

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009 - 6:30 P.M.  
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
  - II. Consent Agenda
    - A. Minutes of the February 18, 2009, Regular Meeting (#1-11)
    - B. Communications (#23- #28)
    - C. Receipts
    - D. Bills and Payroll
  - III. Public Forum
  - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
    - A. Mayor's Report
      - 1. Agenda Policy (#12)
    - B. City Administrator's Report
      - 1. Bakke Retirement (#13)
    - C. Director of Public Works Report
      - 1. Garbage Truck Chassis (#14)
    - D. Sheriff's Department Report
    - E. Special Events Coordinator
      - 1. Merritt Days Funding (#15)
    - F. Liaison Reports
  - V. Unfinished Business
  - VI. New Business
    - A. Resolution Number 08-09 Approving Plans (#16 - #17)
    - B. Resolution Number 09-09 Setting a Hearing (#18 - #19)
    - C. Temporary On-Sale Liquor License (#20)
    - D. Request to Waive Fees (#21)
    - E. Communications (#23 - #28)
    - F. Closed Meeting – Consider Strategies for Labor Negotiations (#22)
  - VII. Announcements
  - VIII. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 18, 2009

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:32 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. Anderson, Municipal Services Secretary; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer; Sam Aluni, City Attorney; and John Backman, Sergeant.

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

1. Approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009, regular 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 February 1-15, 2009, totaling \$115,558.21, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
4. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period February 1-15, 2009, totaling \$421,317.35, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

During the public forum, Councilor Roskoski addressed the Council regarding the letter received from the City Attorney regarding agenda items.

Also during the public forum, Councilor Roskoski addressed the Council regarding scheduling a Long Range Planning Meeting to discuss budget reductions.

The Mayor updated the Council on the following:

- Carl Dagan. The Mayor offered his condolences to the family of Carl Dagan. He said that Mr. Dagan was an active member of the Community and also served on the City's Utility Advisory Board. He said that his thoughts and prayers are with the family.
- Wind Energy Project. The Mayor said that there was an article in the Mesabi Daily News about the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority (EDA) Wind Energy Project. He said that the EDA is exploring creating new sources of revenue for the Authority as a long range project utilizing renewable energy.
- Lake Country Power. He said that the business opened February 17, 2009 in Mountain Iron. The Mayor welcomed them to Mountain Iron.
- Library Board Resignation. He advised the Council that Jill Kinney submitted her letter of resignation from the Library Board. The Mayor thanked her for her years of service.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Roskoski to accept the letter of resignation from Jill Kinney from the Library Board. The motion carried.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Skalko to direct City Staff to advertise for applications for the Library Board vacancy in the usual and customary procedure. After further discussion, Stanaway amended the motion to also include the Utility Advisory Board. Skalko supported the amendment. The amended motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Skalko to direct City Staff to send a letter to the Dagan family for Carl Dagan's service on the Utility Advisory Board. The motion carried.

The City Administrator updated the Council on the following:

- Public Hearing. He advised the Council that a public hearing would be held on March 16, 2009 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project.
- Project Priority List. Representative Rukavina is attempting to get the Mountain Iron Project moved up on the State Project List.

During the meeting, Ted Tammaro, 5412 Mineral Avenue, appeared and asked some questions regarding access to the lots he owns that are adjacent to his property. The City Administrator advised him that he would need to have a petition signed by 35% of the adjacent property owners to make a request to the Council to have the street improved. The Director of Public Works thought that a portion of the road was already vacated. The Mayor advised Mr. Tammaro that City Staff would get back to him concerning his request.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Stanaway to authorize payment request number one for the Water Treatment Plant Project for the replacement of support gravel and media in the amount of \$45,885.00 to Magney Construction Incorporated. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Prebeg to accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Health Board and direct City Staff to place an advertisement in the newspaper to request residents to "Adopt a Hydrant" in the City of Mountain Iron. The motion carried.

At 7:20 p.m., Councilor Roskoski left the meeting.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Zupancich to accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Health Board and allow two Mountain Iron Volunteer Firemen to attend the Statewide IAAI Conference in Saint Cloud on March 25-27, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$1,200 per firefighter. The motion carried with Roskoski absent.

