

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM  
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2005 - 6:30 P.M.  
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes of the February 22, 2005 Regular Meeting (#1-9)
  - B. Bills and Payroll
  - C. Receipts
  - D. Communications (#46-50)
- III. Public Forum
- IV. Committee and Staff Reports
  - A. Mayor's Report
  - B. City Administrator's Report
  - C. Director of Public Work's Report
  - D. Director of Parks and Recreation's Report
  - E. City Engineers Report
  - F. Fire Department
    - 1. Conference Attendance (#10)
  - G. Liaison Reports
- V. Unfinished Business
  - A. Spring Park Road (#11-21)
  - B. Yard Waste/Recycling Area (#22)
  - C. Sump Pump Issues (#23-35)
    - 1. Mailings
    - 2. Waivers
    - 3. Inspections
    - 4. Compliance Issues
  - D. Taping and Televising Meetings (#36)
  - E. Diamond Lane Drainage (#37)
- VI. New Business
  - A. South Grove Park Development (#38-40)
  - B. Request for Waiver (#41)
  - C. Border Modifications (#42)
  - D. Emergency Phone Numbers (#43)
  - E. Set Board of Review Meeting (#44-45)
  - F. Communications (#46-50)
- VII. Open Discussion
- VIII. Announcements
  - A. Board of Review -- April 12, 2005 at 6:30PM
- IX. Adjourn # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 22, 2005

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 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; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer; and Paul Cerkvenik, City Attorney.

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

1. Add the following items to the agenda:
  - IV. A. 1. Qwest Phone Book Listings for West Virginia area
  - V. D. ATV Trail Designation
2. Approve the minutes of the February 7, 2005, City Council meeting as submitted.
3. That the communications be accepted, placed on file, and those requiring further action by the City Council be acted upon during their proper sequence on the agenda.
4. To acknowledge the receipts for the period February 1-15, 2005, totaling \$139,841.94, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
5. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period February 1-15, 2005, totaling \$159,789.26, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

During the public forum, Val Kulas, 5480 Carnation Avenue, West Virginia area, spoke regarding the sump pump penalty on her utility bill. She said that she was never informed that there was a problem with compliance to the sump pump ordinance as a new resident in Mountain Iron. She further stated that the inspector had come to her house and certified that she was in compliance and she requested that the \$50 in penalty charges be reversed off of her bill.

The Mayor addressed the audience regarding the procedures followed for the sump pump fines.

Also during the public forum, Peanut Saari, 5746 Mineral Avenue, said that she reviewed the ordinance and it does not say that it is mandatory for her to make an appointment for an inspection.

The Mayor requested that City Staff supply all of the communications that were sent to the residents over the past 20 months regarding the sump pump ordinance.

Also during the public forum, Richard and Margaret Matyska, 5495 Coral Lane, stated that they built a new home in Unity Addition and they had inspections completed during construction.

The Director of Public Works explained to the Council that the Unity Addition customers were certified by the Building Inspector and those notes did not get into the City system and all of the fines would be removed for the residents in Unity Addition.

Also during the public forum, Stephen Skogman, said that he had a proposal for the City Council. He said that he had a resident contact him regarding the televising of the City Council meetings. He said that this resident would be willing to donate \$1,000 towards the broadcast of the City Council meetings. Councilor Roskoski requested that this item be placed on the March 7, 2005, City Council agenda.

Also during the public forum, Mary Karakash, 5639 Eagle Avenue, Parkville, requested an update from the City Council regarding the Excelsior Energy proposal. The Mayor and City Administrator said there has been no meeting scheduled. Councilor Prebeg said that there has not been anymore information received from Excelsior Energy. Ray Saari advised the Council to check the background of the company for the plants that they have in Indiana and Florida. Elmer Johnson requested that the Council look on the internet regarding the coal gasification process because it is a new environmentally clean form of generating electricity and natural gas.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to direct City Staff to contact Qwest regarding the phone book publication using the correct mailing addresses for the Mountain Iron areas with postal addresses in Iron and Virginia. The motion carried.

At 7:29 p.m., Councilor Nelson left the meeting.

Councilor Irish questioned the City Engineer regarding the railroad quiet zone designations. The City Engineer said that the internet site was down through November, 2004 and he had not look into it further. Councilor Irish said that the deadline for the application is April 1, 2005 for requesting the quiet zone designation. The City Engineer said that the crossing improvements would be approximately \$150,000 per crossing with no grant funding available. The Council took no further action on the issue.

Councilor Roskoski questioned the Director of Public Works regarding the Call Out List provided to the City Council. He said that the first week in July was missing off of the list. Councilor Roskoski expressed concern with the Call Out List being planned for a year in advance and if there were some changes, who would be responsible to notify Minnesota Power. The Director of Public Works said that the person on call always has the call out phone and Minnesota Power calls this number first.

Councilor Roskoski questioned how many inspections for the sanitary sewers and sump pumps have been completed. The Director of Public Works said that he had been completing

quarterly reports to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and he was guessing that 450 of the property owners were in compliance out of 950 property owners.

The Mayor asked that the Council review the property owners that have no basements at the next City Council meeting.

The Director of Public Works stated that the Carriage Homes properties all share a community sump pump system with drain tile.

Councilor Irish said that the City Council needs to look at the cost effectiveness for the use of the Mountain Iron Library at a cost per visit comparison before hiring replacement personnel. Mayor Skalko said that he always has wanted to keep the current employees, but with a retirement, the City Council needs to look further into the matter.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to refer the situation with the Assistant Librarian retiring from the Library to the Personnel Committee and have a recommendation back to the City Council by mid April. The motion carried with Councilor Nelson absent.

The City Engineer reported that he had submitted the information on the South Grove Park to the City Administrator. The Mayor requested that the South Grove Park options be on the next City Council agenda.

Councilor Irish questioned the City Engineer if their firm had determined the right-of-way issues on Monkey Road in Parkville. He stated that he wanted a letter from the City Engineer stating his findings on the right-of-way issues on Monkey Road. Councilor Irish also questioned the City Engineer regarding another possible grant source for the ATV Trail. The City Engineer said that he had not received any additional grant information.

The City Attorney reviewed the Community Foundation information. Councilor Roskoski said that the Civic Association wants to control the release of foundation funds and the City of Mountain Iron would hold the foundation funds. The City Attorney stated that the City Council would have to accept any donation to the Community Foundation by a two thirds vote and this would become public money and would be subject to all the limitations and restrictions of any other public funds that the city raises through general revenues, grants, and fees.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Irish to approve the safety training contract with Minnesota Power for 2005. The motion carried with Councilor Nelson absent.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to accept the resignation/retirement of Darlene Anderson, Assistant Librarian, with regrets, effective July 1, 2005. The motion carried with Councilor Nelson absent.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to direct the City Engineer to research the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue street improvement records to find out what standards and quantities were used in the original construction of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue during the period 1978 through 1980. And further, the

City Engineer's opinion on pitching/tilting 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to an angle to allow drainage on the road and eliminate the catch basins on the Mountain Iron side of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The motion carried with Councilor Nelson absent.

The Council reviewed the Spring Park Road information. It was the consensus of the Council to review the information during the next regular Council meeting with the South Grove proposal.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to have the City Engineer develop specifications and a cost estimate to build an outside air chamber/muffler for the intake on the air handler for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion carried with Councilor Prebeg voting no and Councilor Nelson absent.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski that a resolution be drafted and implemented immediately that would give the proposed ATV Trail System within the City of Mountain Iron and the parties involved a first option agreement to secure the City land required and set forth in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources grant application. And further, this resolution will forever secure the ATV Trail System unless a mutual agreement is made between the Wacootah Wheelers ATV Club and the City of Mountain Iron. If it becomes necessary to close any portion of the trail system, for any reason, a reroute, alternative route, or relocation, that meets or exceeds the original specifications of the trail, must be approved by the Wacootah Wheelers ATV Club and the City of Mountain Iron. All costs associated with any such trail modifications, as stated, will be made by the parties requesting such action and/or the City of Mountain Iron. After further discussion, Councilor Irish withdrew his motion and Councilor Roskoski withdrew his support.

It was moved by Roskoski to allow Councilor Irish to meet with the City Attorney regarding the motion regarding the ATV trail. After further discussion, Councilor Roskoski withdrew his motion.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to adopt Ordinance 03-05, enacting a code of ordinance for the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota, amending, restating, revising, updating, codifying and compiling certain ordinances of the City dealing with the subjects embraced in the code of ordinances, and providing penalties for the violation of the code of ordinances, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Councilor Nelson absent.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to approve the 2005 appropriation to the Quad City Joint Recreation Authority in the amount of \$6,720.00. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with Nelson absent.

The Council reviewed the list of communications.

During the open discussion, Councilor Roskoski questioned a motion that was voted on at the November 22, 2004, City Council meeting regarding allowing City Staff to work with a developer on a project in Mountain Iron. Councilor Roskoski questioned why the location that

was discussed changed and why there was no estimate of costs prepared. Councilor Irish asked the City Staff when the location was changed in the discussions with the developer. The City Administrator said that he did not have a specific date.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to send a plant and a get well card to Sergeant Joe Stewart at a cost of up to \$50. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with Councilor Nelson absent.

At 8:59 p.m., it was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried with Councilor Nelson absent.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA  
Municipal Services Secretary

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. U. S. Steel Corporation, a letter opposing the request for the City to purchase properties from the State for the construction of the Excelsior Energy Project.
2. Minnesota Department of Transportation, a letter advising the City that they are denying the request to have a "Historic Original Town Site" placed at the junction of Highway 169 and County Road 102.
3. DNR Cyber News, information regarding locating a site for a new 70-mile all-terrain vehicle/off-highway motorcycle trail in Minnesota.
4. Saint Louis County, advising the City of a workshop for FY 2005 CDBG award recipients on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at the Mountain Iron Community Center.
5. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding the February 11, 2005, Friday Fax.
6. University of Minnesota, forwarding information on the 2005 Minnesota Municipal Clerks Institute.

## Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
PERMITS	BUILDING	188.35
UTILITY	UTILITY	89,203.86
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	950.00
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	73.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	REFUSE REMOVAL-CHG FOR SERVICE	70.00
LICENSES	ANIMAL	70.00
MISCELLANEOUS	COCA-COLA RECEIPTS-CITY HALL	93.06
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	29,857.35
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	1,600.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	7,857.66
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	75.00
MISCELLANEOUS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS	247.81
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	589.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	433.69
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	198.26
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	86.73
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	173.53
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 103	1,371.66
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	10.00
MISCELLANEOUS	CABLE TV FRANCHISE FEE	5,575.63
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	25.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ELECTRIC RECONNECT FEE	50.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	WATER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	34.35
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	ELECTRIC-CHG FOR SERVICES	715.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REFUNDS/ REIMBURSEMENTS	293.00
Summary Totals:		<u>139,841.94</u>

Check Issue Date(s): 02/12/2005 - 02/28/2005

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
02/05	02/16/2005	31255	130011	MOUNTAIN IRON POSTMASTER	002-20200	286.53
02/05	02/23/2005	31256	10013	A T & T INFORMATION SYSTEMS	002-20200	64.13
02/05	02/23/2005	31257	10008	AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	002-20200	112.30
02/05	02/23/2005	31258	130017	AMERICAN BANK	002-20200	194.99
02/05	02/23/2005	31259	10001	ARROWHEAD ECONOMIC OPPORTUNI	002-20200	6,000.00
02/05	02/23/2005	31260	10021	ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM	002-20200	408.67
02/05	02/23/2005	31261	2018	BETH ANDERSON	002-20200	100.00
02/05	02/23/2005	31262	20007	BP	002-20200	5,478.10
02/05	02/23/2005	31263	2022	BRITTANY NELSON	002-20200	10.36
02/05	02/23/2005	31264	30061	CELLULARONE	002-20200	560.62
02/05	02/23/2005	31265	30009	CITY OF GILBERT	002-20200	946.55
02/05	02/23/2005	31266	30026	COMO LUBE & SUPPLIES INC	002-20200	18.40
02/05	02/23/2005	31267	30053	CONSOLIDATED TRADING COMPANY	002-20200	926.37
02/05	02/23/2005	31268	2021	DENNIS KUHARSKI	002-20200	9.95
02/05	02/23/2005	31269	40005	DM&IR - CN - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	002-20200	50.00
02/05	02/23/2005	31270	2023	DOROTHY SCHANLAUB	002-20200	131.59
02/05	02/23/2005	31271	40006	DRIVER & VEHICLE SERVICE DIV	002-20200	1,450.99
02/05	02/23/2005	31272	60006	FISHER PRINTING	002-20200	473.93
02/05	02/23/2005	31273	70004	GRANDE ACE HARDWARE	002-20200	6.16
02/05	02/23/2005	31274	80022	HAWKINS INC	002-20200	353.82
02/05	02/23/2005	31275	80010	HOMETOWN ELECTRIC	002-20200	644.73
02/05	02/23/2005	31276	90002	INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	002-20200	154.61
02/05	02/23/2005	31277	2024	KELLEY HOLMBO	002-20200	271.88
02/05	02/23/2005	31278	120006	L & M SUPPLY	002-20200	529.72
02/05	02/23/2005	31279	120003	LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	002-20200	20.00
02/05	02/23/2005	31280	2028	LESLIE TOZIER	002-20200	96.66
02/05	02/23/2005	31281	120004	LITERARY GUILD	002-20200	21.49
02/05	02/23/2005	31282	2019	LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES	002-20200	100.00
02/05	02/23/2005	31283	2026	MICHAEL MARGO	002-20200	64.91
02/05	02/23/2005	31284	130059	MINNESOTA POWER	002-20200	2,488.50
02/05	02/23/2005	31285		Information Only Check	002-20200	.00 V
02/05	02/23/2005	31286	130015	MOUNTAIN IRON PUBLIC UTILITIES	002-20200	14,343.47
02/05	02/23/2005	31287	140013	NATIONAL WATERWORKS	002-20200	356.70
02/05	02/23/2005	31288	2025	NICK BASARICH	002-20200	95.64
02/05	02/23/2005	31289	140004	NORTHERN ENGINE & SUPPLY INC	002-20200	32.78
02/05	02/23/2005	31290	150014	ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	002-20200	117.55
02/05	02/23/2005	31291	170001	QWEST	002-20200	467.90
02/05	02/23/2005	31292	180009	RANGE RECREATION CIVIC CENTER	002-20200	6,720.00
02/05	02/23/2005	31293	180030	ROCKBOTTOM BOOK COMPANY	002-20200	111.98
02/05	02/23/2005	31294	190068	SATELLITE SHELTERS INC	002-20200	214.07
02/05	02/23/2005	31295	2017	SHEILA RICHTER	002-20200	100.00
02/05	02/23/2005	31296	190012	SOCIETY OF EXPLOSIVE ENGINEERS	002-20200	20.00
02/05	02/23/2005	31297	190024	ST LOUIS CO SHERIFF LITMAN	002-20200	34,166.66
02/05	02/23/2005	31298	2029	ST LOUIS COUNTY	002-20200	92.83
02/05	02/23/2005	31299	190002	ST LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	002-20200	17,347.22
02/05	02/23/2005	31300	190039	ST LOUIS COUNTY RECORDERS OFFC	002-20200	24.50
02/05	02/23/2005	31301	2027	TARA KILEN	002-20200	78.97
02/05	02/23/2005	31302	200027	TRUE VALUE HOME CENTER	002-20200	712.50
02/05	02/23/2005	31303	210001	UNITED ELECTRIC COMPANY	002-20200	752.62
02/05	02/23/2005	31304	2020	WENDY NEWCOMB	002-20200	60.05

Totals:

97,789.40

Payroll-PP Ending 2/11/05

52,165.87

Electronic Transfer-Sales Tax 2/11/05

9,833.99

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$159,789.26





# CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

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## ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-05

### ENACTING A CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, AMENDING, RESTATING, REVISING, UPDATING, CODIFYING AND COMPILING CERTAIN ORDINANCES OF THE CITY DEALING WITH THE SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Sections 415.02 and 415.021 authorize the City to cause its Ordinances to be codified and printed in a book.

#### THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1 CODE ADOPTION.** The general Ordinances of the City as amended, restated, revised, updated, codified and compiled in book form, including penalties for the violations of various provisions thereof, are hereby adopted and shall constitute the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota." This Code of Ordinances also adopts by reference certain statutes and administrative rules of the State of Minnesota as named in the Code of Ordinances. It is intended that any future amendments to a statute or administrative rule of the State of Minnesota, and any federal law, rule or regulation be included in the Code of Ordinances as if the amended statute, law, rule or regulation had been in existence at the time the code was adopted.

**SECTION 2 SECTIONS ADOPTED.** The Code of Ordinances as adopted in Section One shall consist of the following titles:

Title I: General Provisions  
Title III: Administration  
Title V: Public Works  
Title VII: Traffic Code  
Title IX: General Regulations  
Title XI: Business Regulations  
Title XIII: General Offenses  
Title XV: Land Usage  
Table of Special Ordinances  
Parallel References  
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**SECTION 3 REPEAL OF ORDINANCES.** All prior Ordinances, pertaining to the subjects treated in the Code of Ordinances, shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance, except as they are included and re-ordained in whole or in part in the Code of Ordinances; provided, this repeal shall not affect any offense committed or penalty incurred or any right established prior to the effective date of this ordinance, nor shall this repeal affect the provisions of Ordinances levying taxes, appropriating money, annexing or detaching territory, establishing franchises, or granting special rights to certain persons, authorizing public improvements, authorizing the issuance of bonds or borrowing of money, authorizing the purchase or sale of real or personal property, granting or accepting easements, plat or dedication of land to public use, vacating or setting the boundaries of streets or other public places; nor shall this repeal affect any other ordinance of a temporary or special nature or pertaining to subjects not contained in or covered by the Code of Ordinances. All fees established in prior Ordinances codified in this Code shall remain in effect unless amended in this code or until an ordinance or resolution adopting a fee schedule is adopted or amended.

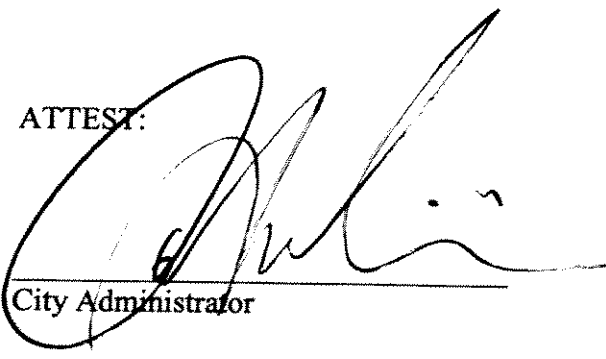
**SECTION 4 PUBLICATION.** This ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances shall be a sufficient publication of any ordinance included in it and not previously published in the City's official newspaper. The City Administrator of the City shall cause a substantial quantity of the Code of Ordinances to be printed for general distribution to the public at actual cost and shall furnish a copy of the Code of Ordinances to the County Law Library or its designated depository. The official copy of this Code of Ordinances shall be marked and kept in the office of the City Administrator.

**SECTION 5 PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE.** The Code of Ordinances is declared to be prima facie evidence of the law of the City and shall be received in evidence as provided by Minnesota Statutes by the Courts of the State of Minnesota.

**SECTION 6 EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances, and the Code of Ordinances itself, shall take effect 30 days after publication of this ordinance in the City's official newspaper.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2005.**

ATTEST:

  
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City Administrator

  
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Mayor Gary Skalko

**COUNCIL LETTER 030705-IVF1**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**CONFERENCE**

**DATE:** March 3, 2005

**FROM:** Tom Cvar  
Fire Chief

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Conference attendance costs requesting to send two people:

Conference fees:	\$205.00
Hotel 3 nights @ \$76.00 per night	\$228.00
Per diem 3 x \$32.00	\$ 96.00
Mileage 400 x .405	\$162.00
Training hours 20 x \$10.00	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$891.00 per person.

