

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the February 6, 2012, Regular Meeting (#1-11)
 - B. Receipts
 - C. Bills and Payroll
 - D. Communication (#16-21)
- III. Public Forum
- IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - 1. Labor Management Meeting (#12)
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - C. Interim Public Works Director's Report
 - D. City Attorney's Report
 - E. Sheriff's Department Report
 - F. City Engineer's Report
 - G. Liaison Reports
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. Authorization to Serve Liquor (#13)
 - B. Disposal of Surplus Equipment (#14)
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 - A. Set Board of Review Meeting
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- IX. Adjourn

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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Tony Zupancich, Susan Tuomela, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Anderson, Municipal Services Secretary; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer; Michael Downs, Interim Public Works Director; Sally Peterangelo, Librarian; and John Backman, Sergeant.

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

1. Add the following item to the agenda:
IV. A. 2. Set a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting to discuss proposed Rental Ordinance
2. Approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012, regular meeting as submitted.
3. Approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012, committee-of-the-whole meeting as submitted.
4. 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.
5. To acknowledge the receipts for the period January 16-31, 2012, totaling \$254,150.32, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
6. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period January 16-31, 2012, totaling \$339,328.09, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

During the public forum, Tom Nikolanci and Len Roskoski, property owners adjacent to Unity Drive, spoke and expressed concern with the proposed extension of Unity Drive west to South Grove. Mr. Len Roskoski spoke and presented the Council with a petition signed by several of the property owners adjacent or near the proposed Unity Drive extension. The Mayor advised the residents that were present that the project is not in the construction stage, only the planning stage. The City Administrator said that if the Council does decide to complete the project, the affected property owners would be notified by mail with a public hearing notice and a notice would also be published in the City's legal publication.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Zupancich to accept the petition/letter presented by Tom Nikolanci and Len Roskoski, regarding the Unity Drive extension to South Grove, be noted and accepted. The motion carried.

The Mayor reported on the following:

- AFSCME Union. The Council received a letter from the AFSCME Local #453 Union Representative seeking to open contract negotiations. The Personnel Committee would meet with the Union shortly.
- Birthdays. Hugo Johnson turned 100 years old on February 3, 2012; and Councilor Joe Prebeg, celebrating his birthday today, February 6, 2012.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela to authorize a contribution of \$250 to the Virginia Regional Medical Center Diabetes Center for the Mark “Bush” Prebeg Memorial Snowmobile Ride with the funds being expended from the Charitable Gambling Fund; prepare a Proclamation declaring Saturday, February 18, 2012, as “Mark “Bush” Prebeg Diabetes Awareness Day”; and, direct Staff to publish the proclamation in the Friday, February 17, 2012, edition of the Hometown Focus. It was moved by Roskoski to **amend the motion** to also include the publication in the Mesabi Daily News and the Manney Shopper to have better publicity exposure as verified by the November/December issue of Business North which states a daily circulation of 9,112 and a Sunday circulation of 10,605 for the Mesabi Daily News. The **amendment to the motion failed** for lack of a second. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela to set a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to meet jointly with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Public Safety and Health Board to discuss the proposed rental ordinance for Monday, March 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Tuomela to appoint the City Administrator as the hearing officer for the City of Mountain Iron as per Chapter 35 of the Mountain Iron City Code. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich to authorize the Municipal Services Secretary to attend the 2012 Minnesota Clerks and Finance Officers Association Annual Conference at City expense. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The City Administrator reported on the following:

- Mountain Iron Fire Department. He acknowledged the department for their action during the recent fires in Virginia.
- Financial Reports. Councilor Roskoski requested that review of the fourth quarter financial statements be put on the February 21, 2012, Council agenda. The Interim Director of Public Works stated that he was out of town last week attending a conference through the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association regarding the updates/changes to the electrical safety codes.

The Librarian reviewed the January 2012 statistics for the Library. She also said that she had several new programs started at the Library. She also informed the Council that the Legacy Grant Program, through the Arrowhead Library System, would bring some musical talent to Mountain Iron at no cost to the City. Also, there was a grant award of \$12,000 for a mural to be painted in the Library basement.