At 7:21 p.m., Councilor Roskoski returned to the meeting.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Skalko to allow the Mountain Iron Fire Department Personnel to attend the 2009 Fire Service Day at the Capital with the City paying for the registration fee of \$30 and bus costs. The motion carried.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Zupancich to direct City Staff to check into options of building a new fire hall/emergency service center. The motion carried.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Prebeg to reject the bids on the Quick Attack Wildland Fire Apparatus. The motion carried with Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Prebeg to form a Committee, consisting of two City Staff, two Fire Department Members, and two Safety and Health Board Members and review the Quick Attack Wildland Fire Apparatus for possible reductions in equipment to lower the costs to the budgeted amount. The motion carried.

During the Liaison Reports the following was discussed:

- Cable Commission. Councilor Roskoski questioned the number of Mountain Iron-Buhl sporting events put on Cable Channel 7. Steve Skogman, member of the Cable Commission, said he would follow up on this.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Skalko to adopt Ordinance Number 01-09, Renaming Streets within the Rock Ridge Development Plat, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Stanaway to adopt Resolution Number 06-09, ordering preparation of report on improvement to Old Highway 169, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Zupancich to adopt Resolution Number 07-09, Charitable Gambling, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

The Council reviewed the proposed snow plowing proposal for the Range Recreation Civic Center received from the City of Eveleth.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Skalko to waive the rental fee for the 2009 Mountain Iron-Buhl Chemical Free All Night Graduation Party on Friday, May 22, 2009. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich to allow B.G's Bar and Grill to allow beer sales from the tent on their property on February 21, 2009, for a special event. The motion carried.

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It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Skalko to allow the Sportspage Bar to serve alcoholic beverages at the Mountain Iron Community Center on March 14, 2009, for a fundraiser. The motion carried.

The Personnel Committee advised the Council that there was no need for a closed meeting at this time.

At 7:57 p.m., it was moved by Skalko and seconded by Roskoski that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Submitted by:



Jill M. Anderson, CMC/MMCA  
Municipal Services Secretary

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## Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	107,344.05
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	1,900.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	750.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	142.27
MISCELLANEOUS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS	139.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	60.00
LICENSES	ANIMAL	35.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	764.39
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	75.00
MISCELLANEOUS	FAX CHARGES	5.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	84.93
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	199.59
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	67.94
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	72.20
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	300.00
MISCELLANEOUS	HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL PROCEEDS	3,453.84
COPIES	COPIES	5.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMB TELEVISIONING SPORTS	120.00
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	40.00
Summary Totals:		<u>115,558.21</u>