**COUNCIL LETTER 030705-VA**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**SPRING PARK ROAD**

**DATE:** February 15, 2005

**FROM:** City Council

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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



**COPY**

**ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES AND OPINION OF COST  
 SPRING PARK ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION  
 MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA  
 PROJECT NO: MI04-9**

**OPTION D: GRAVITY SEWER WEST & FORCE MAIN  
 EAST & GRAVITY SEWER EAST TO TIE INTO  
 EXISTING MANHOLE AT ORIOLE AVENUE.**

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	ITEM COST	PROJECT QUANTITIES	TOTAL AMOUNT
2101.511	CLEARING & GRUBBING	ACRE	\$2,000.00	0.9	\$1,800.00
2104.505	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	\$2.00	5.0	\$10.00
2105.503	ROCK EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	\$40.00	10.0	\$400.00
2105.525	TOPSOIL BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	\$12.00	10.0	\$120.00
2211.503	AGG. BASE CL. 5 (CV)	CU. YD.	\$11.00	1,050.0	\$11,550.00
2350.501	WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	\$32.00	5.0	\$160.00
2350.502	NON WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	\$31.00	5.0	\$155.00
2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	\$1.50	5.0	\$7.50
2503.511	4" PVC PIPE SEWER - SDR 35	LIN. FT.	\$18.00	400.0	\$7,200.00
2503.511	8" PVC PIPE SEWER - SDR 35	LIN. FT.	\$22.00	2,975.0	\$65,450.00
2503.602	SANITARY SEWER SERVICE - 8" X 4" WYE	EACH	\$125.00	10.0	\$1,250.00
2503.603	2" FORCE MAIN	LIN. FT.	\$16.00	1,350.0	\$21,600.00
2506.501	CONST. DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DES. 4007	LIN. FT.	\$200.00	110.0	\$22,000.00
2506.502	CONNECT TO EXISTING SANITARY MANHOLE	EACH	\$750.00	1.0	\$750.00
2506.516	CASTING ASSEMBLY	EACH	\$250.00	11.0	\$2,750.00
2506.601	CONSTRUCT LIFT STATION	LUMP SUM	\$20,000.00	1.0	\$20,000.00
2563.601	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	\$500.00	1.0	\$500.00

**SUBTOTAL: \$155,702.50**  
**CONTINGENCIES: \$15,570.25**  
**DESIGN ENGINEERING (9%): \$14,013.23**  
**ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (billed hourly): \$11,000.00**

**ESTIMATED COST: \$196,285.98**

**NOTES:**

1. Assumes pipe and manhole depth of 10 feet.
2. Gravel road section includes 12" of Class V.
3. Bituminous road section includes 8" of Class V and 4" of bituminous.
4. Minimal bituminous construction needed in the Oriole Avenue tie-in.





**ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES AND OPINION OF COST  
 SPRING PARK ROAD WATERMAIN EXTENSION  
 MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA  
 PROJECT NO: MI04-9**

**OPTION D-2: 6" DUCTILE IRON WATERMAIN, GRAVEL ROAD  
 REPAIR TO TIE INTO ORIOLE AVE.**

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	ITEM COST	PROJECT QUANTITIES	TOTAL AMOUNT
2101.511	CLEARING & GRUBBING	ACRE	\$2,000.00	0.9	\$1,800.00
2104.505	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	\$2.00	10.0	\$20.00
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	\$12.00	580.0	\$6,960.00
2105.503	ROCK EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	\$40.00	10.0	\$400.00
2105.525	TOPSOIL BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	\$12.00	30.0	\$360.00
2211.503	AGG. BASE CL. 5 (CV)	CU. YD.	\$15.00	463.0	\$6,945.00
2350.501	WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	\$42.00	1.5	\$63.00
2350.502	NON WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	\$40.00	1.5	\$60.00
2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	\$1.50	1.0	\$1.50
2504.602	CONNECT TO EXISTING WATERMAIN	EACH	\$1,000.00	1.0	\$1,000.00
2504.602	6" GATE VALVE & BOX	EACH	\$1,000.00	2.0	\$2,000.00
2504.602	F & I HYDRANT W/GATE VALVE	EACH	\$3,000.00	3.0	\$9,000.00
2504.603	6" WATERMAIN D.I. CL.52	LIN. FT.	\$25.00	3,125.0	\$78,125.00
2504.608	WATERMAIN FITTINGS	LBS.	\$5.00	800.0	\$4,000.00
2563.601	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	\$500.00	1.0	\$500.00

**SUBTOTAL: \$111,234.50**  
**CONTINGENCIES: \$11,123.45**  
**DESIGN ENGINEERING (9%): \$10,011.11**  
**ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (billed hourly): \$8,000.00**

**ESTIMATED COST: \$140,369.06**

**NOTES:**

1. Reconstruct gravel over excavation with 6" of Class 5 to the Oriole Avenue tie-in.
2. Minimal bituminous construction needed in the Oriole Avenue tie-in.

Spring Park Road Water

Norville Peterson	175-0057-00280	14	2	1.25	145,000.00	75%
Norville Peterson	175-0057-00290	15	2	1.00	2,508.65	\$ 1,881.49
Norville Peterson	175-0057-00300	16	2	1.00	2,006.92	\$ 1,505.19
Norville Peterson	175-0057-00310	17	2	1.00	2,006.92	\$ 1,505.19
Norville Peterson	175-0057-00320	18 & 19	2	2.00	2,006.92	\$ 1,505.19
Norville Peterson	175-0057-00340	20-25	2	6.00	4,013.84	\$ 3,010.38
Tom Bacezewski	175-0071-00780		11	5.00	12,041.52	\$ 9,031.14
Tom Bacezewski	175-0071-00785		11	5.00	10,034.60	\$ 7,525.95
Kevin Elsner	175-0071-00790		11	5.00	10,034.60	\$ 7,525.95
Sue Toumela	175-0071-00795		11	2.72	5,458.82	\$ 4,094.12
USX	175-0071-00800		11	2.28	4,575.78	\$ 3,431.83
Dave Debevec	175-0071-00810		11	5.00	10,034.60	\$ 7,525.95
Betty Elsner	175-0071-00815		11	5.00	10,034.60	\$ 7,525.95
Murray Vanderwalker	175-0071-00820		11	5.00	10,034.60	\$ 7,525.95
Murray Vanderwalker	175-0071-00830		11	5.00	10,034.60	\$ 7,525.95
Dennis Peterson	175-0071-00840		11	2.50	5,017.30	\$ 3,762.98
Kevin Engman	175-0070-01370		11	2.50	5,017.30	\$ 3,762.98
Sue Toumela	175-0070-01390		11	5.00	10,034.60	\$ 7,525.95
John Otava	175-0070-01740		11	5.00	10,034.60	\$ 7,525.95
John Otava	175-0070-01410		11	5.00	10,034.60	\$ 7,525.95
				72.25	145,000.00	





ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES AND OPINION OF COST  
 SPRING PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS  
 MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA  
 PROJECT NO: MI04-9

OPTION D-3: PAVING WITH 24' WIDE RURAL AND URBAN  
 SECTIONS TO TIE INTO ORIOLE AVE.

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	ITEM COST	PROJECT QUANTITIES	Rural Section AMOUNT	Urban Section AMOUNT
2101.511	CLEARING & GRUBBING	ACRE	\$2,000.00	0.9	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
2104.505	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	\$2.00	5.0	\$10.00	\$10.00
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION INCLUDES DITCHING	CU. YD.	\$8.00	4,012.0	\$32,096.00	
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION WITH CURB SECTION	CU. YD.	\$10.00	2,160.0		\$21,600.00
2105.503	ROCK EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	\$40.00	10.0	\$400.00	\$400.00
2105.525	TOPSOIL BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	\$12.00	30.0	\$360.00	\$360.00
2211.503	AGG. BASE CL. 5 (CV)	CU. YD.	\$12.00	2,160.0	\$25,920.00	\$25,920.00
2350.501	WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	\$36.00	1,105.0	\$39,780.00	\$39,780.00
2350.502	NON WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	\$33.00	1,055.0	\$34,815.00	\$34,815.00
2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	\$1.50	5.0	\$7.50	\$7.50
2531.501	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER, DESIGN B618	LIN. FT.	\$8.25	6,250.0		\$51,562.50
2563.601	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	\$500.00	1.0	\$500.00	\$500.00

<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$135,688.50</b>	<b>\$176,755.00</b>
<b>CONTINGENCIES:</b>	<b>\$13,568.85</b>	<b>\$17,675.50</b>
<b>DESIGN ENGINEERING (9%):</b>	<b>\$12,211.97</b>	<b>\$15,907.95</b>
<b>ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (billed hourly):</b>	<b>\$9,500.00</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>

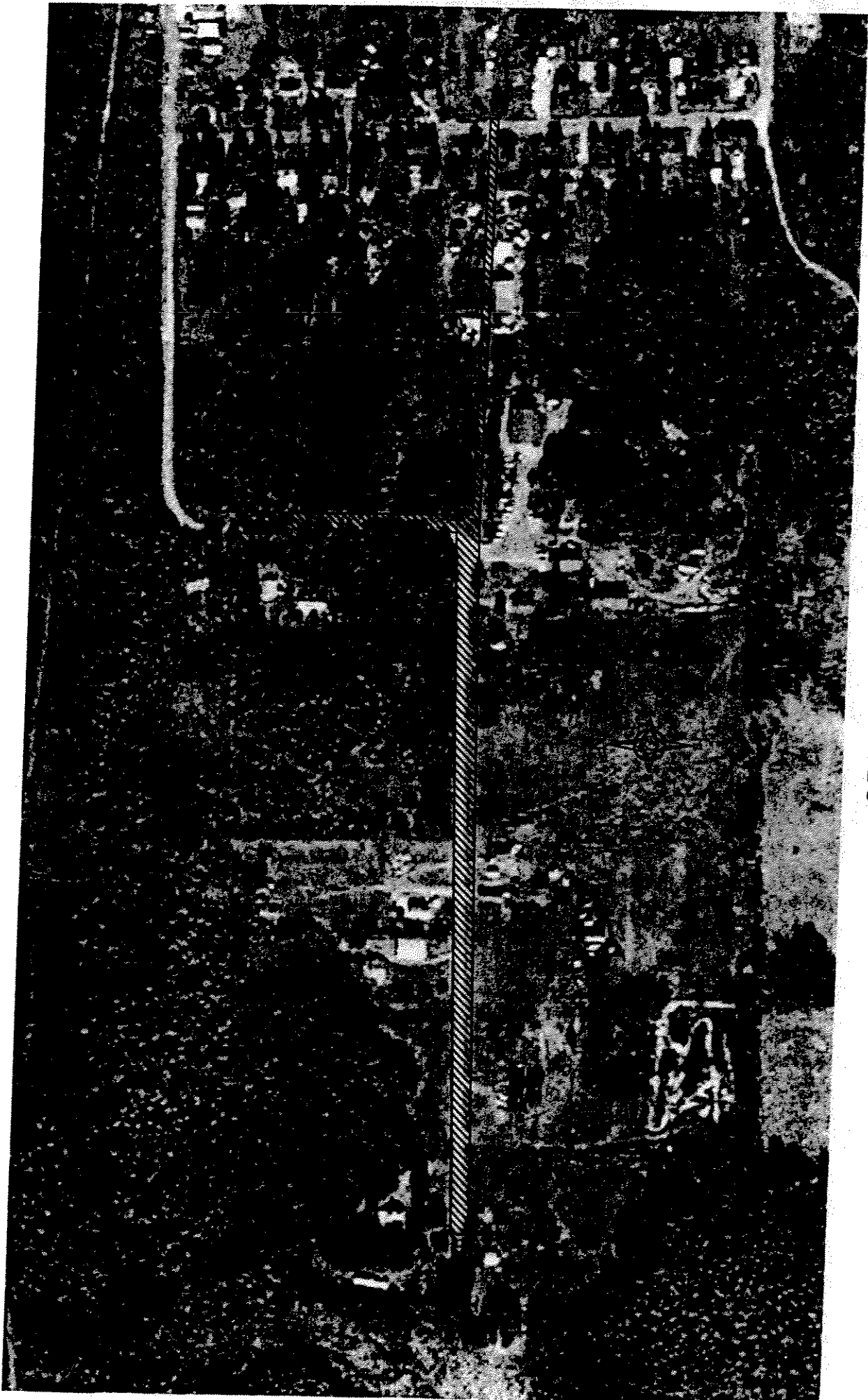
<b>ESTIMATED COST:</b>	<b>\$170,969.32</b>	<b>\$222,338.45</b>
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**NOTES:**

