

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2006 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 6, 2006

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Allen Nelson, Dale Irish, 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; Larry Nanti, Recreation Director; Tom Cvar, Fire Chief; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer (entering at 6:35 p.m.); and Wade Rasch, Sheriffs Sergeant (entering at 6:38 p.m.)

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

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

1. Approve the minutes of the January 23, 2006, City Council meeting as submitted.
2. 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.
3. To acknowledge the receipts for the period January 16-31, 2006, totaling \$232,914.28, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
4. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period January 16-31, 2006, totaling \$378,046.68, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

During the public forum, Terry Hartikka, a Representative from Public Television, stated that the City may want to purchase longer VHS tapes for recording the City Council meetings. He stated that the tapes could be returned to the City if the Council chooses to keep an archive of the video taped City Council meetings. Mr. Hartikka also stated that they have found a videographer to record the Mountain Iron-Buhl boys and girls basketball games. He stated that there are ten events scheduled to be recorded, i.e. band concert, choir concert, sporting games, and graduation at a cost of approximately \$1200.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to allow a maximum of \$500 for the broadcasting of Mountain Iron events. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Prebeg asked Mr. Hartikka if they would be advertising the days and times of the broadcasts. Mr. Hartikka said that they have contacted the Mesabi Daily News to have a weekly list of events on Channel 5 and 12 published.

The Mayor read a letter he received from Vi Newberg regarding Locomotive Park and adding to and maintaining the equipment displayed at the park.

The Mayor also reported on a letter he received from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) regarding the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. He informed the Council that the MPCA said that the report that was submitted by the City of Mountain Iron for wastewater plant

was received and well done. The Mayor thanked the Director of Public Works for completing the necessary report.

The Mayor advised the Council that they are invited to a meeting regarding the “Quiet Zone” on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at the AmericInn beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had attended the grinder demonstration in Meadowland on February 2, 2006. The Mayor updated the Council regarding the noise effects from the grinders because they would be operating in Mountain Iron at the new sight and he also distributed wood chip samples to the Council.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to hire the Russo Consulting Firm to work with the Personnel Committee on contract negotiations with AFSCME Union #453 and other contract related matters at a cost of \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed a total cost of \$4,000. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Irish, no; Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, yes; Nelson, yes; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to direct City Staff to apply for the 2006 Saint Louis County Recreation Grant for painting the locomotive, bulldozer and seek quotes to move the shovel from the Mountain Iron-Buhl School Park to Locomotive Park. It was moved by Irish and supported by Skalko to amend the motion to include seeking quotes for painting the locomotive, dozer, and shovels. The amendment to the motion carried with Roskoski voting no. The amended motion carried with Councilor Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to support the grant application to the IRRRA for the Quad Cities Tennis for All facility. The motion carried.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Skalko to direct the City Administrator to set a meeting with the Mountain Iron Street and Alley Committee with the City of Virginia to discuss the 16th Avenue Improvement Project. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to authorize City Staff to purchase the following decorations from Display Sales:

6 -	60” candle wreathes at \$342	= \$2,052.00
7 -	6 foot Noel trees at \$202	= \$1,414.00
7 -	6 foot Noel candles at \$202	= \$1,414.00
7 -	6 foot candy canes at \$172	= \$1,204.00
7 -	6 foot stockings at \$272	= \$1,904.00
6 -	6 foot Christmas bells at \$335	= \$2,010.00
40	TOTAL DECORATIONS	= \$9,998.00 + tax and shipping

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko authorize the purchase of up to 10 pairs of warm pants for the Quad Cities Gymnastics Team at a cost of \$270 with the funds being expended from the Charitable Gambling Fund. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Roskoski requested, "Contribution to Schools" be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda to discuss further.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to table the issue regarding the clarification of the involvement of the Parks and Recreation Board with the improvements to Locomotive Park until additional information is submitted to the Council. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to authorize City Staff to purchase an advertisement in the Mesabi Daily News for the 2006 Special Edition at a cost of \$378.00. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to accept the recommendation of the Sheriffs Department and authorize the purchase of a 2006 Police Interceptor at a cost of \$20,668.00 going through the Saint Louis County bid with Lundgren Motors. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The City Engineer reported that the plans for 16th Avenue were about 90% complete. Councilor Roskoski stated that there is only approximately \$300,000 left in the street improvement budget and the 16th Avenue Project would deplete the budget. The City Engineer said that the 16th Avenue cost estimate is \$370,000 for the street and storm sewer improvements; and \$202,000 for the utility improvements. The City Engineer thought that the street and storm sewer improvements would be split between the City of Virginia and the City of Mountain Iron and the utility improvements would be paid for by the City of Virginia.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to approve the following fire department pay adjustments effective February 6, 2006:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Fire Chief	\$150.00	\$300.00
Assistant Fire Chief	\$75.00	\$150.00
Captain/Training Officer	\$100.00	\$100.00
Captain One	No Position	\$50.00
Captain Two	No Position	\$50.00
Secretary	\$50.00	\$50.00
Treasurer	\$50.00	Eliminate Position

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Prebeg to authorize the Fire Chief to attend the IAAI Training in St. Cloud from March 29-31, 2006 at a total cost of \$878.35. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Council discussed the mutual aid fires that the City of Mountain Iron has responded to over the past several years.

The Council reviewed the Library Director Position classified advertisement.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Skalko to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approved the rezoning request and rezone the following property from Urban Residential-Sewered (UR-S) to Multi Family 2 (MF-2):

Westerly 440 feet of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the
Southwest (SW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the
of Sections 11, Township 58 North, Range 18 West
Parcel Code: 175-0071-00901
Acres: 4.2

The motion carried.

Richard Matyska, 5495 Coral Lane, Mountain Iron, was present and stated that he was not opposed to the assisted living project that was proposed for the area rezoned. Mr. Matyska said that his only concern with the project would be if the proposed project did not proceed and then an apartment complex or something similar could be constructed in that area with the area now rezoned.

During the liaison reports, Councilor Roskoski stated that at the last Parks and Recreation Board meeting they was discussion regarding the status of the Merritt Days Celebration. Councilor Roskoski said that he thought it sounded like the Park and Recreation Board would be taking over the plans for the Merritt Days Celebration. Councilor Roskoski said that the Merritt Days Committee did not want the Park and Recreation Board to take over the celebration planning but would like to invite other Boards and Commissions to become involved with the Merritt Days Committee.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to authorize payment request number six to Lenci Enterprises for the Library Renovation Project in the amount of \$41,600.00. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to donate \$100 to Virginia Regional Medical Center (VRMC) Diabetes Center and authorize City Staff to provide assistance with snow removal for Prebeg Memorial Snowmobile Ride fundraiser for the VRMC Diabetes Center. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

At 8:28 p.m., the Mayor called a recess.