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
02/09	02/11/2009	137595	40018	DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	601-20200	572.80
02/09	02/13/2009	137596	130011	MOUNTAIN IRON POSTMASTER	604-20200	328.14
02/09	02/19/2009	137597	10056	A T & T MOBILITY	101-20200	1,060.59
02/09	02/19/2009	137598	10008	AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	604-20200	127.80
02/09	02/19/2009	137599	130017	AMERICAN BANK	101-20200	92.76
02/09	02/19/2009	137600	204	AMY ENGLAND	101-20200	100.00
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02/09	02/19/2009	137602	10009	ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES	301-20200	13,395.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137603	10001	ARROWHEAD ECONOMIC OPPORTUNI	101-20200	8,233.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137604	20048	BARNES DISTRIBUTION	603-20200	104.99
02/09	02/19/2009	137605	211	BECKY WILKINS	101-20200	100.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137606	220003	CITY OF VIRGINIA	101-20200	59.17
02/09	02/19/2009	137607	208	CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH	101-20200	200.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137608	30028	CUSTOM FIRE APPARATUS INC	101-20200	153.79
02/09	02/19/2009	137609	40005	DM&IR - CN - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	601-20200	50.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137610	500012	ERA LABORATORIES INC	601-20200	387.60
02/09	02/19/2009	137611	60038	FLEET SERVICES	604-20200	5,869.91
02/09	02/19/2009	137612	70016	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL INC	604-20200	113.05
02/09	02/19/2009	137613	70028	GREATER MINNESOTA AGENCY INC	101-20200	192.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137614	2017	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	101-20200	185.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137615	80032	HARTIKKA, TERRY	101-20200	200.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137616	90003	INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS	602-20200	167.89
02/09	02/19/2009	137617	90006	IRON TRAIL MOTORS	101-20200	203.04
02/09	02/19/2009	137618	210	JANET SKINNER	101-20200	200.00
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02/09	02/19/2009	137622	120006	L & M SUPPLY	604-20200	1,641.09
02/09	02/19/2009	137623	209	LARRY DAGEN	101-20200	200.00
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02/09	02/19/2009	137625	130144	MAGNEY CONSTRUCTION INC	601-20200	45,885.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137626	130032	MANNEYS SHOPPER INC	101-20200	275.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137627	130004	MESABI DAILY NEWS	101-20200	2,385.43
02/09	02/19/2009	137628	130006	MESABI HUMANE SOCIETY	101-20200	1,500.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137629	130093	MESABI RANGE COLLEGE	101-20200	75.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137630	140026	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	601-20200	9,553.18
02/09	02/19/2009	137631	130009	MINNESOTA POWER	604-20200	88,294.22
02/09	02/19/2009	137632	207	MISTY ELIASON	101-20200	700.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137633	130031	MOUNTAIN IRON ECONOMIC DEV	101-20200	215.75
02/09	02/19/2009	137634	130015	MOUNTAIN IRON PUBLIC UTILITIES	101-20200	12,930.45
02/09	02/19/2009	137635	140048	NORTH COUNTRY HEATING	602-20200	431.13
02/09	02/19/2009	137636	140052	NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE	101-20200	45,981.90
02/09	02/19/2009	137637	140043	NORTHERN 2-WAY SERVICE LLC	101-20200	125.95
02/09	02/19/2009	137638	160003	PERPICH TV & MUSIC INC	101-20200	457.94
02/09	02/19/2009	137639	160037	PRAXAIR	101-20200	22.03
02/09	02/19/2009	137640	170001	QWEST	604-20200	456.99
02/09	02/19/2009	137641	180009	RANGE RECREATION CIVIC CENTER	101-20200	10,080.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137642	206	ROBERT CHANCE	101-20200	200.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137643	180053	RUSSO CONSULTING	101-20200	280.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137644	190024	ST LOUIS CO SHERIFF LITMAN	101-20200	35,833.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137645	1244	ST LOUIS COUNTY SOCIAL SRV	604-20200	363.37
02/09	02/19/2009	137646	190078	STACK BROS.	101-20200	2,013.00
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02/09	02/19/2009	137648	200006	TRIMARK INDUSTRIAL	101-20200	161.40
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02/09	02/19/2009	137650	220004	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	604-20200	48,441.88
02/09	02/19/2009	137651	220020	VISA OR AMERICAN BANK CC PMT	301-20200	6,005.01

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
02/09	02/19/2009	137652	205	WENDY JACOBSEN	101-20200	100.00
02/09	02/19/2009	137653	230005	WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC	604-20200	1,596.95
02/09	02/19/2009	137654	240001	XEROX CORPORATION	101-20200	702.38
Totals:						<u>355,430.60</u>
Payroll-PP Ending 2/6/09						55,196.24
Electronic Trans-Sales TX 2/20/09						<u>10,690.51</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES						<u><u>\$421,317.35</u></u>





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## ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-09

### RENAMING STREETS WITHIN THE ROCK RIDGE DEVELOPMENT PLAT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1. RENAMING STREET.** "Park Ridge Drive" in the recorded plat of ROCK RIDGE DEVELOPMENT in the City of Mountain Iron, Saint Louis County, Minnesota, from Highway 169 to a line between the northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 2 and the northwest corner of Lot 1 Block 3 all in the said ROCK RIDGE DEVELOPMENT PLAT, is hereby renamed "Rock Ridge Drive"

**SECTION 2. RENAMING STREET.** All of "Commerce Street" within the recorded plat of ROCK RIDGE DEVELOPMENT in the City of Mountain Iron, Saint Louis County, Minnesota, is hereby renamed "Park Ridge Drive"

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** Should any section, subdivision, clause or other provision of this Ordinance be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part held to be invalid,

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be effective according to State Statute.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.**

Attested:

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City Administrator

  
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Mayor Gary Skalko

OFFICIAL PLAT

16.9 2.19 862.329

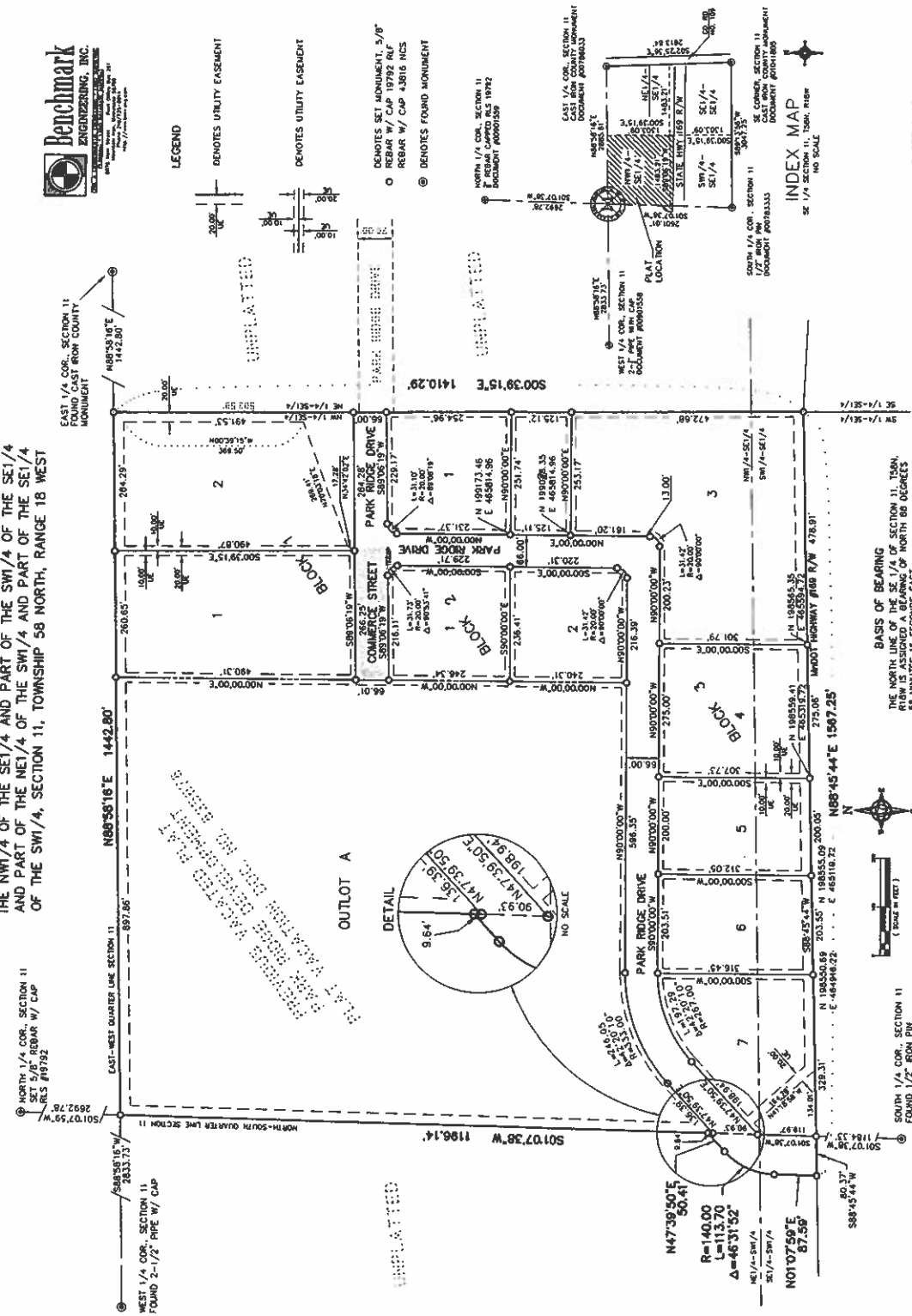
# ROCK RIDGE DEVELOPMENT

THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 AND PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 AND PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 AND PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4, SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 58 NORTH, RANGE 18 WEST



### LEGEND

- DEPOTES UTILITY EASEMENT
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- DEPOTES SET MONUMENT, 5/8" REBAR W/ CAP 19792 R/L
- REBAR W/ CAP 13816 NCS
- DEPOTES FOUND MONUMENT



### INDEX MAP



BASIS OF BEARING  
THE NORTH LINE OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 11, T58N,  
R18W, IS A TRUE MERIDIAN OF NORTH 88 DEGREES  
58 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST.