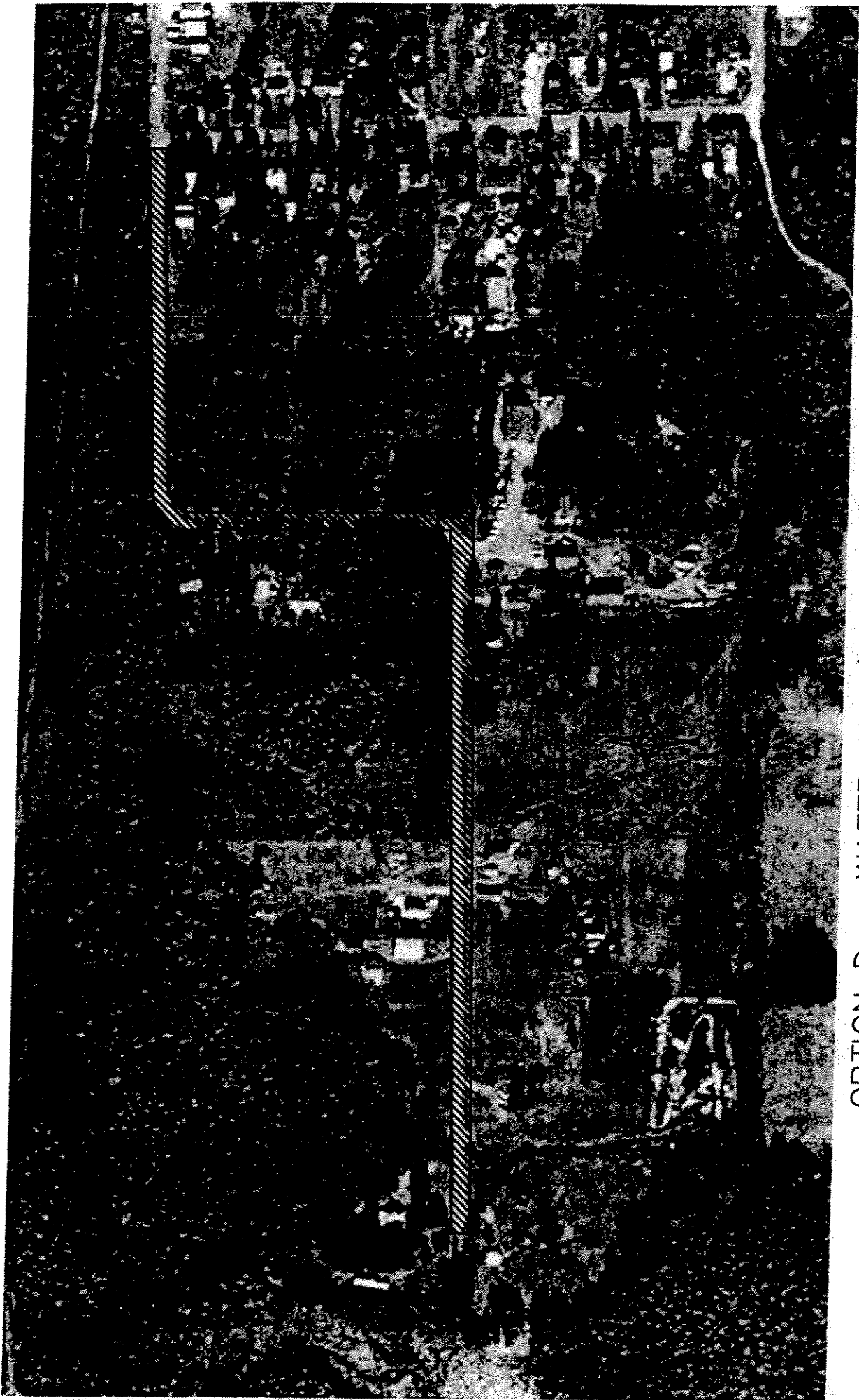
1. Rural road section includes 8" of Class V & 2' shoulders per side.
2. Urban road section includes 8" of Class V and 4" of bituminous with B618 curb & gutter.





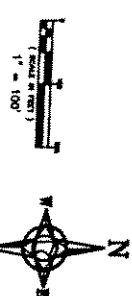
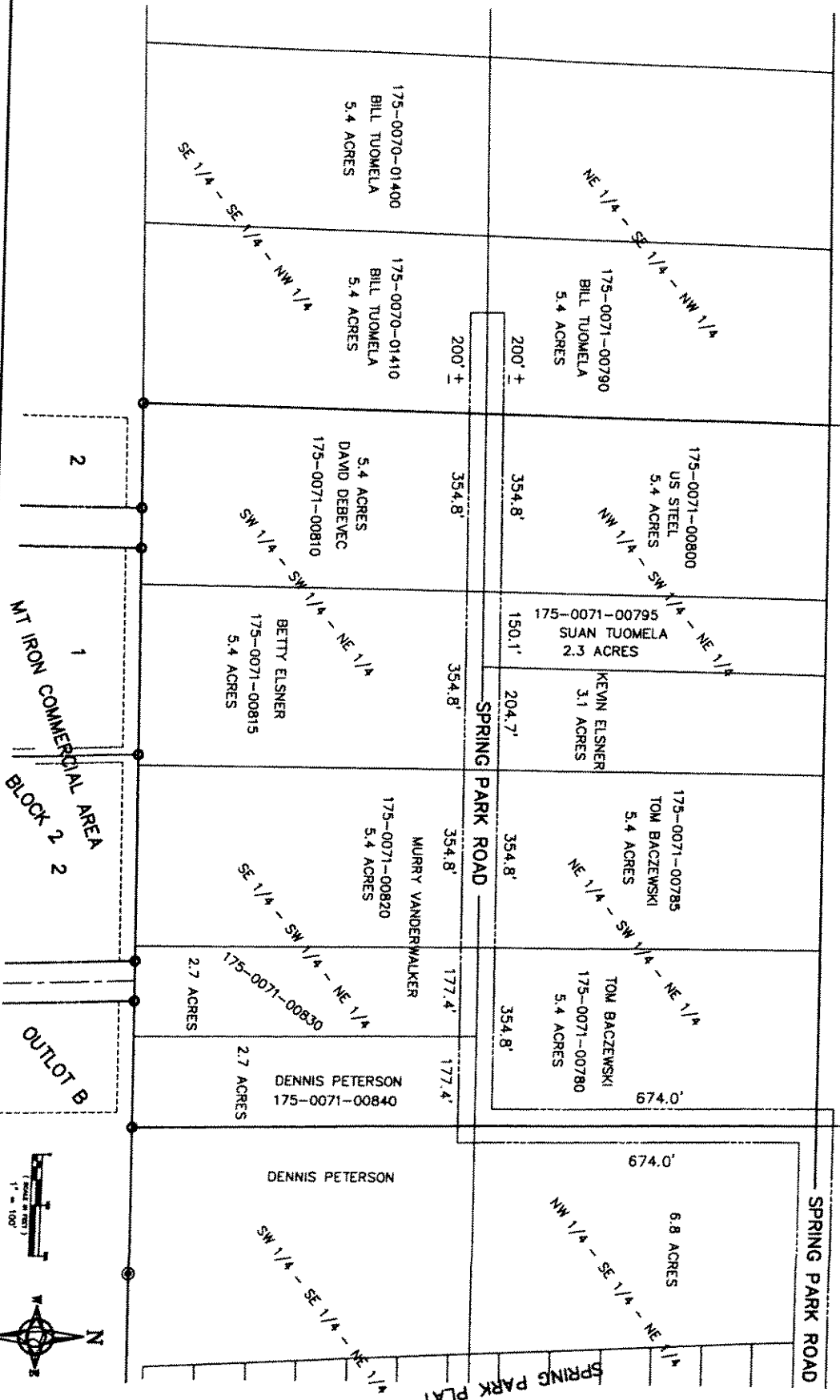


OPTION D



OPTION D - WATER AND/OR STREET PAVING

# SPRING PARK ROAD - PROPERTY LOCATIONS CITY OF MT. IRON



SPRING PARK ROAD  
CITY OF MT. IRON

PROPERTY LOCATIONS

SHEET NO.  
1 of 1

DATE	REVISIONS	DESCRIPTION

I hereby certify that this plan, specification or report was prepared by me or under my supervision and that I am a duly licensed LAND SURVEYOR under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA.

Printed name: BOBBY CLARSON

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Benchmark**  
ENGINEERING, INC.

275 Main Street, Post Office Box 221  
Mt. Iron, Minnesota 55769  
Phone 763-738-2814

**COUNCIL LETTER 030705-VB**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**YARD WASTE/RECYCLING AREA**

**DATE:** March 3, 2005  
**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

Plans should be made to complete this project by the fall of this year.

**COUNCIL LETTER 030705-VC**

**UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD**

**SUMP PUMP ISSUES**

**DATE:** March 3, 2005

**FROM:** Utility Advisory Board

Councilor Roskoski

Donald V. Kleinschmidt  
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio  
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1. As per the request at the last City Council meeting all mailings to the citizens on our wastewater system are enclosed.
  2. The Mountain Iron Utility Advisory Board met and discussed the sump pump waiver surcharge as received from the City Council. The recommendation from the UAB to the City Council is to maintain the \$25.00 per month surcharge on the waivers as adopted in the current ordinance.
  3. Discussion was also brought up by board liaison Joe Prebeg concerning the issues of calling to make a sump pump inspection. To alleviate the problem the UAB is recommending the City Council adopt the following motion:

Due to the public misunderstanding that homeowners had to call and schedule a sump pump inspection or did not realize that homes without a basement or drain tile still needed an inspection the Mountain Iron City Council authorizes the Director of Public Works to waive the sump pump surcharge fees from homeowners who did not know they had to notify the City to schedule a compliance inspection, demonstrated that their homes were in compliance prior to December 31, 2004 and passed a compliance inspection by March 15, 2005.

4. Councilor Roskoski also requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

Some plan should be formulated to accommodate those still out of compliance.