It was moved by Tuomela and seconded by Roskoski to adopt the Master Services Agreement between the City of Mountain Iron and Minnesota Power, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

During the liaison reports, Councilor Roskoski questioned whether U. S. Steel Corporation would also have to follow the rental ordinance with the homes that they rent. He was advised that all rental property would have to follow the guidelines if the ordinance was adopted.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Tuomela to adopt Resolution Number 04-12, Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvements to the Water System along County Road 7, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes), which would be partially funded by an IRRRB grant. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Prebeg to authorize Benchmark Engineering to develop plans and specifications for the installation of utilities and relocation of the retention pond regarding the proposed relocation of County Road 102. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Tuomela to appoint Tim Satrang to the Lead Water and Wastewater Operator position effective February 7, 2012. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Zupancich to direct the City Administrator to review, update, and resubmit the application for painting projects through Valspar. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Tuomela to reschedule the next regular Council meeting for Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., due to the Presidents Day holiday. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Tuomela to authorize the agreement with the Virginia Regional Medical Center to use the Mountain Iron Community Center as an alternate care site in case of an emergency, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Prebeg to authorize a contribution of \$200.00 to the Mountain Iron-Buhl High School Class of 2012 All-Night Chemical Free Graduation Party with the funds being expended from the Charitable Gambling Fund. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.


It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Tuomela to authorize a contribution of \$500.00 to the Summer Work Outreach Project (SWOP) with the funds being expended from the Charitable Gambling Fund. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The following Council members made a statement during the announcements:

- Councilor Tuomela-thanked the City for allowing her to attend the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) Conference in January and she shared some of the information from the Conference. She also said, at the LMC Conference, they suggested that neighborhood meetings be held with the residents.
- Councilor Prebeg-clarified the 14-day notice regarding the Unity Drive proposed improvements public hearing, should the Council decide to proceed with the project.
- Councilor Roskoski-stated that he would like to have some informal meetings held with the residents.

At 7:35 p.m., it was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Submitted by:



Jill M. Anderson, MMC
Municipal Services Secretary

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mountain Iron-Buhl High School Class of 2012, a request for a contribution to their All-Night Chemical Free Graduation Party.
2. Summer Work Outreach Project, a request for a contribution.
3. Range Mental Health Center, Inc., a thank you for the \$200 donation in 2011.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
LICENSES	ANIMAL	80.00
UTILITY	UTILITY	155,569.62
MISCELLANEOUS	MISC. - GENERAL	15.00
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	1,200.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	26,011.55
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	WATER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	109.51
MISCELLANEOUS	CABLE TV FRANCHISE FEE	6,182.03
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	69.17
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	266.45
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	170.75
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 604	115.93
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	2,150.00
FINES	CRIMINAL	398.07
PERMITS	BUILDING	140.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	ELECTRIC-CHG FOR SERVICES	8,168.40
FINES	PARKING VIOLATIONS	60.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	1,225.00
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	1,200.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	35,443.65
TAXES	TAXES RECEIVABLE-DELINQUENT	2,398.64
TAXES	PENALTIES & INTEREST	1,131.56
TAXES	SPEC ASSESS-FUND 378-DELINQUEN	955.81
TAXES	PENALTIES & INTEREST-378 FUND	250.38
TAXES	BOND LEVY	1,306.72
TAXES	MISCELLANEOUS TAXES	52.54
TAXES	TIF #1-INCREMENT COLLECTED	7,262.20
TAXES	TIF #2-INCREMENT COLLECTED	1,918.44
MISCELLANEOUS	CHECK RETURN FEE	20.00
MISCELLANEOUS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS	168.90
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	10.00
Summary Totals:		<u>254,150.32</u>