At 8:33 p.m., the Council reconvened the meeting.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to have City Staff contact the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Mineral Division, as soon as possible, to set a joint meeting, preferably on a non-council meeting night, between the DNR representatives and the entire City Council. The program/itinerary would include inviting as many Parkville residents as possible and possibly informing the rest of the community about the meeting. The **motion failed** with Prebeg, Nelson and Skalko voting no.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Skalko to direct the City Administrator to send a letter to the Department of Natural Resources and United States Steel Corporation to find out if there are any new plans developing for the Parkville area. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to direct City Staff to contact the IRRRA to seed information regarding the recent public works grants program. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to direct City Staff members to send out meeting notices and list of agenda items for every regular and special City Board, Committee meetings to any City Councilor who requests them. This policy would go into effect on February 7, 2006, and stay in effect until rescinded by specific Council motion. After further discussion, Councilor Roskoski withdrew his motion and Irish withdrew his support.

Councilor Roskoski and Councilor Irish requested that they be sent all meeting notices and agenda items for all Board and Commission meetings.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to change the next regular meeting to Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. because of the President's Day holiday. The motion carried.

The Council reviewed the list of communications. The Council questioned whether a donation had been made to the Sand Lake Shuffle fundraiser in the past. The Council requested that this item be on the next meeting agenda and to check the City records to see if a donation had been made in the past.

The Mayor reminded the Council of the special closed meeting set for Wednesday, February 8, 2006.

During the open discussion, Councilor Roskoski referenced the City's December 31, 2005, financial statements that were submitted to the Council. Councilor Roskoski briefly reviewed the Enterprise Funds and referenced the balances reflecting a loss. Councilor Roskoski asked if the Utility Advisory Board would be reviewing the financial statements and making a recommendation for adjustments. The Director of Public Works stated that the Utility Advisory Board would be meeting to review the financial information for the Enterprise Funds.

At 8:58 p.m., it was moved by Nelson and supported by Roskoski that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Sand Lake Shuffle Committee, a request for a donation for the 15th Annual Sand Lake Shuffle.
2. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding information regarding the 2007-2008 Policy Committee Membership.
3. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, forwarding the January 26, 2006 brief.
4. AARP, a thank you for letting them use the Community Center for training the tax aide volunteers.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	900.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	550.00
UTILITY	UTILITY	135,903.09
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	105.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	10.00
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	175.00
LICENSES	ANIMAL	35.00
TAXES	TRANSFERS FROM MI HRA	78,237.50
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	190.77
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	ELECTRIC-CHG FOR SERVICES	826.24
FINES	CRIMINAL	897.28
MISCELLANEOUS	FAX CHARGES	14.00
MISCELLANEOUS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS	81.87
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	SPECIAL ASSESS.-BOND MONEY	3,486.77
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	INTEREST-SP.ASSESS.-BONDS ISSU	1,673.65
MISCELLANEOUS	CABLE TV FRANCHISE FEE	5,295.69
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	REFUSE REMOVAL-CHG FOR SERVICE	295.95
TAXES	TAXES RECEIVABLE-DELINQUENT	1,638.42
TAXES	BOND LEVY	280.32
TAXES	PENALTIES & INTEREST	-
TAXES	PENALTIES & INTEREST-378 FUND	60.20
TAXES	SPEC. ASSESS.-PEN/INT-FUND 301	41.10
TAXES	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT-DELINQUENT	57.22
TAXES	SPEC ASSESS-FUND 378-DELINQUEN	834.63
TAXES	TIF #1-INCREMENT COLLECTED	163.53
TAXES	TIF #10-INCREMENT COLLECTED	672.30
COPIES	COPIES	188.75
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	300.00
Summary Totals:		<u>232,914.28</u>

Check Issue Date(s): 01/28/2006 - 02/13/2006

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
01/06	01/30/2006	32703	1040	VOID - DAN CARLE	002-20200	100.00 -M
02/06	02/07/2006	32804	140026	AQUILA	002-20200	7,610.49
02/06	02/07/2006	32805	10001	ARROWHEAD ECONOMIC OPPORTUNI	002-20200	100.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32806	5007	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	002-20200	649.48
02/06	02/07/2006	32807	20039	BIOSOLIDS DISPOSAL SITE	002-20200	5,094.10
02/06	02/07/2006	32808	30017	CARQUEST (MOUNTAIN IRON)	002-20200	500.51
02/06	02/07/2006	32809	30009	CITY OF GILBERT	002-20200	803.16
02/06	02/07/2006	32810	220003	CITY OF VIRGINIA	002-20200	111.18
02/06	02/07/2006	32811	9003	CLEONE PHILLIPS	002-20200	100.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32812	30026	COMO LUBE & SUPPLIES INC	002-20200	94.40
02/06	02/07/2006	32813	40011	DVS RENEWAL	002-20200	420.50
02/06	02/07/2006	32814	50005	EXACT EYE CARE	002-20200	321.81
02/06	02/07/2006	32815	60006	FISHER PRINTING	002-20200	140.58
02/06	02/07/2006	32816	70013	GENERAL ELECTRIC	002-20200	861.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32817	70004	GRANDE ACE HARDWARE	002-20200	12.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32818	70028	GREATER MINNESOTA AGENCY INC	002-20200	180.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32819	80026	HUSKY SPRING	002-20200	61.71
02/06	02/07/2006	32820	90002	INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	002-20200	40.23
02/06	02/07/2006	32821	90012	IREA SECRETARY/TREASURER	002-20200	100.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32822	1047	LEE ROY SOLINGER	002-20200	50.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32823	120039	LEEF SERVICES	002-20200	69.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32824	120035	LENCI ENTERPRISES INC	002-20200	41,600.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32825	120031	LIBRARY ONE DIRECT	002-20200	182.49
02/06	02/07/2006	32826	120004	LITERARY GUILD	002-20200	138.06
02/06	02/07/2006	32827	130004	MESABI DAILY NEWS	002-20200	579.50
02/06	02/07/2006	32828	130006	MESABI HUMANE SOCIETY	002-20200	1,000.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32829	130096	MICROMARKETING ASSOCIATES	002-20200	57.85
02/06	02/07/2006	32830	130009	MINNESOTA POWER	002-20200	56,476.87
02/06	02/07/2006	32831	130049	MINNESOTA STATE TREASURER	002-20200	282.30
02/06	02/07/2006	32832	7026	MONICA MARKS	002-20200	100.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32833	1046	NICOLLE SCHACKMAN	002-20200	100.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32834	140008	NORTRAX EQUIPMENT/POWERPLAN	002-20200	138.17
02/06	02/07/2006	32835	160003	PERPICH TV & MUSIC INC	002-20200	13.83
02/06	02/07/2006	32836	180004	RANGE COOPERATIVES	002-20200	407.55
02/06	02/07/2006	32837	180001	RANGE PAPER	002-20200	92.27
02/06	02/07/2006	32838	180009	RANGE RECREATION CIVIC CENTER	002-20200	6,720.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32839	180045	RESERVE ACCOUNT	002-20200	500.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32840	190049	SCHOLASTIC LIBRARY PUBLISHING	002-20200	144.60
02/06	02/07/2006	32841	190045	SERVICE SOLUTIONS	002-20200	389.74
02/06	02/07/2006	32842	190004	SKUBIC BROS INC	002-20200	1,068.48
02/06	02/07/2006	32843	200003	TACONITE TIRE SERVICE	002-20200	12.50
02/06	02/07/2006	32844	200020	THE TRENTI LAW FIRM	002-20200	3,981.08
02/06	02/07/2006	32845	200006	TRIMARK INDUSTRIAL	002-20200	68.55
02/06	02/07/2006	32846	200027	TRUE VALUE HOME CENTER	002-20200	3.40
02/06	02/07/2006	32847	210030	U S BANK TRUST SERVICES	002-20200	41,880.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32848	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS, BELLEVUE	002-20200	43.43
02/06	02/07/2006	32849	20026	VIRGINIA REG MEDICAL CENTER	002-20200	100.00
02/06	02/07/2006	32850	230004	WENCK ASSOCIATES INC	002-20200	2,618.40
02/06	02/07/2006	32851	230028	WISCONSIN ENERGY CONSERVATION	002-20200	221.73
02/06	02/07/2006	32852	240001	XEROX CORPORATION	002-20200	386.80
02/06	02/07/2006	32853	250001	YOUNG ADULT RESOURCES	002-20200	127.75
02/06	02/13/2006	32854	130017	AMERICAN BANK	002-20200	117,322.84
02/06	02/13/2006	32855	130023	MINNESOTA CHAPTER IAAI	002-20200	195.00