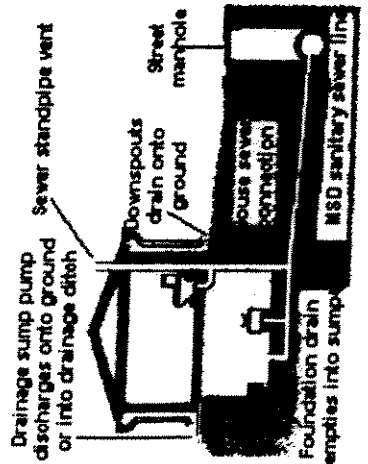


## Check Your Home!

Keep runoff from damaging property. It is illegal to have sump pumps or roof drains attached to the sanitary sewer system as it can cause damage to your property, your neighbors' property or to the wastewater treatment plant.

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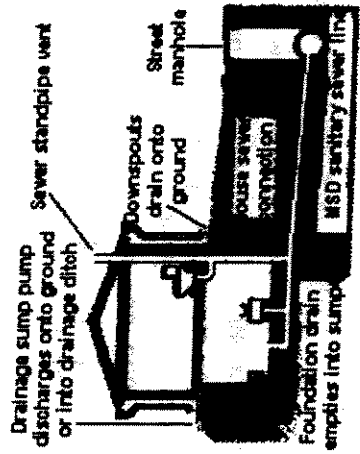
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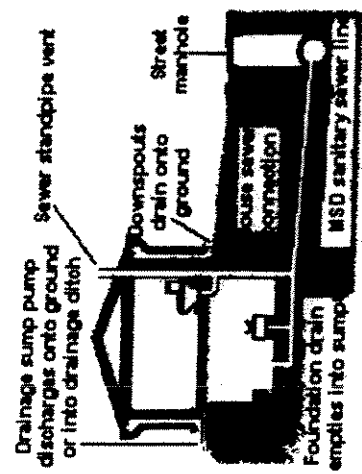
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You can directly impact how we manage our wastewater by checking for improper hookups in your home. (See other side) Clear water substantially increases the volume that the wastewater treatment plant must handle, increasing the costs for all of us.

You can make a difference.

The City of Mountain Iron has adopted a sump pump ordinance and is encouraging voluntary compliance with this initiative. Mandatory compliance and inspections will start in May of 2003. Please undertake the requested changes to keep our City operating efficiently. After May 1, 2003 a penalty of \$25 per month will be added to your utility bill for noncompliance.

If you have any questions or would like to have your home inspected and certified in compliance with this initiative contact City Hall at (218) 748-7570 or email [publicworks@mtmiron.com](mailto:publicworks@mtmiron.com).

More information is available on the City's web site at [www.mtmiron.com](http://www.mtmiron.com).

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TO ALL  
RESIDENCE

1/2/03

## NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS ON THE MOUNTAIN IRON WASTE WATER SYSTEM

The Mountain Iron City Council has extended the date for compliance with the Sump Pump Ordinance from May 1, 2003 to November 1, 2003. You are still required to eliminate any clear water from entering the City's wastewater collection system.

Please contact the City of Mountain Iron to answer any questions or schedule an inspection. You can contact the City at 218-748-7570 or email [publicworks@mtniron.com](mailto:publicworks@mtniron.com).

By Order of the Mountain Iron City Council.

## **NOTICE TO THE MOUNTAIN IRON HOMEOWNERS ON THE MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM**

The Mountain Iron City Council has extended the date for compliance with the sump pump ordinance from November 1 2003 to December 31st 2004. You are required by this date to comply with ordinance 01-03. A copy of the ordinance is attached for your reference and review.

Mountain Iron, like most surrounding communities, has a problem with clear water flow entering the sanitary sewer system. This clear water flow, typically rain or ground water, enters the sewer system via means of footing and foundation drain tiles. During times of wet weather this clear water overloads the sanitary sewer collection system. As a result the City spends resources collecting and treating water that does not need to be treated. The intent of the ordinance is to reduce the amount of clear water flow entering the sewer system. The benefits of removing this flow allows the City to comply with the permit standards, set forth by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), reduces overloading of the sewer system resulting in a reduction of flooded basements, reduces the cumulative effects and costs that put a large burden on the wastewater customers and finally allows the City to gain future sanitary sewer extension permits to allow expansion of the collection system. Without these permits future construction projects of any kind will not happen and the City may be subject to fines.

Mountain Iron has already undertaken the following actions or plans to take the following steps to eliminate other sources of clear water flow into the system. They are as follows:

- Ties between the storm water sewer system and the sanitary sewer system have been eliminated.
- Rehabilitation of deteriorated manholes in the old parts of the system.
- Sealing of the sanitary sewer line in the abandoned areas of town such as the north Parkville and Costin locations.
- Requiring sump pump installation for all new construction projects.
- Initiate a leak detection program to eliminate and water supply leaks into the system.
- Elimination of all ties with the sanitary sewer system that allows clear water flow from drain tiles that surround buildings, rain down spouts and direct flow from leaking basements.

Through the implementation of these efforts the City should accomplish the following:

- Extend the life of the wastewater collection and treatment system.
- Stabilize sewer rates.
- Comply with the MPCA sewer discharge permits.
- Continue with plans and permits for the extension of the wastewater collection system.
- Elimination of potential violations and fines.

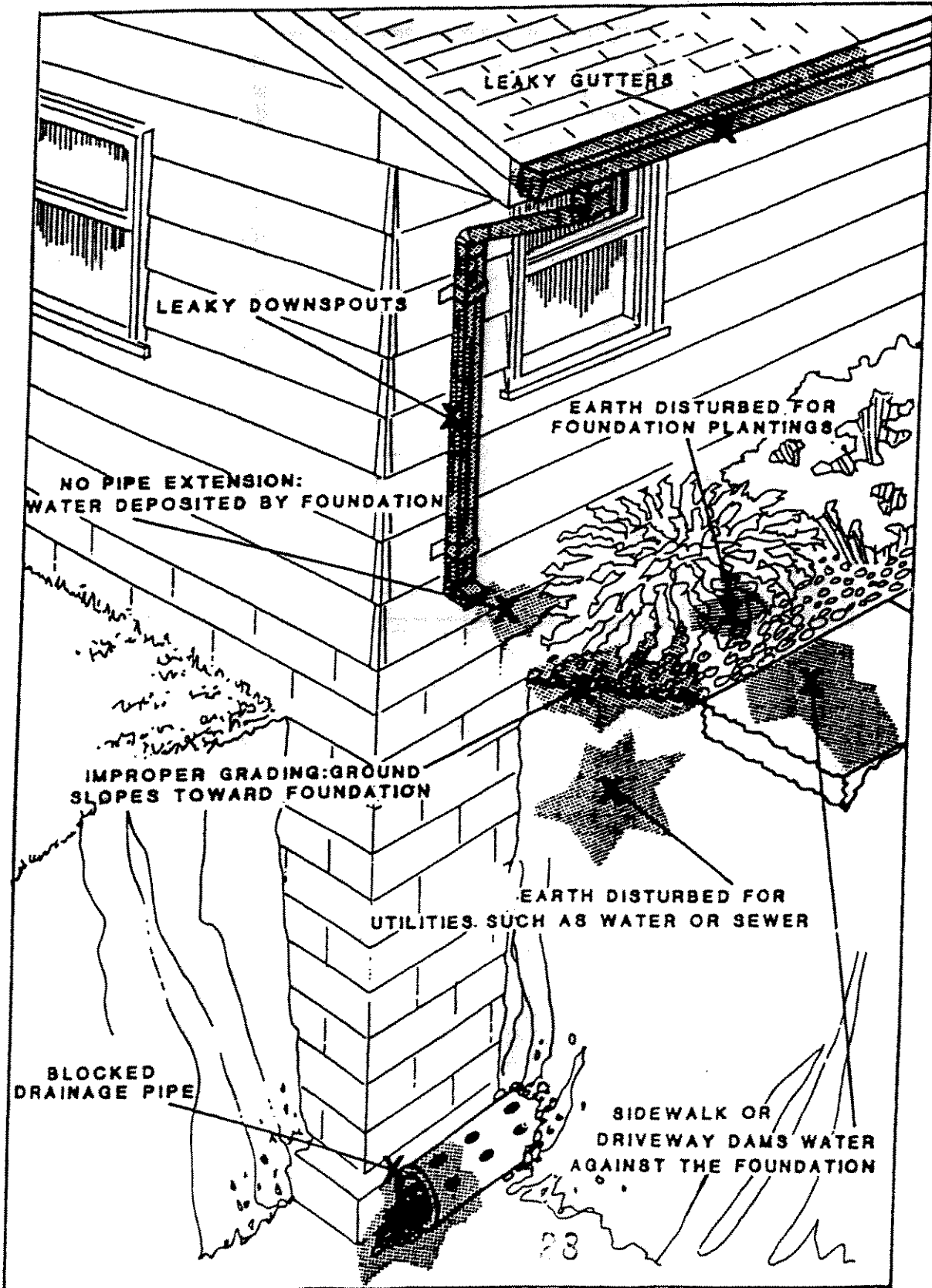
Figure number 1 and 2 illustrate the common causes of wet basements and a typical sump pump installation. A frequently asked question is "My house has never had basement water problems so why do I need to install a sump pump?" The answer is two part, the first, is you do not necessarily have to install a sump pump. You do have to eliminate any clearwater flow ties into the sanitary sewer, in most cases this is your footing drain tiles, and have a compliance inspection. If your drain tiles are inactive, meaning nothing is draining from them into the sewer, you can seal the tie or connection with hydraulic cement available at your local hardware store. If your drain tiles are active, meaning water is flowing from them into the sewer during the wet season, you will have to seal the sewer tie or connection and it is recommended to install a sump pump to collect and pump the clear water flow to the outside.