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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-09

### ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT

**WHEREAS**, it is proposed to improve Old Highway 169 from approximately one mile west of the Costin Plat to the western city limits by overlayment and to assess the benefited property for all or a portion of the cost of the improvement, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429,

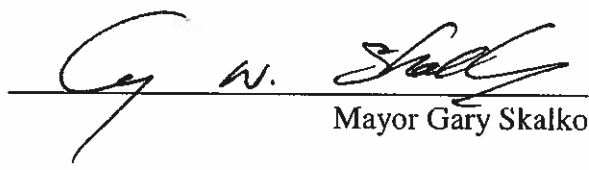
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA:**

That the proposed improvement be referred to Benchmark Engineering for study and that 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 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.**

ATTEST:

  
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City Administrator

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Gary Skalko



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-09

## CHARITABLE GAMBLING

**WHEREAS**, Chicagami, has submitted an application to conduct off-site gambling at the Mountain Iron Community Center on May 7, 2009, and;

**WHEREAS**, Chicagami, is requesting that an off-site gambling permit be issued.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**, that the Mountain Iron City Council hereby approves said off-site permit.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.**

ATTEST:

  
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City Administrator

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Gary Skalko

## MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL POLICY

The Mountain Iron City Council hereby adopts the following policy regarding setting the agenda for regular and special meetings of the Mountain Iron City Council:

Staff shall gather items for the agenda, and the proposed agenda shall be reviewed and approved by the Mayor before the agenda is published and posted.

If any proposed agenda item is not approved by the Mayor, any Councilor may challenge the omission of said item after the roll call commencing the meeting. The Mayor shall state the reason for the omission and a majority vote of the Council shall determine the omission or inclusion of the item. If an item is deemed for inclusion, it may be acted upon at that meeting or held over for inclusion in a subsequent meeting by majority vote of the City Council.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of resignation.

My retirement date is March 18, 2009.

Thank You,

Edward Bakke

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Bakke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**COUNCIL LETTER 030209-0000**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**STATE BID CONTRACT  
GARBAGE TRUCK CHASSIS**

**DATE:** February 25, 2009  
**FROM:** Don Kleinschmidt  
Director of Public Works

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The following is the State Contract price for a Garbage Truck Chassis supplied by Skubic Brothers of Virginia MN.

Contract # 439004  
2009 International Packer Chassis  
Model 7400 4 X 2  
Chassis Price: \$60,886.00

Staff recommends purchase of the Garbage Truck Chassis from Skubic Brothers at the State Bid Price of \$60,886.00.

This purchase is funded from the 2009 Refuse Capital Outlay Fund.

**February 24, 2009**

**To: Honorable Mayor Skalko and City Councilors**

**From: Sally Peterangelo/Merritt Day Committee Members**

**The Merritt Day Committee has met and we are beginning to plan for the August Merritt Days Events.**

**We need to establish a budget for this years activities and various events. We would like to request \$10,000 for this years event.**

**\$5,000 would be applied for our entertainment which would include two street dances and all day performers on Saturday and a sound system.**

**We also have the Tractor Pull for children, advertising costs, parade prize money, tents, satellite bathrooms, and the Scavenger hunt prizes.**

**Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate your help and look forward to planning another successful event for the community of Mt. Iron.**



**COUNCIL LETTER 030209-VIA**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**RESOLUTION 08-09**

**DATE:** February 25, 2009  
**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Resolution Number 08-09 Approving Plans is a Resolution required by the Federal Government with regard to out TEA-21 old town streetscape project. Basically the Resolution is stating that we approve the plans and are submitting them for federal approval.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 08-09 as presented.