Totals:

294,173.34

Payroll-PP Ending 1/27/06

83,873.34

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$378,046.68

MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2006

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Allen Nelson, Dale Irish, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present was: Louis Russo, Russo Consulting.

The meeting was closed to the public to discuss contract negotiations strategies with AFSCME Local Union #453.

At 7:50 p.m. the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Skalko
Mayor

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COUNCIL LETTER 022206-IVA1

MAYOR SKALKO

MINING RECLAMATION GRANT

DATE: February 15, 2006

FROM: Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Background: Apply for \$30,000 IRRA Reclamation Grant for restoration of Locomotive Park. The park meets criteria of grant (page 2 on enclosed letter). If obtained, this grant along with the applied \$20,000 County Recreation Grant should pretty much complete the restoration of the Locomotive Park/Trail Head.

February 7, 2006



Dear Mayor/Chairman:

Mineland Reclamation staff from Iron Range Resources will soon begin work on project budgets for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2006. Therefore, we are soliciting project suggestions from cities and townships within the Taconite Assistance Area (TAA) where mining activity has taken place. Iron Range Resources is continuing a transition in procedures for soliciting, evaluating and funding projects through the Mineland Reclamation Program.

Iron Range Resources, along with many of you, has been an active participant in and promoting the Laurentian Vision Partnership. Therefore, this will be the last year that we will request communities to submit projects directly to Mineland Reclamation for funding consideration. We have been progressively instituting this change, and next year's projects will be reviewed on a regional basis by sub-groups that have been active in the Laurentian Vision Process. This year, projects that implement the vision, mission and goals of the Laurentian Vision Partnership through regional collaboration and impact will be given the highest priority for funding.

The Laurentian Vision Partnership focuses on the Mesabi Range so Cuyuna Range and Vermilion Range projects will continue to be submitted by the Cuyuna Range Reclamation Committee and local government entities, respectively. These projects also will be evaluated with the criteria contained in this letter.

The goal of the Mineland Reclamation Program is to support the implementation of the Laurentian Vision Partnership vision, mission and goals. The Laurentian Vision Partnership's vision is "*Transforming pits and piles to living lakes and landscapes...our legacy for the future..*" with the mission to "*...serve as a cooperative forum to mutually benefit both public and private interests by envisioning and promoting productive post mining landscapes.*" The goals for the Laurentian Vision Partnership are to support local communities, mining companies and other agencies and organizations in:

- **Preserving** lands to sustain current and future mining
- **Promoting** landscape options for post mining uses
- **Identifying** and discussing new development opportunities
- **Providing** the tools to achieve these goals

The Laurentian Vision Partnership anticipates the transition of the Mesabi Iron Range to a future where its scenic natural landscape, strong ethnic heritage, and highly trained work force will provide additional economic, environmental and cultural opportunities that complement the economic and social structures built upon mining and other natural resource-based industries.



To qualify for Mineland Reclamation Program funding, your project will be evaluated using the following criteria.

- Located on land that was disturbed or impacted by mining activities.
- Land must be publicly owned or leased by a unit of government.
- Local unit of government must agree to maintain the project upon completion.
- Mitigation of safety issues will remain the highest priority.
- Collaboration of two or more entities is strongly encouraged.
- Promote, implement or accomplish the Laurentian Vision Partnership vision, mission and goals.
- Provide a direct economic impact.
- Grant funds are leveraged by other funding sources.
- Project has documented community support and involvement,


There is no formal application form to use when submitting your project for consideration, so please include as much information as possible when submitting your proposal to permit a fair and complete evaluation. Project funding for FY 07 has not been determined, and the quality of project submissions may have a significant impact on the FY 07 budget for this program. If your community is submitting more than one project, please clearly prioritize the projects in the order of importance to you. All projects must be submitted by local government unit and not individual citizens.

Your proposed project must be submitted to the Mineland Reclamation office by 4:30 pm Friday, March 31, 2006. Please mail or deliver your request for Mineland Reclamation project proposals to:

Ray Svatos
Iron Range Resources – Mineland Reclamation
801 SW Highway 169, Suite 2
Chisholm, Minnesota 55719

If you have any questions regarding your project or the Mineland Reclamation program, please contact the Mineland Reclamation office at (218) 254-7967 or email ray.svatos@ironworld.com

Sincerely,



RAY SVATOS
Director

RS:s

COUNCIL LETTER 022206-IVA2

MAYOR SKALKO

NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE

DATE: February 15, 2006

FROM: Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Background: As discussed at our closed meeting, our negotiation committee will be composed of our two council members from the Personnel Committee and one staff member – Director of Public Works. These three will work with our consultant, Mr. Louie Russo, on contract negotiations with our Local Union #453.

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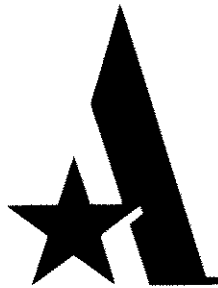
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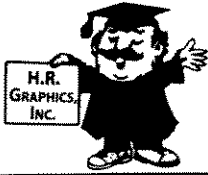
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COUNCIL LETTER 022206-IVC1
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SANDING TRUCK REPLACEMENT

DATE: February 15, 2006
FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff is requesting City Council authorization to seek prices on a new single axle sanding truck. This truck will replace the current 1984 Chevrolet sanding truck which is in dire need of replacement. This item was budgeted for in the 2006 Capital Outlay Budget in the amount of \$85,000.