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02/12	02/07/2012	141974	20014	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	604-20200	236.04
02/12	02/07/2012	141975	30017	CARQUEST (MOUNTAIN IRON)	101-20200	187.66
02/12	02/07/2012	141976	220003	CITY OF VIRGINIA	101-20200	16,925.00
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02/12	02/07/2012	141979	30072	COMPUTER WORLD	101-20200	1,377.00
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02/12	02/07/2012	141986	70016	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL INC	604-20200	8.70
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02/12	02/07/2012	141988	70029	GUARDIAN PEST CONTROL INC	101-20200	77.91
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02/12	02/07/2012	141990	80037	HOMETOWN FOCUS	101-20200	176.28
02/12	02/07/2012	141991	120032	LAKE COUNTRY POWER	101-20200	211.34
02/12	02/07/2012	141992	120002	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	101-20200	961.21
02/12	02/07/2012	141993	120012	LIBRARY STORE	101-20200	161.95
02/12	02/07/2012	141994	130030	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	603-20200	788.91
02/12	02/07/2012	141995	130060	MCCARTHY WELL COMPANY	601-20200	330.00
02/12	02/07/2012	141996	130047	MED COMPASS	602-20200	450.00
02/12	02/07/2012	141997	130004	MESABI DAILY NEWS	101-20200	355.66
02/12	02/07/2012	141998	130006	MESABI HUMANE SOCIETY	101-20200	1,580.00
02/12	02/07/2012	141999	130026	MESABI SIGN COMPANY	101-20200	185.28
02/12	02/07/2012	142000	130038	MIB HIGH SCHOOL GRAD PARTY	230-20200	200.00
02/12	02/07/2012	142001	140026	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	604-20200	3,436.47
02/12	02/07/2012	142002	130008	MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	604-20200	347.11
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02/12	02/07/2012	142005	140014	NELSON WILLIAMS LININGS INC	101-20200	80.16
02/12	02/07/2012	142006	140048	NORTH COUNTRY HEATING	101-20200	100.00
02/12	02/07/2012	142007	140052	NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE	101-20200	48,917.06
02/12	02/07/2012	142008	160002	PETTY CASH FUND	101-20200	107.46
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02/12	02/07/2012	142011	160030	PRECISION MACHINE	101-20200	50.00
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02/12	02/07/2012	142013	180004	RANGE COOPERATIVES	602-20200	8.54
02/12	02/07/2012	142014	180017	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	604-20200	520.66
02/12	02/07/2012	142015	180045	RESERVE ACCOUNT	101-20200	2,000.00
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02/12	02/07/2012	142018	190024	ST LOUIS CO SHERIFF LITMAN	101-20200	81,670.00
02/12	02/07/2012	142019	190016	ST LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	102-20200	1,540.65
02/12	02/07/2012	142020	4044	SUMMER WORK OUTREACH PROGRAM	230-20200	500.00
02/12	02/07/2012	142021	200048	TOTAL TOOL	604-20200	222.82
02/12	02/07/2012	142022	200036	TRITEC OF MINNESOTA INC	101-20200	466.77
02/12	02/07/2012	142023	200052	TUOMELA, SUSAN	101-20200	348.98
02/12	02/07/2012	142024	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS	101-20200	251.77
02/12	02/07/2012	142025	20026	VIRGINIA REG MEDICAL CENTER	230-20200	250.00
02/12	02/07/2012	142026	230005	WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC	604-20200	1,952.10

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
02/12	02/07/2012	142027	230028	WISCONSIN ENERGY CONSERVATION	604-20200	555.05
02/12	02/07/2012	142028	260001	ZIEGLER INC	101-20200	509.83
Totals:						<u>181,933.87</u>
Payroll-PP Ending 1/20/2012						98,356.57
Payroll-PP Ending 2/03/2012						<u>59,037.65</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES						<u>\$339,328.09</u>

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mark "Bush" Prebeg, was a resident of the City of Mountain Iron; and

WHEREAS, Mark "Bush" Prebeg was a graduate from Mountain Iron High School; and

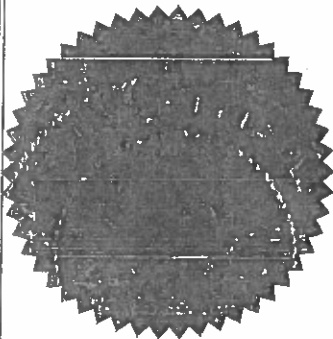
WHEREAS, Mark "Bush" Prebeg passed away on June 4, 2002 from complications related to diabetes.

WHEREAS, Mark "Bush" Prebeg's family has conducted a fundraiser/memorial snowmobile ride annually following his death with the funds being dedicated to the Diabetes Center at the Virginia Regional Medical Center.

NOW, THEREFORE in recognition of the 10th Annual Mark "Bush" Prebeg Memorial Snowmobile Ride, I, Gary Skalko, Mayor of the City of Mountain Iron, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim February 18, 2012 as:

"MARK "BUSH" PREBEG DIABETES AWARENESS DAY".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Mountain Iron this 6th day of February, 2012.