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-09

### APPROVING COUNTY PROJECT WITHIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS

**WHEREAS**, plans for Project No. SP 69-596-03 showing proposed alignment, profiles grades and cross-sections for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of Main Street and Mountain Avenue within the limits of the City of Mountain Iron as a Federal Aid Project have been prepared and presented to the City of Mountain Iron.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Mountain Iron, Minnesota, that said plans be in all things approved.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2009.**

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Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

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City Administrator

**COUNCIL LETTER 030209-VIB**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-09**

**DATE:** February 25, 2009

**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Resolution Number 09-09 Accepting Report and calling a hearing is for the completion of the overlay of Old Highway 169. Since this project is being partially paid through a 10% assessment, the City Council is required to schedule a public hearing and notify all affected property owners. This project as an estimated cost of \$380,000, therefore, the City Council needed to determine how it would like to proceed in this matter.



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-09

### RECEIVING REPORT AND CALLING HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution Number 06-09 of the City Council adopted February 18, 2009, a report has been prepared by Benchmark Engineering with reference to the improvement of Old Highway 169 approximately one mile west of the Costin Plat to the western city limits by overlayment and this report was received by the City Council on March 2, 2009, and

**WHEREAS**, the report provides information regarding whether the proposed project is necessary, cost effective, and feasible; whether it should best be made as proposed or in connection with some other improvement; and the estimated cost of the improvement as recommended.

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

1. The City Council will consider the improvement of such streets in accordance with the report and the assessment of abutting property for all or a portion of the cost of the improvement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429 at an estimated total cost of the improvement of \$400,000.
2. A public hearing shall be held on such proposed improvement on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, in the Mountain Iron Room of the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. and the City Administrator shall give mailed and published notice of such hearing and improvement as required by law.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2009.**

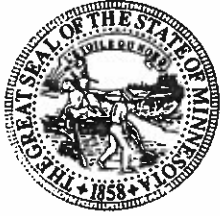
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Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

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City Administrator



Minnesota Department of Public Safety  
 Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division  
 444 Cedar St. - Suite 133  
 St. Paul, MN 55101-5133



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## APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR A TEMPORARY ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE

**TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION**

FID 41-1540311

NAME OF ORGANIZATION <i>Chicagami</i>		DATE ORGANIZED <i>7/1/94</i>	TAX EXEMPT NUMBER <i>31124</i>	
STREET ADDRESS <i>401 Roosevelt Avenue</i>		CITY <i>Eveleth</i>	STATE <i>MN</i>	ZIP CODE <i>55734</i>
NAME OF PERSON MAKING APPLICATION <i>Jeff Peterson</i>		BUSINESS PHONE <i>(218) 744-2405</i>	HOME PHONE <i>(218) 741-5144</i>	
DATES LIQUOR WILL BE SOLD <i>Thursday May 7, 2009</i>		TYPE OF ORGANIZATION <input type="checkbox"/> CLUB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHARITABLE <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER NONPROFIT		
ORGANIZATION OFFICER'S NAME <i>Doug Ellis</i>		ADDRESS <i>PO Box 325 Hwy 7 Forbes MN 55738</i>		
ORGANIZATION OFFICER'S NAME <i>Jim Glancy</i>		ADDRESS <i>711 - 9th St So Virginia 55792</i>		
ORGANIZATION OFFICER'S NAME <i>Joe Leon</i>		ADDRESS <i>1207 - 18th St No Virginia</i>		

Location where license will be used. If an outdoor area, describe:

*M+Iron Community Center*

Will the applicant contract for intoxicating liquor services? If so, give the name and address of the liquor licensee providing the service.

*B&B's Bar & Grill 6194 Hwy 7  
 M+Iron 55768*

Will the applicant carry liquor liability insurance? If so, the carrier's name and amount of coverage.  
 (NOTE: Insurance is not mandatory.) *van Baak Agency*

### APPROVAL

APPLICATION MUST BE APPROVED BY CITY OR COUNTY BEFORE SUBMITTING TO ALCOHOL & GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT

CITY/COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY FEE AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE FEE PAID \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
 LICENSE DATES \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE CITY CLERK OR COUNTY OFFICIAL \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Director \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Do not separate these two parts, send both parts to the address above and the original signed by this division will be returned as the license. Submit to the City or County at least 30 days before the event.