COUNCIL LETTER 022206-IVC2

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND WIRE QUOTES

DATE: February 15, 2006
FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The following quotes were received for six (6) rolls (15,000 feet) of I/O aluminum underground wire. This wire will be used in the underground electrical distribution system.

Wesco @ \$1.49 per foot	= \$22,350.00
Resco @ \$1.62 per foot	= \$24,300.00
Border States @ \$1.89 per foot	= \$29,035.00

Staff recommends purchase of 15,000 feet of I/O aluminum underground wire from Wesco at their low quote of \$22,350.00. This purchase will be funded from the 2006 Electric Department Enterprise Fund Budget.



Saint Louis County

Office of the Sheriff - 100 North 5th Avenue West, Room 103 • Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Phone: (218) 726-2337 - Fax: (218) 726-2171

Ross Litman
Sheriff

TO: Mt. Iron City Council and Mayor
FROM: Sgt. Wade Rasch
RE: January 2006 Activity Report
DATE: February 15, 2006

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office in Mt. Iron responded to the following calls for service during the month of January. Deputies also performed 40 traffic stops while issuing 10 citations for traffic or criminal offenses and 29 traffic warnings. Several parking citations were also issued.

Calls For Service:

- 25- On views- Officer initiated contacts checking on persons, vehicles, properties
 - 17- Public Assists (Veh. Unlocks, Loud Music, Animal Complaints, etc.)
 - 13- Alarm Calls
 - 10- Disturbances (Verbal arguments/Domestic/Threats)
 - 10- Suspicious/Unwanted Person
 - 9- Welfare Checks Upon Persons/Suicide Threats
 - 6- Custodial Arrests
 - 6- Assists to Virginia Sheriff's Patrol
 - 5- Motor Vehicle Crashes
 - 5- Theft
 - 4- Damage to Property
 - 4- Assists to Virginia Police Department
 - 3- Medical Assists
 - 2- Assault
 - 1- Burglary
- 11- Other Miscellaneous Calls (Ex. Child Custody, Civil Disputes, ATLS)

Reply to:

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Administrative Offices

100 N 5th Ave. W, Rm 103
P.O. Box 16187 Duluth, MN 55816
Phone: (218) 726-2341
Fax: (218) 726-2171

County Jail

4334 Haines Road
Duluth, MN 55811
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Fax: (218) 725-6134

Emergency Management

5735 Old Miller Trunk Hwy
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Sheriff's Office

300 South 5th Avenue
Virginia, MN 55792
Phone: (218) 749-7134
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Sheriff's Office

1810 12th Ave. E
Hibbing, MN 55746
Phone: (218) 262-0132
Fax: (218) 262-6334

COUNCIL LETTER 022206-VA

WWTP DEPARTMENT

WWTP REPAIRS

DATE: February 15, 2006

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

As directed by the City Council, Staff has reviewed possible outside funding sources for the repairs to the Waste Water Treatment Plant as outlined in the enclosed report. The conclusion of the review is that these types of repairs are classified as maintenance and maintenance doe not qualify for outside grant funding.



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December 27, 2005

Mr. Don Kleinschmidt
City of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, MN 55768-8260

Re: Deteriorated Concrete - Wastewater Treatment Plant
Project No. MI05-26

Dear Mr. Kleinschmidt:

As requested by the City of Mountain Iron, Benchmark Engineering Inc has investigated the deteriorated concrete floor slab at the Mountain Iron wastewater treatment plant. The deteriorated concrete slab is located in the influent building. We have also briefly reviewed deteriorated concrete on the south exterior columns of the digester building. A brief diagnosis is provided below, and preliminary cost estimates for repairing the concrete are attached.

- 1. Concrete Floor Slab – Influent Building:** The bottom of the concrete floor slab in the garage area, which is also the basement ceiling, has experienced spalling and deterioration. The majority of the spalling appears to be limited to a north-south line in the basement ceiling, approximately 28 feet west of the east building wall, which is immediately above the inflow flumes located in the basement of the building. Attached are photos of the deteriorated basement ceiling taken on August 26, 2005, showing the spalling and exposed rebar. The treatment plant operators reported that the larger pieces of concrete fell from the ceiling during the summer of 2005 in the spalled area. A second line of minor spalling was observed about 14 feet west of the east building wall. The second spall area is less severe, and the rebar is not exposed. A photo of this area is also attached. We recommend that both areas be repaired.

On October 3, 2005, testing of the concrete floor slab was performed by Twin Ports Testing Inc. The testing consisted of using a Rebound Hammer (a.k.a. "Schmidt Hammer"), which provides a non-destructive method of evaluating the approximate in-situ compressive strength of the concrete. The Rebound Hammer testing was performed on the basement ceiling at the location of the worst deterioration, and immediately adjacent to the deteriorated area. Rebound Hammer testing was also performed on the top of the subject floor slab at 2' intervals along an east-west line inside the garage. Results of the Rebound Hammer testing are attached and indicate that

strength loss of the concrete floor slab has occurred in the limited area of the worst deterioration. The un-spalled portions of the floor slab had Rebound Hammer test results that indicate adequate concrete strength. Observation of the spalling indicates that the cracks have fractured the aggregate as well as the cementitious portion of the floor slab. It appears that the areas of observed spalling may have occurred as a result of "cold joints" that developed while the slab was being poured during original construction. If the ready-mix is not properly vibrated during construction, a "cold joint" can form at the interface between adjacent loads of ready-mix; i.e. the concrete can become non-homogeneous at the interface between loads. If a crack subsequently develops at a cold joint, accelerated spalling can occur due to water (and possibly saline materials) entering the crack. The humid and gassy conditions in the basement of the building could be a contributing factor as well.

To repair the spalling in the worst area (located about 28' west of the east wall), the deteriorated concrete should be removed, re-formed, and re-poured with new reinforced concrete. This will involve temporarily removing and/or re-locating lights, conduits, and possibly the grinder pumps that are located in the influent flumes. In the area with lesser spalling (located about 14' west of the east wall), we anticipate that repairs would consist of sand-blasting and removing the spalled concrete, and placing new grout to repair and seal the spalling. A preliminary cost estimate for the concrete floor slab repairs is attached.

2. Concrete Columns – Digester Building:

The exterior of the concrete columns, mostly on the south side of the digester building, have also experienced deterioration and spalling. Observations on October 3, 2005, indicate that the aggregate has generally not fractured, and that the spalling/fracturing appears to be in the cementitious portion of the concrete, possibly indicative of lack of entrained air in the mix during original construction and subsequent freeze/thaw action. We anticipate that repairing the columns would consist of preparing the concrete and rebar via sand-blasting, and pouring repair grout or possibly placing shotcrete. A preliminary cost estimate for the repairs is attached.