Gary W. Skalko
Mayor Gary Skalko

**DUE TO THE LENGTH
OF THE
MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**IT WILL NOT BE
COPIED AGAIN
FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**

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2012 CITY COUNCIL PACKET.**



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 04-12

ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, it is proposed to make improvements to the Mountain Iron Water System along County Road 7 between Spruce Drive and Southern Drive by installing a water main 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 MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA:

That the proposed improvement be referred to Benchmark Engineering for study and that that person is 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; whether it should best be made as proposed or in connection with some other improvement; the estimated cost of the improvement as recommended; and a description of the methodology used to calculate individual assessments for affected parcels.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.

ATTEST:

City Administrator

Mayor Gary Skalko

901 Ninth Street North
Virginia, MN 55792
218-741-3340
TDD: 218-749-9467



Virginia Regional MEDICAL CENTER

Regional Hospital • Convalescent Center

Administration FAX:
218-749-9427

Medical Records FAX:
218-749-9448

Web site: vrmc.org
E-mail: marketing@vrmc.org

AGREEMENT OF ASSISTANCE

"OFF-SITE CARE FACILITY"

If a situation arises where there is a need to evacuate Virginia Regional Medical Center (VRMC) for any purpose, or if it becomes necessary for VRMC to meet area public health related needs away from the VRMC campus, Mountain Iron City Hall agrees to make space available at the Mountain Iron Community Center for use by VRMC staff based upon the event and available space.

Rich Weiss
Manager of Facility/Environmental Services
Virginia Regional Medical Center
901 Ninth Street North
Virginia, MN 55792

Gary Skalko
Mayor
Mountain Iron City Hall
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

1-30-2012
Date

2-6-2012
Date

Note: This agreement will be effective for the calendar years of 2012, 2013 and 2014.

COUNCIL LETTER 022112-IVA1
MAYOR GARY SKALKO
LABOR/MANAGEMENT MEETING

DATE: February 16, 2012
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:

Set Labor/Management meeting for Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

BG'S Bar & Grill
P.O. Box 74
Virginia, MN 55792

To Whom It May Concern,

In behalf of the Karkalo family wedding on February 25, 2012, at the Mt. Iron Community Center, BG'S Bar & Grill respectfully request permission to have a bar, at which to serve alcoholic beverages.

All laws apply for the sale of alcohol to minors and will be enforced.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GP', written in a cursive style.

Greg Peterson

COUNCIL LETTER 022112-VIB

ADMINISTRATOR

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

DATE: February 16, 2012
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The City received one bid on the 1969 International CO190 for \$1576 from Holmes Recycling Services. It is recommended that the 1969 International CO190 be sold to Holmes Recycling for \$1576.

The City received two bids on the 1965 Zamboni on from Holmes Recycling for \$301 and one from John Bassing for \$750. It is recommended to sell the 1965 HD Series Zamboni to Mr. John Bassing for the amount of \$750.

COUNCIL LETTER 022112-IVC

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

4th QUARTER FINANCIALS

DATE: February 16, 2012

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested that this item be placed on the Agenda at the last regular City Council Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS
FEBRUARY 21, 2012

1. Sergeant Backman, an e-mail regarding the ice conditions on the West Two Rivers Reservoir.
2. Minnesota Department of Health, forwarding a letter approving the City of Mountain Iron's Wellhead Protection Plan, Part II.
3. Saint Louis County, forwarding information regarding training for Council Members to become certified to conduct the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting, to be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Cotton.
4. Saint Louis County, forward the dates selected for the 2012 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting, with Mountain Iron's date being Tuesday, April 24, 2012, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Iron Community Center.

Craig J. Wainio

From: John Backman [backmanj@stlouiscountymn.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 10:40 AM
To: Craig J. Wainio
Cc: K218; Ed Kippley; August Stovall
Subject: Agenda Request- WEST TWO RIVERS RESERVOIR ICE CONDITIONS

WEST TWO RIVERS RESERVOIR ICE CONDITIONS:

I met with officials of US Steel yesterday afternoon. They intend to begin draw down of the water level on West Two Rivers Reservoir as early as next week. They will have met with the DNR by the time of the meeting.

As this is a large volume of water it will begin to impact ice conditions very quickly on the Reservoir. US Steel works with the DNR to stay within the allowable draw down levels. However, the ice will begin to deform and will lose contact with the supporting water in some spots. This is likely to result in both weakened and faster melting ice. It is likely to produce unsafe conditions and will change rapidly.

Effective next week it is not recommended for travel by any means on West Two Rivers. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office in the City of Mountain Iron will stop any motor vehicles, including snowmobiles and ATVs, attempting to gain access to this body of water. Vehicles entering by means of posted roadways will be cited in accordance with State statute and City ordinance.