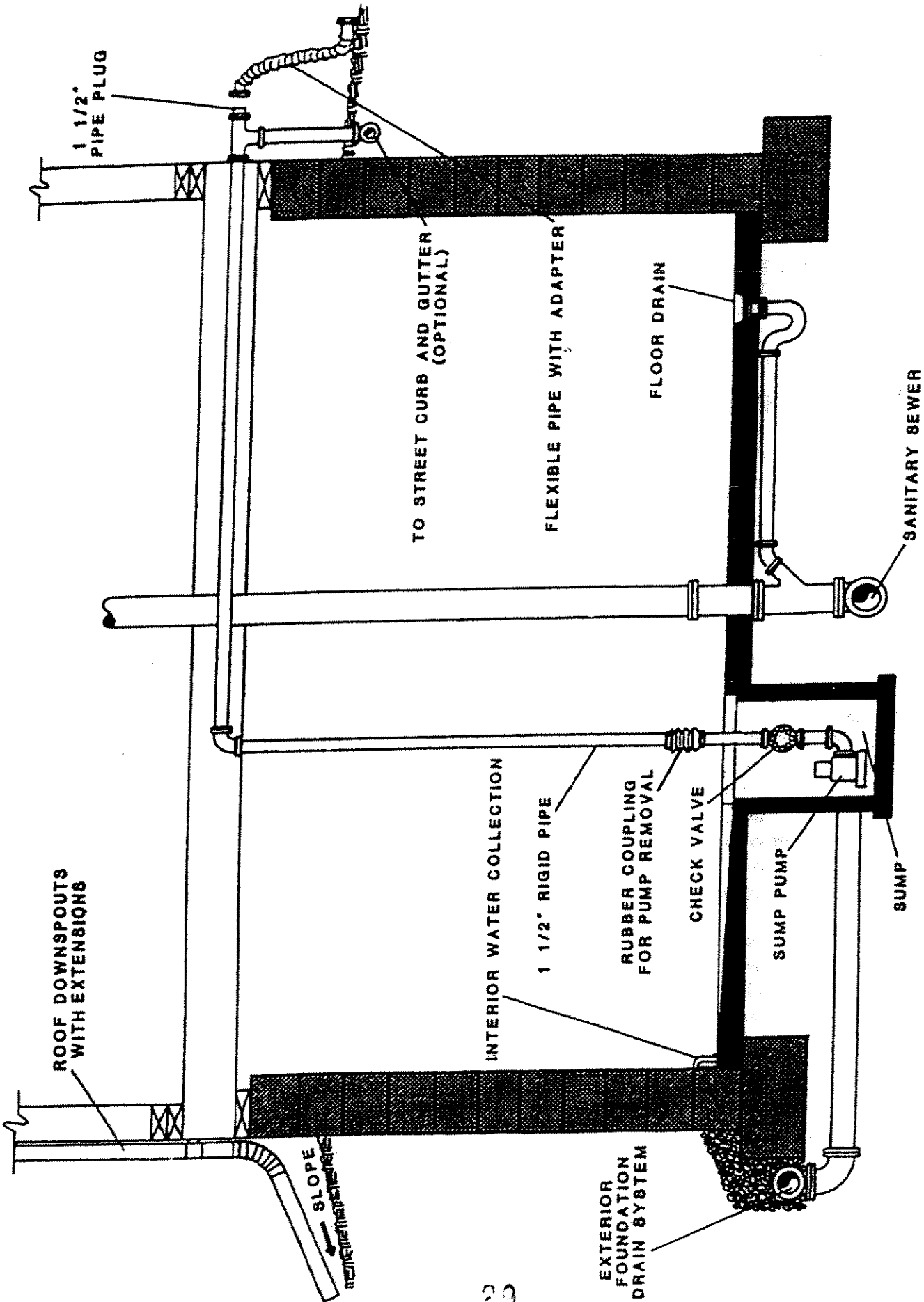
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# COMMON CAUSES OF WET BASEMENTS

POOR DRAINAGE AROUND HOUSES, AS ILLUSTRATED HERE, CAUSES MOST WET BASEMENTS.

TO DRY UP YOUR BASEMENT, CORRECT THESE PROBLEMS FIRST.





**TYPICAL SUMP PUMP INSTALLATION DETAILS**  
**FIGURE NO. 2**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-03**

**THE INSTALLATION OF SUMP PUMPS AND REGULATING  
THE DISCHARGE OF SURFACE WATERS, DRAINTILE  
INSTALLATION, PROHIBITING DISCHARGES INTO THE  
SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM ON TO STREETS OR  
ADJOINING PROPERTIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR  
VIOLATIONS THEREOF**

**THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON DOES ORDAIN:**

**SECTION 1. SUMP PUMP REQUIREMENTS.**

- Subd. 1. Sump Pump Systems. Sump pump systems shall be recommended in present and required in new residential, commercial and industrial buildings, except in situations of an on grade construction.
- Subd. 2. Storm Water Discharge Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any owner, occupant or user of any premises to direct into or allow any storm water, ground water, roof runoff, pond overflow, well water or water from residential, industrial, or commercial air conditioning systems to drain into the sanitary sewer system of the City. No rainspout, or other form of surface drainage and no foundation drainage or sump pump shall be connected or any substance other than sanitary sewage discharged into any sanitary sewer except as provided herein. It is unlawful for any person or residence to discharge any water from roof, surface, perimeter drain tile, footing tiles, swimming pools, hot tubs or other natural precipitation into the sanitary sewer or adjoining properties.
- Subd. 3. Sump Pump Discharge. Dwellings, buildings and structures may use a permanently installed sump pump and discharge line to the outside to prevent the inflow infiltration of clear water into the sanitary sewer, except as provide herein. A permanent installation shall provide for year round discharge capability to the outside of the building, connected to a storm sewer, or discharges through the curb to the street. When required, the discharge line from the sump pump shall be of rigid construction without valving or quick connection for altering the path of the discharge.
- Subd. 4. Seasonal Waivers. The Director of Public Works shall have the power and duty of hearing and deciding requests for seasonal waivers from the applicability of the provisions of this Ordinance where strict enforcement would cause undue hardship because of circumstances unique to the individual property under consideration or cause a

safety problem. Application for waivers shall be addressed in writing to the Director of Public Works, City of Mountain Iron. The application should identify the property for which the waiver is being applied, the name of the property owner/applicant and describe in detail what characteristics of the subject property create an undue hardship. Within a reasonable time, the Director of Public Works shall make a decision on the matter and serve a copy of such order to the applicant by mail. Upon approval of an application for a waiver, the property owner shall be allowed to temporarily pump into the sanitary sewer system between the dates of November 1 through April 1 provided the applicant agrees to pay a \$25.00 per month surcharge. The holder of a waiver shall request an authorized City Employee to certify that prior to April 15th of each subsequent year their discharge water connection has been removed from the sanitary sewer. Failure to provide such certification will place the waiver holder in violation of this ordinance.

Subd. 5. Variance. Any application for a variance will be addressed in writing to the Director of Public Works. The application shall identify the property for which the variance is being applied, the name of the property owner/applicant and describe in detail what characteristics of the subject property create a problem. The Director of Public Works will discuss and suggest a solution to the problem with the owner/applicant. If the owner/applicant is not satisfied, the application along with the Directors of Public Works advice will forwarded for review to the Utility Advisory Board. The Utility Advisory Board will recommend if a variance for non-compliance should be granted and the amount of sewer surcharge that will apply. Then, the application for the variance, along with the Utility Advisory Board's recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for a final decision.

Subd. 6. Draintile System. A draintile, sump basket, pump, electrical receptacle and pipe connection to the outside shall be recommended for any existing present residential buildings and required for new residential buildings within the City. The Building Official may determine the need for such installation when slab on grade construction occurs. The system shall be installed as follows:

- A. The building shall have a draintile placed around the perimeter of the foundation connected to a sump pit. The sump pit shall be located at least ten (10) feet away from any inside floor drain on all new construction.
- B. When required a discharge pipe shall be installed to the outside wall of the building with recommended rigid pipe (plastic, copper, galvanized or black pipe).
- C. When required the sump pump electrical supply shall be installed according to the National Electrical Code.
- D. When the construction consists of hollow masonry units, weep hoses shall be inserted into every core of each block of the first course and placed into the gravel filled trench in such a manner to protect the hoses from blockage when the concrete floor is poured.

Subd. 7. Alternate System. The provision of this section is not intended to prevent the use of any material or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this Section, provided any alternate has been approved and its use authorized by the Building Official.



The building official may approve any such alternate, provided that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the provisions of this Section and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this Section. The Building Official shall require that sufficient evidence or proof be submitted to substantiate any claims that may be made regarding its use. The details of any action granting approval of an alternate method shall be recorded and entered in the files of the Department of the Building Official.

Subd. 8 Existing Installations. When a drain tile system is to be installed in an existing structure that had no system of surface water drainage when first constructed, the system shall be installed the same as for new construction.

## **SECTION 2. DISCHARGE OF SURFACE WATERS PROHIBITED.**

Subd. 1. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, groundwater, roof run-off, yard drainage, yard fountain, pond overflow or any substance other than sanitary sewage into the sanitary collection system.

Subd. 2. Any person, firm or corporation having a roof, sump pump, swimming pool discharge, cistern overflow pipe or any surface drain now connected and/or discharging into the sanitary sewer system shall disconnect and/or remove same prior to December 31, 2004. Any disconnects or openings in the sanitary sewer shall be sealed or repaired in an effective, workman-like manner.

Subd. 3. All required sump pumps shall have a discharge system installed to the outside wall of the building. The pipe attachment may be a permanent fitting such as PVC pipe with glued fittings. The discharge shall extend at least three (3) feet outside of the foundation wall.

Subd. 4. Every person owning improved real estate that discharges into the City's sanitary sewer system shall allow the City of Mountain Iron employee(s) to inspect the buildings to confirm that there is no sump pump or other prohibited discharge into the sanitary sewer system. Any person refusing to allow their property to be inspected shall immediately become subject to the surcharge hereinafter provided for. Any property found to violate this Section shall make the necessary changes to comply with this Section and such changes shall be verified by City of Mountain Iron employee(s).

Subd. 5. A surcharge of \$25.00 dollars per month is hereby imposed and shall be added to every sewer billing mailed on and after December 31, 2004, to property owners who are not in compliance with this Section. The surcharge shall be added every month, until the property is in compliance. The imposition of such surcharge shall in no way limit the right of the City of Mountain Iron to seek an injunction in District Court ordering the property owner to discontinue the non-conforming connection to the sanitary sewer system or from pursuing any other legal remedies available.

Subd. 6 Upon verified compliance with this Section, the City reserves the right to inspect such property at least yearly to verify compliance herewith.

**SECTION 3. INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.** Any inconsistent ordinance or parts thereof are hereby repealed and replaced with the provision of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Chapter 32, Discharge of Surface Waters, of the Mountain Iron City Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the provisions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective according to State Statute.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2003.**

ATTEST:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator

MALLED OUT  
March 17, 2004



# CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

"LACONITE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD"  
PHONE: 218-748-7570 • FAX: 218-748-7573 • www.mtniron.com  
8588 ENTERPRISE DRIVE SOUTH • MOUNTAIN IRON, MN • 55768-8260

## NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS ON THE MOUNTAIN IRON WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM

The Mountain Iron City Council is reminding residents that the date for compliance with the Sump Pump Ordinance, Number 01-03, is December 31, 2004. After this date a surcharge of \$25.00 per month will be assessed to any property owner found to be in noncompliance. Information regarding this ordinance is available at the Mountain Iron City Hall or on the web site at [www.mtniron.com](http://www.mtniron.com). Please contact Don Kleinschmidt, Director of public Works, if you have any questions or would like to schedule an inspection at 218-748-7570 or e-mail at [publicworks@mtniron.com](mailto:publicworks@mtniron.com).

### ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The City of Mountain Iron has received a Community Development Block Grant from St. Louis County and the Housing and Urban Development Department to assist in complying with the City's Inflow and Infiltration program (Sump Pump Program). To be eligible for assistance you must fall under the following income guidelines:

#### Guidelines:

1. You must receive 2 quotes from a qualified contractor.
2. You will be reimbursed for 50% of the project cost, up to a total contribution of \$1,000.00, upon verification of income.
3. A reimbursement form will be available for you at City Hall. This form should be completed and returned to City Hall upon completion of your project.
4. You must be inspected and found to be in compliance by December 31, 2004.

Family	Moderate Income (80% of Median)
1	\$29,800
2	\$34,050
3	\$38,300
4	\$42,550
5	\$45,950
6	\$49,350
7	\$52,750
8	\$56,200

Effective Date: February 2, 2004

For further information, please contact Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator at 218-748-7570 or email [cityadmn@mtniron.com](mailto:cityadmn@mtniron.com).

### NICHOLS TOWN HALL RECYCLING DROP OFF SITE

Due to numerous violations, the recycling drop off site at the Nichols Town Hall will be closed. The recycling drop off site at the City Garage will remain open. The location of this site is adjacent to the Mountain Iron water tower.

### DIRECT PAY

The City of Mountain Iron now accepts direct pay for utility bills. Contact City Hall at 748-7570 or visit our web site at [www.mtniron.com](http://www.mtniron.com) to find out how to have your utility bills paid directly from your checking or savings account. We also accept Visa and MasterCard for all payments.



# CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

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January 14, 2005

John Thomas  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
525 Lake Avenue South Suite 400  
Duluth, MN 55802

RE: City of Mountain Iron sump pump inspections

Dear Mr. Thomas

The City of Mountain Iron has conducted sump pump inspections during the fourth quarter of 2004. To date, 484 households have been inspected and certified as compliant out of a possible 950 households.

If you have any questions or desire further information please do not hesitate to contact me at 218-748-7570 or e-mail at [publicworks@mtniron.com](mailto:publicworks@mtniron.com).

Sincerely

Don Kleinschmidt  
Director of Pubic Works

Pc: Ben Wiener, MPCA Specialist  
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**COUNCIL LETTER 030705-VD**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**TAPING AND TELEVISIONING**

**DATE:** March 3, 2005

**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

April through December - \$1,800.00. Anonymous donation \$1,000. City contribution - \$800.00.  
Fellow councilors: If we remember the consternation over the Excelsior Energy situation, the more people know about our city government, the better off everyone would be.

**COUNCIL LETTER 030705-VE**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**DIAMOND LANE DRAINAGE**

**DATE:** March 3, 2005

**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

This problem should be taken care of by the fall.

**COUNCIL LETTER 030705-IVA**

**MAYOR SKALKO**

**SOUTH GROVE PARK DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE:** March 3, 2005

**FROM:** Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Mayor Skalko requested this item be placed on the Agenda. Background information concerning the possible development of the South Grove Park is enclosed. Suggested action is to schedule a public meeting with the residents in South Grove to evaluate the proposal.



ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES AND OPINION OF COST  
 LOT DEVELOPMENT  
 BLOCK 8; SOUTH GROVE ADDITION  
 MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA  
 PROJECT NO: MI05-05

FEBRUARY, 2005

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	PROJECT QUANTITIES	UNIT PRICE BID	BID AMOUNT
2021.501	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
2101.501	REMOVE CURB AND GUTTER	LUMP SUM	80.0	\$2.00	\$160.00
2104.501	REMOVE SEWER PIPE	LIN. FT.	16.0	\$2.00	\$32.00
2104.503	REMOVE CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	20.0	\$6.00	\$120.00
2104.503	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	230.0	\$4.00	\$920.00
2104.601	REMOVE MISC. STRUCTURES (PLAYGROUND EQUIP)	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
2104.513	SAWCUT PAVEMENT (FULL DEPTH)	LIN. FT.	84.0	\$4.00	\$336.00
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	1,093.0	\$3.25	\$3,552.25
2105.503	ROCK EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	20.0	\$25.00	\$500.00
2105.522	SELECT GRANULAR BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	501.0	\$8.00	\$4,008.00
2105.525	TOPSOIL BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	20.0	\$12.00	\$240.00
2105.600	GEOTEXTILE FABRIC TYPE V	SQ. YD.	1,725.0	\$2.00	\$3,450.00
2211.503	AGG. BASE PLACED CL. 5 (CV)	CU. YD.	390.0	\$12.00	\$4,680.00
2350.501	TYPE LV4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	125.0	\$38.00	\$4,750.00
2350.502	TYPE LV3 NON WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	280.0	\$36.00	\$10,080.00
2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	50.0	\$2.00	\$100.00
2503.511	4" PVC PIPE SEWER (LOT SERVICE)	LIN. FT.	110.0	\$20.00	\$2,200.00
2503.511	8" PVC PIPE SEWER	LIN. FT.	270.0	\$30.00	\$8,100.00
2503.541	12" RC PIPE SEWER CL. V	LIN. FT.	0.0	\$23.00	\$0.00
2503.602	8" x 4" PVC WYE	EACH	3.0	\$75.00	\$225.00
2504.602	HYDRANT	EACH	1.0	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
2504.602	6" GATE VALVE & BOX	EACH	1.0	\$750.00	\$750.00
2504.602	0.75" CORPORATION STOP	EACH	3.0	\$75.00	\$225.00
2504.602	0.75" CURB STOP AND 1.5" BOX	EACH	3.0	\$100.00	\$300.00
2504.602	CONNECT TO EXISTING WATERMAIN	EACH	1.0	\$400.00	\$400.00
2504.603	0.75" TYPE "K" COPPER PIPE	LIN. FT.	135.0	\$18.00	\$2,430.00
2504.603	6" D. I. WATERMAIN, CL. 52	LIN. FT.	321.0	\$26.00	\$8,346.00
2504.608	WATERMAIN FITTINGS	POUND	200.0	\$3.00	\$600.00
2505.603	GAS MAIN	LIN. FT.	420.0	\$6.00	\$2,520.00
2505.603	GAS SERVICE	LIN. FT.	15.0	\$10.00	\$150.00
2506.501	CONST. DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DES. G (MOD.)	LIN. FT.	0.0	\$160.00	\$0.00
2506.501	CONST. DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DES. F	LIN. FT.	0.0	\$160.00	\$0.00
2506.501	CONST. DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DES. 4007	LIN. FT.	17.0	\$150.00	\$2,550.00
2506.516	CASTING ASSEMBLY	EACH	2.0	\$300.00	\$600.00
2545.503	ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEM	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
2531.501	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER - DES. B618	LIN. FT.	652.0	\$8.15	\$5,313.80
2531.507	7" CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	20.0	\$37.00	\$740.00
2563.601	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2575.505	SODDING TYPE LAWN	SQ. YD.	424.0	\$3.00	\$1,272.00

TOTAL COST: \$81,650.05  
 ENGINEERING - CONSTRUCTION PHASE: \$6,532.00  
 TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$88,182.05

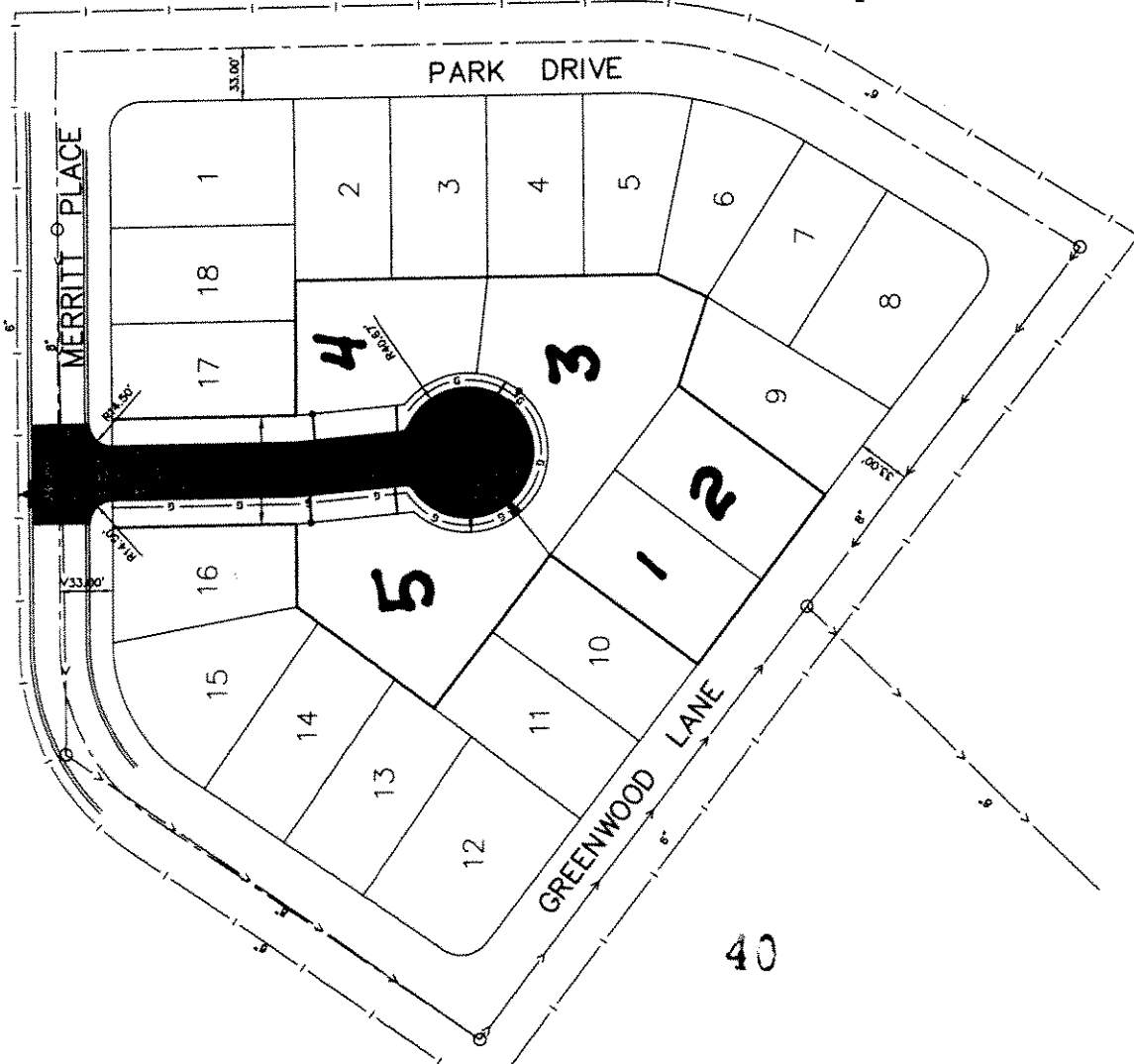
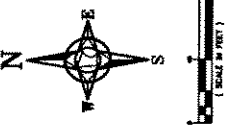