Both repair projects should be evaluated by a licensed structural engineer; and the structural engineer should also prepare the plans and specifications for the repairs. If the City of Mountain Iron directs us to proceed with plan preparation for the structural repairs of the concrete slab and the concrete columns, we propose to utilize Noramco Engineering Company of Hibbing, MN for the structural engineering.

Please feel free to contact us at (218) 735-8914 with any questions or comments regarding this report.

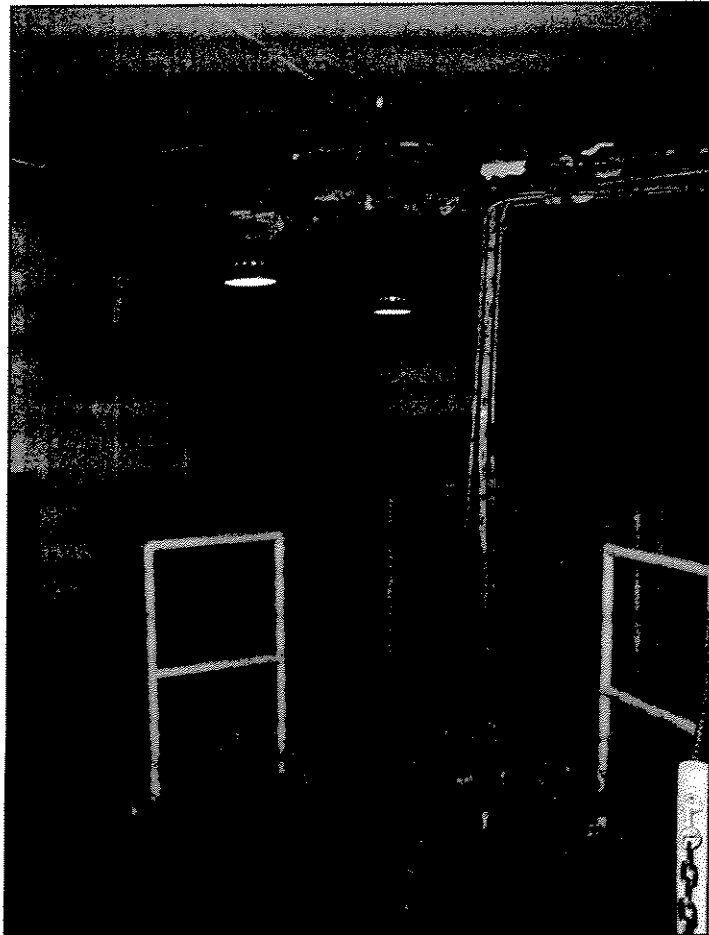
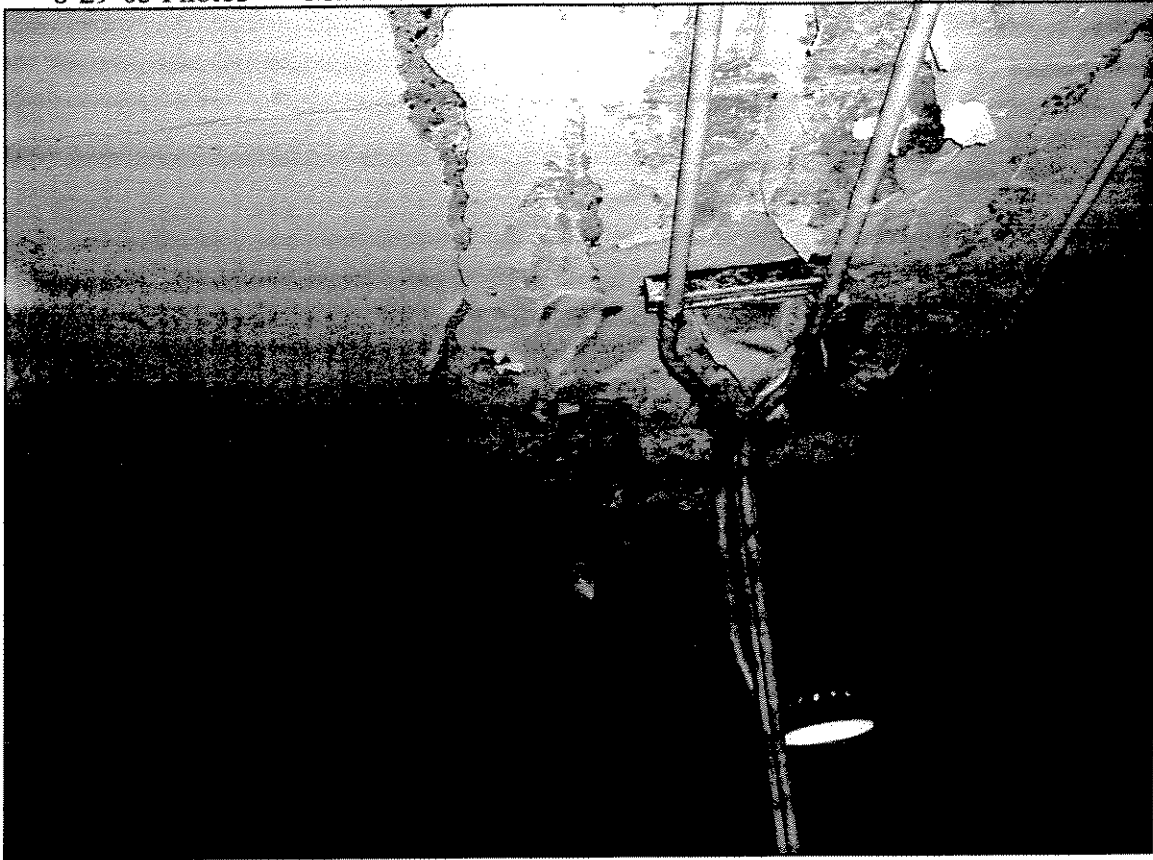
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BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