It is my request the City of Mt. Iron place an ad in the official newspaper indicating the poor ice conditions and warning of enforcement of closures. US Steel is exploring their own public postings of the conditions. With the historic and wide spread use of the ice road across the Reservoir I believe our own ad in addition is a warranted cost.

Furthermore I request this notification be placed on our Community Access Television immediately.

I have met with Mr. Downs, Interim Public Works Director, in regards to preventive measures. It was determined the roads accessing this body of water are controlled by St. Louis County. We hope to meet with their Public Works yet today to begin an action of posting road closures by this weekend.

I also left a message Mr. Buria, the Fire Chief, so that he may prepare his people for the increased likelihood of a water emergency within the City.

Sgt. John Backman
St. Louis Co. Sheriff's Office
8586 Enterprise Dr. S.
Mountain Iron, MN 55768
(218)748-7578
backmanj@stlouiscountymn.gov



Protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans

February 6, 2012

Mr. Craig Wainio, Administrator
City of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, Minnesota 55768

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Subject: Final Approval of the Wellhead Protection Plan, Part II, for the City of Mountain Iron

I have reviewed the remaining part of the wellhead protection plan (Part II) for the city of Mountain Iron, received November 9, 2011, according to the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 4720.5555, subparts 1 and 2. The following principles were used as a basis for review:

- **Compliance with the rule** - the wellhead protection plan must be in compliance with parts 4720.5100 to 4720.5590.
- **Sound management of water resources** - includes evaluations concerning whether significant up- or down-gradient effects on groundwater may result from management controls specified in the plan. Source management options should be based on sound data and technical analysis, and the interactions between surface water and groundwater are considered. Also, the effects of short- and long-term variations in precipitation must be evaluated for their impacts on source management.
- **Effective health and environmental protection** - includes preventing potential water and related land resource problems which may impact the public wells, identifying anticipated and appropriate improvements in the quality of the environment within the drinking water supply management area, and promoting public health and safety.
- **Efficient management of potential contaminant sources** - includes estimating the cost of implementing the wellhead protection plan. Also, the management approach must identify 1) mechanisms for funding plan implementation, 2) how coordination will be achieved with participating state and local agencies, 3) approaches that were used to identify source management problems and opportunities to correct them, and 4) how water conservation practices will be used to support wellhead protection goals.

The plan provides an adequate assessment of the city's source waters and contains goals, objectives, and action strategies for the potential sources covered by the plan. The city of Mountain Iron is commended for their efforts in preparing a plan to protect their drinking water supply from contamination.

Mr. Craig Wainio
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The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Minnesota Department of Health finds the plan to be consistent with Minnesota's wellhead protection rules and approves your plan for:

Well No.	Unique Well No.
1	150524
2	150526

Upon receipt of this letter, the city of Mountain Iron has up to 60 days to: 1) begin implementation of your wellhead protection plan (Minnesota Rules, part 4720.5560, subpart 1); and 2) notify all local units of government within the drinking water supply management area of the adoption of your plan (Minnesota Rules, part 4720.5560, subpart 2).

Should you have any questions in the future or would like assistance with the implementation of your plan, please contact me at beth.kluthe@state.mn.us or (218) 308-2115.

Sincerely,



Beth S. Kluthe, Planning Supervisor
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February 10, 2012

Dear Clerk:

First, we are pleased to once again offer Board of Appeal & Equalization training. It has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 27th from 6-9 PM at the Cotton Community Center, 9087 Highway 53. Registration deadline is March 19th, please e-mail your registration to dunsmorem@stlouiscountymn.gov or call 218-726-2304.

Second, please review the date, time and place of your **tentatively** scheduled 2012 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting. If a change is necessary, please contact Kerry Welsh at (218) 733-2700 by February 24th. If your jurisdiction has a local assessor, please discuss any change with that individual. A schedule has been sent to all local assessors with instructions to contact their board/council if a change is desired.

The Notice of Valuation & Classification allows us to list the name and address of the clerk for correspondence to the LBAE. **Please review the name and address on the envelope you received this letter in. This is what will be on the notices. If you wish to have anything different, please contact me at (218) 726-2304.**

This year we again have the option that if the LBAE meeting and/or any reconvened meeting(s) is scheduled beyond normal weekday working hours, the taxing district will be charged a flat \$70 fee. All other meetings begin between 10 AM and 4 PM. If you requested an evening meeting last year, we have tentatively scheduled you for a similar time this year. Please be aware that if you have previously had a particular scheduling request you should make a new request each year. Posting notices, instructions, confirmation of meeting date and time, etc., will be sent at a later date.