**Virginia, MN**

February 10, 2009

Dear Mayor Skalko:

On January 12, 2009, John and Paulette Ditzler and their four children Maggie, Max, Marta, and Mackenzie (ages 12 and under) lost their South Grove home, attached garage, and all of their possessions to a fire. The Virginia Fire Fighters' Auxiliary is holding a benefit to raise funds for the family on March 14, 2009 at the Mountain Iron Community Center. We are requesting that the fee be waived for this event. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (218) 343-9767.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jen Fredrickson  
VFFA President

**COUNCIL LETTER 030209-VIF**  
**NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**CLOSED MEETING**

**DATE:** February 25, 2009  
**FROM:** Negotiations Committee  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The City Council may enter into a Closed Meeting to discuss contract negotiations strategies with AFSCME Local Union #453.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. Minnesota Department of Administration, a letter concerning the 2010 Census.
2. American Bank, a letter expressing gratitude for work done on recent power outage.
3. Carol Ongaro, a letter of appreciation on the use of the Community Center.
4. CLIMB Theatre, a letter asking support for charitable gaming.





Craig Wainio  
City of Mountain Iron  
8586 Enterprise Dr S  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768-8260

February 17, 2009

Craig Wainio:

My name is Ashley Edwards and I contacted you regarding the 2010 Census. This effort will be extremely important for the City of Mountain Iron and for Minnesota. The 2010 Census count will have a profound impact on our state for the next 10 years and beyond. Our count will determine Congressional representation, state legislative and local voting districts and the allocation of millions of federal and state dollars. The 2010 Census is still a year away, but preparations are already underway. By working together, we can ensure that the count in 2010 is complete.

Mayors, county commissioners, town board chairs and other leaders appoint volunteer members to Complete Count Committees to promote the 2010 Census in their communities. Activities of a Complete Count Committee include: participating in parades and festivals; answering questions and directing residents to sources for translations of the form; questionnaire assistance; and providing information about Census Bureau employment. **Our goal is to have at least 300 established committees by April 1, 2009 – one year before Census Day, 2010 (April, 1, 2010).**

You can also help by publishing reminders and articles about the 2010 Census in your newsletters, participating in the upcoming Census Roundtable, adding the Census logo ([www.mn2010census.org/Roundtable.html](http://www.mn2010census.org/Roundtable.html)) to forms and including a link to the 2010 Census website (<http://www.mn2010census.org/>) on your webpage.

Historically, our state has led all others in response rates and in complete counts. Let's do it again by working together. Minnesota cannot afford to fail and having a committee in place in Mountain Iron by April 1, 2009 will help put us on the path to success in 2010. If you have any questions or need help getting started, do not hesitate to contact me at 651-201-2474 or by email at [census.2010@state.mn.us](mailto:census.2010@state.mn.us). If I am unavailable, please contact Ryan Dolan (651-201-2479 or [ryan.dolan@state.mn.us](mailto:ryan.dolan@state.mn.us)).

Sincerely,

Ashley Edwards  
Local Government Liaison, Census 2010  
(651) 201-2474

State Demographic Center  
658 Cedar Street / Room 300 / St. Paul, Minnesota 55155  
Phone: 651.201.2473 / Fax: 651.296.3698 / Website: [www.mn2010census.org](http://www.mn2010census.org)  
Persons with a hearing or speech disability may contact us by calling Minnesota Relay at 711

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# We Need **Your** Help

*... To make Census 2010 a Success!*

## **Census 2010 is just around the corner!**

Every ten years, the number of elected representatives we send to Congress is recalculated using the results of the Census. Current population projections indicate that Minnesota could lose a seat in the US House of Representatives - something you can help prevent.

In addition, approximately \$300 billion in federal dollars are distributed to the states annually based on the results of the Census. Over a decade, this means our state loses **\$10,000** per person missed in the 2010 Census. If just 100 people aren't counted, our state misses out on **\$1 Million** in federal funding - money needed for things like roads, healthcare, transit, and housing.