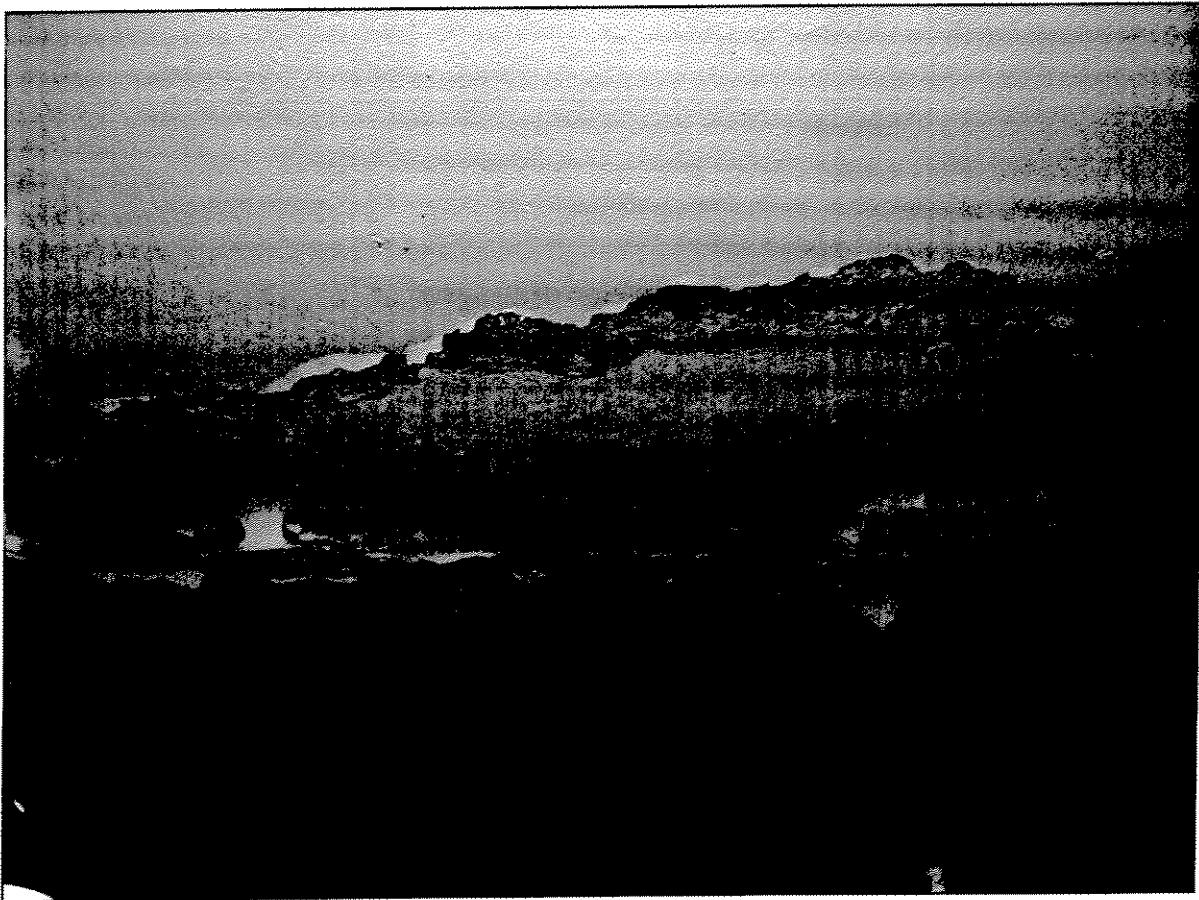


Martin J. Halverson, P.E.

Enclosures

1. 4 photographs from August 29, 2005.
2. October 7, 2005 report from Twin Ports Testing Inc.
3. 2 Cost Estimates, dated 12/27/05







October 7, 2005
TPT 05M4267

Benchmark Engineering
8878 Main Street
Mt. Iron, Minnesota 55768

Attn: Mr. Martin J. Halverson, P.E.

Re: In-Situ Concrete Testing
Elevated Concrete Slab
Mt. Iron Waste Water Treatment Plant
Mt. Iron, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Halverson:

Twin Ports Testing, Inc. (TPT) was at the above-referenced site on October 3, 2005, to perform rebound testing on an elevated concrete slab. The rebound hammer used was a Forney Type N Proceq N-34 Serial Number 112199.

The elevated concrete slab tested was 18 feet (north to south) by 36 feet (east to west) and ten inches thick. The upper side of the slab appears to have been painted at one time, however the majority of the paint has been worn off. The bottom side of the slab was also painted and the entire surface remains covered, except for the areas of concrete deterioration. Two large cracks were noticeable on the upper side of the concrete slab. These cracks were 14 and 28 feet west of the east wall, and ran the entire width (north to south) of the slab. At the same locations of the cracks on the upper side of the slab, major cracks and spalling has occurred on the bottom side of the slab thus the cracks transfer through the ten-inch section. Several small to large pieces of concrete have spalled off the slab on the bottom side along the crack located 28 feet west of the east wall. Spalling can be attributed to several scenarios, a couple of common causes are pressure or expansion within the concrete, corroded reinforcing steel, and elongated cavities along joints (spall joints) caused by impact loads against improperly constructed joints. It should be noted that the reinforcement steel was exposed at the spall areas and appears to be in a deteriorating condition. A possible attributing factor could be saline solutions such as road salt from vehicles permeating through the slab from the upper surface cracks.

Several locations were selected for rebound hammer testing by yourself and TPT personnel. The general locations of the rebound hammer tests were on the bottom side of the slab, along the major cracks and spall areas, and in between the major cracks on the

bottom side. Rebound testing was also performed on the upper side of the slab from the east wall to 36 feet west of the east wall.

In the following table are the results from the testing program. The column labeled "Estimated Compressive Strength (psi)" is interpolated from a graph established as a comparison in compressive strength vs. rebound number.

Lower Side of Elevated Slab Location	Offset	Average Rebound Number	Estimated Compressive Strength (psi)
Crack 28' west of east wall	Centerline	17	Less than 1500
Crack 28' west of east wall	Centerline	26	Less than 1500
Crack 28' west of east wall	3' west	44	5000
Crack 28' west of east wall	1' east	32	2500
Crack 28' west of east wall	2' east	46	5500
Crack 28' west of east wall	6' east	46	5500
Crack 28' west of east wall	10' east	40	4100
Crack 28' west of east wall	15' east	41	4800

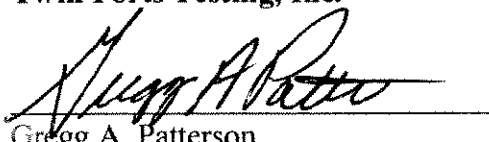
Upper Side of Elevated Slab Location	Offset	Average Rebound Number	Estimated Compressive Strength (psi)
East wall	Centerline	45	6700
East wall	2' west	47	7200
East wall	4' west	43	6200
East wall	6' west	45	6700
East wall	8' west	47	7200
East wall	10' west	41	5800
East wall	12' west	41	5800
East wall	14' west (crack)	40	5600
East wall	15' west	46	7000
East wall	16' west	45	6700
East wall	18' west	44	6500
East wall	20' west	45	6700
East wall	22' west	45	6700
East wall	24' west	45	6700

Upper Side of Elevated Slab Location	Offset	Average Rebound Number	Estimated Compressive Strength (psi)
East wall	26' west	48	7300
East wall	28' west (crack)	39	5300
East wall	30' west	42	6100
East wall	32' west	42	6100
East wall	34' west	40	5600
East wall	36' west	50	7800

In conclusion it appears that the concrete compressive strength appears for the most part to be adequate on the upper portion of the slab, there are repair issues that should be addressed at this structure. Therefore, TPT recommends that a professional structural engineer evaluate this structure. If destructive testing such as coring would be needed to aid in the evaluation of the concrete or reinforcement steel, TPT could perform those services.

