For projects requiring a bidding process, we would also like to remind you to contact Community Development staff prior to starting this process. Failure to do so will jeopardize your funding. Contact Mike Vidmar (742-9564) if you have questions about bidding requirements.

We look forward to working with you in 2007. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me or Community Development staff at 749-9741.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hayden
Planning Director

Jan. 12-07

Gary:

I am Merton Sedgeman and I live in Fayal Township and I am the V.F.W. Eighth District Commander. I love to watch your "Meetings" on the T.V. At your last meeting I noticed your flags were reversed behind you. The United States flag should be on your right and our left and the State flag should be on your left and our right. Dont feel bad because the Adventure Cafe by the Saw-mill has theirs wrong also and the one at the United States Hockey Hall Of Fame, when they fly more than one flag, they fly them wrong also. I hope I dont see this in "Onions" because I know you dont like that.

Thanks a Million Gary

Merton G. Sedgeman
V.F.W. 8th District Commander