**Census 2010 can be a great tool for economic recovery. In order for Minnesota to take full advantage of this opportunity, we need your help!**

**Here are just some of the things you can do:**

- **Invite Us to Your Meetings, Conferences and Events.**
- **Initiate Complete Count Committees**
- **Join the Census 2010 Roundtable**
- **Include Articles on Census 2010 in Your Newsletters**
- **Post Information on Your Website**
- **Publicize Census 2010 in Your Mailings, Speeches, Presentations and Advertisements.**
- **Spread the Word!**
- **Help us Translate Materials (esp. Hmong, Somali and other languages)**
- **Recruit for the 8,000 Census Job Openings!**

**For more information, please contact:**

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(651) 201-2479  
ryan.dolan@state.mn.us

Barbara J. Ronningen  
Demographer  
(651) 201-2473  
barbara.ronningen@state.mn.us

# APRIL 1, 2010



February 18, 2009

Mayor Gary Skalko  
City of Mt. Iron  
8586 Enterprise Dr.S  
Mt. Iron, MN. 55768

Dear Gary,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation and thanks to the members of the city crew that assisted in any way with our recent power outage here at the American Bank.

We appreciate the quick response of the city crew to find the problem. They kept us well informed to allow us to make decisions to best assist our customers. This crew interrupted their holiday weekend to make sure the bank would open as normal on Tuesday morning.

Again, thanks to all involved and know that we appreciate the great service that was provided to us.

Lynn Rikala  
Customer Service Officer

City of Mt. Iron  
8586 Enterprise Dr. SD  
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

February 19, 2009

Dear Sirs:

I am one of the volunteers with the Vita-AARP tax program who use your very nice and convenient Community Center for our tax classes each year.

Each year I have intended to write to you with compliments on how clean your facility is (especially the Ladies' restroom!). Please be aware of this and give my praise and thanks to whomever does the "housekeeping" there.

We hope to see you next year!

Sincerely,

Carol Ongaro

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Ongaro". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Carol Ongaro".

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS!!

### CHARITABLE GAMING IS IN BIG TROUBLE.

Without tax reform, hundreds of charities will be forced out of gaming.

#### PLEASE Call Your Legislators.

- 1) Let them know how charitable gaming helps your city.
- 2) Tell them charities are being unfairly and excessively taxed. Use CLIMB Theatre as an example. CLIMB is one of the charities approved by your City Council to conduct charitable gaming in your city. Between Sept. '07 and Aug. '08, CLIMB earned \$115,000 to help pay for plays and classes BUT paid the state \$526,197 in Minnesota's combined receipt and distributor taxes. Between Oct. '08 and Dec. '08 CLIMB paid \$182,121 in taxes but did not make a profit in any of those months.
- 3) Tell your senator and representative that charities in gaming pay much more in taxes than for-profit businesses. Ask them to support the bills Allied Charities is preparing that will have charities pay a 9.8% tax rate on our gross sales minus the winnings paid out to players. Charities still won't be able to deduct other expenses including salaries, rent, etc, like for-profit business, but we will be paying much less in taxes than we pay now! Now, for example, CLIMB Theatre pays 34% on gross sales minus the winnings paid out to players.
- 4) Tell them you know Minnesota has a huge deficit. Reducing the taxes charities pay on gaming might not seem smart. BUT it is smart because the current legislation will force many charities out of gaming and the State will end up with less money than tax reform would have cost.
- 5) Tell your senator and representative that Minnesota can increase revenue from its charities by approving the electronic table top bingo machines Allied Charities is proposing.

Taxes charities pay on this new game could off-set money lost through tax reform. Let them know this new game is also likely to increase the rent charities pay to bars.

6) Tell your senator and representative that Minnesota limits the amount of money charities can spend on gaming expenses. The Minnesota Gambling Control Board's bills will remove these limitations. Before the smoking ban and the recession, keeping to these limitations wasn't a problem. Now, it is. Charities are earning less money, but many of our expenses remain the same. According to the Gambling Control Board, 39% of the charities in gaming are already out of compliance and that number will definitely grow. If charities are out of compliance, the state will not relicense many of us which means many charities will have to cease gaming.

7) Ask your senator and representative to please support the charitable gaming legislation that Allied Charities of Minnesota and the Minnesota Gambling Control Board will introduce. Let your senator and representative know that you will be calling again when these bills have house and senate numbers.

PLEASE CALL NOW!!  
CLIMB Theatre THANKS YOU!!!!

Calling/Emailing is easy!

Don't know who your state senator or representative is? Go to [www.gis.leg.mn](http://www.gis.leg.mn), type in your address at "Who represents me?" and be linked directly to your legislators' email or call 651-296-2146 for phone numbers.