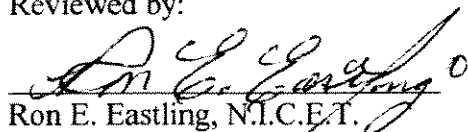
We would like to thank you for allowing TPT to be of assistance to you on this project. If you have any questions concerning this report, project or your future testing/inspection needs, please call. We look forward to hearing from and working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,
Twin Ports Testing, Inc.



Gregg A. Patterson
Senior Civil Engineering Technician NICET

Reviewed by:



Ron E. Eastling, N.I.C.E.T.
Manager: Geotechnical/Construction Materials

Attachment: Field Notes



December 27, 2005

MI05-26

Preliminary Cost Estimate
Concrete Slab Repair
Wastewater Treatment Plant
City of Mountain Iron, MN

1. COST ESTIMATE FOR REPAIRING DETERIORATED CONCRETE SLAB IN THE INFLUENT/GARAGE BUILDING.

Item No	Description	Unit	Est Quantity	Unit Price	Total Amount
1	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
2	ELECTRICAL/MECHANICAL REMOVALS	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
3	TEMPORARY SHORING	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
4	CONCRETE REMOVAL	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
5	REINFORCED CONCRETE	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
6	ELECTRICAL/MECHANICAL RE-INSTALL	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00

Estimated Construction Sub-Total **\$33,000.00**

Design Engineering \$4,000.00

Construction Engineering \$3,000.00

Estimated Project Total For Repair of Concrete Floor Slab **\$40,000.00**



Benchmark Engineering, Inc



December 27, 2005

MI05-26

Preliminary Cost Estimate
Concrete Column Repair
Wastewater Treatment Plant
City of Mountain Iron, MN

**2. COST ESTIMATE FOR REPAIRING DETERIORATED CONCRETE
COLUMNS ON THE DIGESTER BUILDING.**

Item No	Description	Unit	Est Quantity	Unit Price	Total Amount
1	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
2	CONCRETE REMOVAL	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
3	REINFORCED CONCRETE	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

Estimated Construction Sub-Total **\$25,000.00**

Design Engineering **\$3,000.00**

Construction Engineering **\$2,000.00**

Estimated Project Total For Repair of Concrete Columns **\$30,000.00**


Benchmark Engineering, Inc

COUNCIL LETTER 022206-VB

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

COUNCILOR NOTIFICATION

DATE: February 15, 2006
FROM: Councilor Ed Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Let's give it a second try. My motion was that all councilors (those who want them) will receive agendas and information packets for all City Board and Commission meetings. Library – Parks & Recreation – EDA – P & Z – Merritt Day's- Downtown Committee – Utility Advisory Board – Streets & Alley's – Personnel Committee. So far, I have only received agendas – no information packets.

Staff Note: As with most items it takes time to implement the changes and work all the kinks out. Everything is now in place to comply with the intent of the request. (CJW)

COUNCIL LETTER 022206-VIA

CITY COUNCIL

DONATION POLICY

DATE: February 15, 2006

FROM: City Council

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

As per the last City Council meeting, this item is being placed on the Agenda.



The 15th Annual Sand Lake Shuffle

January 18, 2006

The preparation for the 15th Annual Sand Lake Shuffle is underway and we hope to have another successful fundraiser in the fight against cancer. It will be held August 11th & 12th, 2006 at the Voyageur's Sand Lake Resort in Britt, MN. Your continued support and donations are crucial to the success of the Sand Lake Shuffle.

Last year the shuffle raised 46,934.00 to distribute between Care Partners, St. Mary's & St. Luke's Medical Centers. The donations to St. Mary's & St. Luke's will be allocated to cancer research.

The donation to Care Partners is allocated to families living on the Iron Range with various needs and medical services related to cancer stricken patients and their families. This is a relatively new program in our area and it has already helped several local families. If you know someone that could use a helping hand call Tasia Hoag for more information at 749-5051.

Our organization prides itself on minimal expenses. Last year our total expenses were 1108.00. Our expenses are low due to the generosity of several local businesses.

We know that in today's economy it can be difficult to donate to every organization. We are asking for your donation to help aid our locals in their fight against cancer. Cancer touches all of our lives. We have all had someone in our family or someone close to us who has had this dreadful disease. Please help us to raise funds for our organization to aide in the care and treatment of our local cancer patients and their families. You can send your donation to The Sand Lake Shuffle C/O Sue Tuomela 8573 Spring Park Road Mt. Iron, MN 55768. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our co-chairperson, Sue Tuomela 749-2089.

Thank You for your support!

The Sand Lake Shuffle Committee



Saint Louis County

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February 1, 2006

Melvin W. Hintz, Jr.
County Assessor

John H. Gellatly
Assistant County Assessor

Dear Clerk:

Please review the date, time and place of your **tentatively** scheduled 2006 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting. If a change is necessary, please contact Mel Hintz in Virginia at (218) 749-7147 or John Gellatly in Duluth at (218) 726-2304 by February 24, 2006. If your jurisdiction has a local assessor, please discuss any change with that individual. A schedule is also being sent to all local assessors with instructions to contact their board/council if he or she desires a change.

The Local Board of Appeal & Equalization notice allows us to list the name and address of the clerk for correspondence to the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization. **Please review the name and address on the envelope you received this letter in. This is what will be on the notices. If you or your board wish to have anything different, please contact me at (218) 726-2304.**

This year we will again have the option that if the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization is scheduled beyond normal working hours, the taxing district will be charged a flat \$70 fee to cover the cost of overtime for our appraisers. All other meetings will be scheduled between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. If you requested an evening meeting last year, we have tentatively scheduled you for a similar time this year. The majority of meetings have been scheduled for one hour unless previous experience indicates that a longer meeting may be required.

Posting notices, instructions, confirmation of meeting date/time/location and other materials will be sent at a later date.