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Lana Anderson
County Assessor's Office
Enclosure

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CVT	JurisdictionName	C/T	Mtg_Date	Mtg_Time	am/pm	type	Meeting_Location
15	Biwabik	City	4/23	5:15 - 6:15	pm		City Hall
20	Chisholm	City	5/7	4 - 5	pm		City Hall
30	Ely	City	4/26	5 - 6	pm		City Hall
40	Eveleth	City	4/5	3 - 4	pm		City Hall
60	Gilbert	City	5/3	5 - 6	pm		City Hall
80	Tower	City	5/1	6 - 7	pm		City Hall
90	Virginia	City	4/17	10 - 12	am		City Hall (call 748-7500 for appt)
100	Aurora	City	4/19	5 - 6	pm		City Town Government Center
105	Babbitt	City	5/7	5 - 6	pm		Babbitt Municipal Center
110	Brookston	City	4/18	2 - 3	pm	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Duluth
115	Buhl	City	5/1	10 - 11	am		City Hall
120	Cook	City	5/3	10 - 11	am	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Virginia
125	Floodwood	City	4/10	1 - 2	pm		City Hall
139	Hibbing	City	5/8	1 - 3	pm		City Hall
140	Hibbing	City	5/8	1 - 3	pm		City Hall
141	Hibbing	City	5/8	1 - 3	pm		City Hall
142	Hoyt Lakes	City	4/5	6:30 - 7:30	pm		City Hall
145	Iron Junction	City	4/5	2 - 3	pm		4141 Meritt Ave
150	Kinney	City	5/8	11 - 12	am		Town Hall
156	Leonidas	City	4/4	10 - 11	am	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Virginia
160	McKinley	City	4/4	10 - 11	am	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Virginia
165	Meadowlands	City	4/11	10 - 11	am		Community Center
175	Mountain Iron	City	4/24	6:30 - 7:30	pm		City Hall
180	Orr	City	4/26	3 - 4	pm		City Hall
185	Proctor	City	4/19	2 - 3	pm		Community Center, Council Chambers
190	Winton	City	4/12	10 - 11	am		Winton Community Church
200	Alango	Twp	4/19	5 - 6	pm		St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 9808 Hwy 22
205	Albion	Twp	4/4	1 - 2	pm		Town Hall
210	Alden	Twp	5/10	2 - 3	pm		Town Hall
215	Angora	Twp	4/18	7 - 8	pm		Town Hall
225	Arrowhead	Twp	4/11	6 - 7	pm		Town Hall
230	Ault	Twp	4/25	9 - 10	am		Town Hall
235	Balkan	Twp	5/9	10 - 11	am		Community Center
240	Bassett	Twp	4/25	3 - 4	pm		Town Hall
250	Beatty	Twp	5/4	10 - 12	am		Town Hall
260	Biwabik	Twp	4/3	9 - 10	am		Town Hall
270	Breitung	Twp	4/26	1 - 2	pm		Soudan Fire Hall
275	Brevator	Twp	4/12	10 - 11	am		East Brevator Town Hall
278	Camp 5	Twp	5/9	10 - 11	am		Town Hall
280	Canosia	Twp	5/3	10 - 11	am		Town Hall
285	Cedar Valley	Twp	4/3	8 - 9	pm		Town Hall
290	Cherry	Twp	4/24	6 - 7	pm		Community Center
295	Clinton	Twp	5/2	1 - 2	pm		Town Hall
300	Colvin	Twp	4/12	3 - 4	pm		Town Hall
305	Cotton	Twp	4/3	2 - 3	pm		Community Center
308	Crane Lake	Twp	4/18	2 - 3	pm		Fellowship Hall
310	Culver	Twp	4/10	6 - 7	pm		Town Meeting Room
315	Duluth	Twp	4/17	6 - 7	pm		Town Hall
317	Eagles Nest	Twp	5/5	10 - 11	am		Town Hall
320	Ellsburg	Twp	4/10	2 - 3	pm		Melrude Town Hall
325	Elmer	Twp	4/5	3 - 4	pm		Fire Hall