Sincerely,

Lana Anderson
County Assessor's Office

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Courthouse, Room 212
Duluth, Minnesota 55802-1291
(218) 726-2304

118 South 4th Avenue East
Government Services Center-Room 3
Ely, Minnesota 55731-1402
(218) 365-8206

102 US Bank Place
230 1st Street South
Virginia, Minnesota 55792-2666
(218) 749-7147

2006 LOCAL BOARDS OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION

(Updated 2/1/06)

CITIES	DATE	TIME	PLACE
100 AURORA	MAY 9	1-2 PM	CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
105 BABBITT	APRIL 26	6-7 PM	BABBITT MUNICIPAL CENTER
15 BIWABIK	APRIL 12	5:15-6:15 PM	CITY HALL
110 BROOKSTON	APRIL 4	10-11 AM	CITY HALL
115 BUHL	MAY 9	10-11 AM	CITY HALL
20 CHISHOLM	APRIL 19	4-5 PM	CITY HALL
120 COOK	MAY 11	6-7 PM	CITY HALL
30 ELY	MAY 4	5-6 PM	CITY HALL
40 EVELETH	APRIL 12	3-4 PM	CITY HALL
125 FLOODWOOD	APRIL 27	10-11 AM	CITY HALL
60 GILBERT	MAY 3	6-7 PM	CITY HALL
395 HERMANTOWN	MAY 9	2-3 PM	CITY HALL
140 HIBBING	MAY 2	1-3 PM	CITY HALL
142 HOYT LAKES	MAY 10	6:30-7:30 PM	CITY HALL
145 IRON JUNCTION	APRIL 13	2-3 PM	4121 MERRITT AVE.
150 KINNEY	APRIL 25	10-11 AM	TOWN HALL
156 LEONIDAS	APRIL 25	3-4 PM	COMMUNITY CENTER
160 MCKINLEY			
165 MEADOWLANDS	APRIL 6	10-11 AM	MEADOWLANDS COMMUNITY CENTER
175 MOUNTAIN IRON	APRIL 11	6:30-7:30 PM	CITY HALL
180 ORR	MAY 4	3-4 PM	CITY HALL
185 PROCTOR	APRIL 27	2-3 PM	COMMUNITY CTR @ 100 PIONK DR
80 TOWER	MAY 9	6-7 PM	CITY HALL
90 VIRGINIA	APRIL 18	10 AM-NOON	CITY HALL (CALL 748-7500 FOR APPT)
190 WINTON	APRIL 18	10-11 AM	WINTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

TOWNSHIPS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
200 ALANGO	APRIL 19	5-6 PM	WOLF RIDGE GOLFCOURSE CLUBHOUSE
205 ALBORN	APRIL 11	1-2 PM	TOWN HALL
210 ALDEN	MAY 11	2-3 PM	TOWN HALL
215 ANGORA	APRIL 13	5-6 PM	TOWN HALL @ 8936 HWY 1
225 ARROWHEAD	APRIL 20	7-8 PM	TOWN HALL
230 AULT	MAY 3	9-10 AM	TOWN HALL
235 BALKAN	MAY 11	10-11 AM	COMMUNITY CENTER
240 BASSETT	MAY 3	NOON-1 PM	TOWN HALL
250 BEATTY	MAY 5	10AM-NOON	TOWN HALL
260 BIWABIK	APRIL 11	1-3 PM	TOWN HALL
270 BREITUNG	APRIL 27	9-10 AM	SOUDAN FIRE HALL
275 BREVATOR	APRIL 20	10-11 AM	EAST BREVATOR TOWN HALL
278 CAMP FIVE	MAY 2	10-11 AM	CEDARS INN
280 CANOSIA	APRIL 4	1-2 PM	TOWN HALL
285 CEDAR VALLEY	MAY 11	10-11 AM	TOWN HALL
290 CHERRY	APRIL 27	6-7 PM	COMMUNITY CENTER
295 CLINTON	MAY 9	NOON-1 PM	TOWN HALL
300 COLVIN	APRIL 11	4-5 PM	TOWN HALL
305 COTTON	MAY 10	10-11 AM	TOWN HALL
308 CRANE LAKE	MAY 2	2-3 PM	FELLOWSHIP HALL
310 CULVER	APRIL 12	1-2 PM	TOWN MEETING ROOM
315 DULUTH	APRIL 26	6-7 PM	TOWN HALL

COUNCIL LETTER 022206-VID

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

CITY EMPLOYEE ROSTER

DATE: February 15, 2006
FROM: Councilor Ed Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

John Seurer is a Tri-City Sludge Authority truck driver. Why is he on our employee roster? The Council should be brought up to speed on this situation.

Staff Note: Mr. Seurer is not on our employee roster, he is on our payroll list due to the fact that the City of Mountain Iron acts as the fiscal agent for the Tri-Cities Biosolids Disposal Authority. We process the payroll for the Authority for which we are reimbursed by the Authority. (CJW)

COMMUNICATIONS
FEBRUARY 22, 2006

1. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, a letter acknowledging receipt of the Biosolids Land Spreading Annual Report for cropping year September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005.
2. Jim Makowsky, AmericInn Lodge and Suites, an invitation to a meeting on February 22, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the QZ (Quiet Zone).
3. Vydetta Newberg, Spring Creek Outfitters, a letter regarding Locomotive Park.



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

January 31, 2006

The Honorable Gary Skalko
Mayor, City of Mountain Iron
PO Box C
Eveleth, MN 56159

RE: Biosolids Annual Report/ NPDES/SDS Permit # MN0040835

Dear Mayor Skalko:

This letter is written to acknowledge our receipt of the Biosolids Land spreading Annual Report for cropping year September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005 from the Mountain Iron WWTP. Your report has been reviewed and recorded. The report was complete and well done as received.

Thank you for your cooperation with our biosolids land spreading program. Your efforts are an important contribution to the protection of our citizens' health, the preservation of surface and ground water quality and the recycling of our limited resources.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, now or in the future, please contact me at 218-725-7720 or by email jaramie.logelin@pca.state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jaramie Logelin".

Jaramie Logelin
PCS Specialist
NW/NE Regional Unit
Municipal Division

cc: Don Klienschmidt, Mountain Iron Director of Public Works
Jorja DuFresne MPCA, St. Paul Office



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February 2, 2006

Honorable Mayor of Mt. Iron
Gary Skalko
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mt. Iron, Minnesota 55768

Dear Gary,

We would like to request your attendance at the meeting regarding the QZ (Quiet Zone) in Mt. Iron and Virginia, Minnesota. This meeting is scheduled for **February 22, 2006** at the AmericInn Lodge and Suites in Mt. Iron at **9:00 a.m.**

Representatives from Virginia, Mt. Iron, St. Louis County, Canadian National Railroad and the Federal Railroad Administration will be in attendance.

Would you please RSVP by e-mail: JimMakowsky@AmericInnVirginia.com or by calling directly to 888-741-7839.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Jim Makowsky
AmericInn Lodge and Suites
Property Manager

2/6/06.

Mayor Gary & Council

In the Mesabi Daily I read that
Locomotive Park is on the agenda
for tonight's Council Meeting.

Customers to our store and people
that use the Mesabi Bike Trail enjoy
looking at the unique antique
equipment. They like to talk about
the equipment.

There is a question about the lead
paint on some of the equipment.
There is a way to seal the paint,
then it can be painted safely.

Would like to have the Park stay
and have more items added. Our
history is pretty special to our town.

From my window on Main Street.

Oydetta (Viz) Newberg / Spring Creek Outfitters