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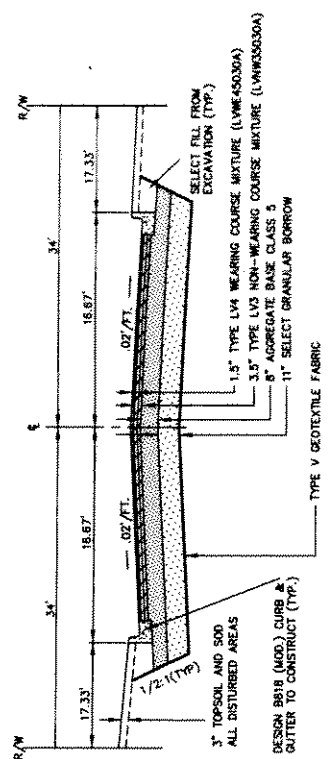
**LOT DEVELOPMENT - BLOCK EIGHT**  
**SOUTH GROVE ADDITION**  
**MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**  
**STREET AND UTILITY LAYOUT**

SHEET NO. **1** OF **1**

- LEGEND**
- REMOVE CURB AND GUTTER
  - REMOVE BIT. PAVEMENT
  - EXISTING SANITARY SEWER
  - EXISTING WATER MAIN
  - CURB AND GUTTER TO CONSTRUCT
  - WATER LINE TO CONSTRUCT
  - MANHOLE
  - WATER VALVE AND HYDRANT
  - PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER
  - PROPOSED WATER MAIN
  - GAS LINE
  - BIT. PAVEMENT TO CONSTRUCT



**TYPICAL SECTION**  
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# Mountain Iron-Buhl High School



## Class of 2005

February 22, 2005

The Honorable Mayor  
Gary Skalko  
8586 Enterprise Drive South  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Dear Mayor Skalko and City Council Members:

The parents of the Mountain Iron-Buhl Class of 2005, will be honoring our graduating seniors with the annual All-Night Chemical Free Graduation Party on May 26, 2005 to be held at the Mountain Iron Community Center.

We are requesting that you and the city council waive the facilities fee for use of the Mountain Iron Community Center on May 26, 2005 for this Graduation Party.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Co -Secretary/Treasurer's  
Carolyn Morrisette  
Linda Strukel  
Debbie Avikainen

**COUNCIL LETTER 030705-VIC**

**COUNCILOR NELSON**

**BORDER MODIFICATION**

**DATE:** March 3, 2005  
**FROM:** Councilor Nelson  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Nelson requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

With the recent discussions concerning the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue project and the amount of City funding that will be needed for the project and with such a limited Mountain Iron presence in that area, we should initiate discussions with the City of Virginia about a detachment and annexation procedure.

These discussions should include the ceding of that area between 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Highway 53 to the City of Virginia in exchange for a comparable parcel with approximately the same tax capacity. Currently the area along 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue has an approximate tax capacity of \$7,700 with approximate taxes of \$15,000. In comparison the portion of the City of Virginia along Southern Drive west of the Rail Road tracks has an approximate tax capacity of \$8,600 with translated approximate taxes of \$17,000. Couple the increased tax capacity along with the savings from not having to rebuild the road makes this an excellent opportunity for the City of Mountain Iron to pursue.

**COUNCIL LETTER 030705-VID**  
**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**  
**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

**DATE:** March 3, 2005  
**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

Fellow Councilor's – check your phone books to see how clear it is to the average person on whom to call for what emergency situation.



# Saint Louis County

Assessor's Department • 100 North Fifth Avenue West, Room 212, Duluth, Minnesota 55802-1291  
(218) 726-2304 • Long Distance in St. Louis County (800) 450-9777  
Web Site <http://www.co.st-louis.mn.us/AssessorOfficeNew>

Melvin W. Hintz, Jr.  
Interim County Assessor

February 11, 2005

Dear Clerk:

Please review the date, time and place of your **tentatively** scheduled 2005 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization. If a change is necessary, please contact Mel Hintz in Virginia at (218) 749-7147 by February 28, 2005. 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 used 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

enclosure

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100 North 5th Avenue West  
Courthouse-Room 212  
Duluth, Minnesota 55802-1291  
(218) 726-2304

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

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

## 2005 LOCAL BOARDS OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION

(Updated 2/10/05)

CITIES	DATE	TIME	PLACE
100 AURORA	MAY 10	1-2 PM	CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
105 BABBITT	MAY 2	6-7 PM	BABBITT MUNICIPAL CENTER
15 BIWABIK	APRIL 13	5:15-6:15 PM	CITY HALL
110 BROOKSTON	APRIL 5	10-11 AM	CITY HALL
115 BUHL	MAY 10	10-11 AM	CITY HALL
20 CHISHOLM	APRIL 20	4-5 PM	CITY HALL
120 COOK	MAY 5	6-7 PM	CITY HALL
30 ELY	MAY 5	5-6 PM	CITY HALL
40 EVELETH	APRIL 13	3-4 PM	CITY HALL
125 FLOODWOOD	APRIL 28	10-11 AM	CITY HALL
60 GILBERT	MAY 4	6-7 PM	CITY HALL
395 HERMANTOWN	MAY 10	2-3 PM	CITY HALL
140 HIBBING	MAY 3	1-3 PM	CITY HALL
142 HOYT LAKES	MAY 11	6:30-7:30 PM	CITY HALL
145 IRON JUNCTION	APRIL 14	2-3 PM	4121 MERRITT AVE.
150 KINNEY	APRIL 26	10-11 AM	TOWN HALL
156 LEONIDAS	APRIL 26	3-4 PM	COMMUNITY CENTER
160 MCKINLEY	APRIL 13	10-11 AM	CITY HALL
165 MEADOWLANDS	APRIL 7	10-11 AM	MEADOWLANDS COMMUNITY CENTER
175 MOUNTAIN IRON	APRIL 12	6:30-7:30 PM	CITY HALL
180 ORR	MAY 5	3-4 PM	CITY HALL
185 PROCTOR	APRIL 26	2-3 PM	COMMUNITY CTR @ 100 PIONK DR
80 TOWER	MAY 10	6-7 PM	CITY HALL
90 VIRGINIA	APRIL 19	10-12 PM	CITY HALL (CALL 748-7500 FOR APPT)
190 WINTON	APRIL 12	10-11 AM	WINTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

TOWNSHIPS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
200 ALANGO	APRIL 20	5-6 PM	WOLF RIDGE GOLFCOURSE CLUBHOUSE
205 ALBORN	APRIL 12	1-2 PM	TOWN HALL
210 ALDEN	MAY 12	2-3 PM	TOWN HALL
215 ANGORA	APRIL 14	5-6 PM	K. HANSON RES: 8757 JOHNSON RD
225 ARROWHEAD	APRIL 21	7-8 PM	TOWN HALL
230 AULT	MAY 4	9-10 AM	TOWN HALL
235 BALKAN	MAY 12	10-11 AM	COMMUNITY CENTER
240 BASSETT	MAY 4	12-1 PM	TOWN HALL
250 BEATTY	MAY 13	10-12 PM	TOWN HALL
260 BIWABIK	APRIL 12	1-3 PM	TOWN HALL
270 BREITUNG	APRIL 28	1-2 PM	SOUDAN FIRE HALL
275 BREVATOR	APRIL 21	10-11 AM	EAST BREVATOR TOWN HALL
278 CAMP FIVE	MAY 3	10-11 AM	CEDARS INN
280 CANOSIA	APRIL 19	6-7 PM	TOWN HALL
285 CEDAR VALLEY	MAY 12	10-11 AM	TOWN HALL
290 CHERRY	APRIL 28	6-7 PM	COMMUNITY CENTER
295 CLINTON	MAY 10	1-2 PM	TOWN HALL
300 COLVIN	APRIL 7	4-5 PM	TOWN HALL
305 COTTON	MAY 11	10-11 AM	TOWN HALL
308 CRANE LAKE	MAY 3	2-3 PM	FELLOWSHIP HALL
310 CULVER	APRIL 13	1-2 PM	TOWN MEETING ROOM
315 DULUTH	APRIL 27	6-7 PM	TOWN HALL

COMMUNICATIONS  
MARCH 7, 2005

1. Saint Louis County, forwarding information regarding a pilot program for backyard compost.
2. Laura and John Reinhardt, a letter urging the City Council to reject the proposal from Excelsior Energy.



# Saint Louis County

Solid Waste Department • 307 First Street South, Suite 115 • Virginia, MN 55792  
Phone: (218) 749-9703 or 1-800-450-9278 • Fax: (218) 749-0650  
Email: [troolint@co.st-louis.mn.us](mailto:troolint@co.st-louis.mn.us)

**Ted Troolin**  
Director

To: City and Township Clerks

Contact: Mary McReynolds  
Planner 749-0648

Date: February 11, 2005

Re: Pilot Backyard Compost Bin distribution program.

The St. Louis County Solid Waste Department will be distributing Garden Gourmet™ backyard compost bins as a part of a pilot program to provide educational information on organic waste abatement.

Results of a waste sort carried out in 2001, almost 40% by weight of the solid waste generated in St. Louis County is compostable food and plant materials. It makes much more sense to be able to use these materials as a valuable soil amendment, than to bury them in the landfill.

The Garden Gourmet™ is a rigid plastic compost bin, having a 2'X2' footprint and has a capacity of 11.5 cubic feet. It is made of 100% post-consumer recycled plastic. The bins normally retail for \$95.00, but the cost to residents of the St. Louis County Solid Waste Management Area will be only \$15.00. As a part of this program each bin will include basic information on composting and purchasers will be contacted at the end of the summer for information on how the bins worked for them.

We encourage you to get the word out to your residents by announcing this program at meetings, and posting the enclosed ad. If you would like further information please give me a call at the above phone number, or at 1-800-450-9278.

Thank you for your help in letting people know about this program.



Laura and John Reinhardt  
3552 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55406  
612.724.0740  
[johnandlaurar@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandlaurar@yahoo.com)

February 15, 2005

✓ Mayor Gary Skalko  
Mountain Iron City Council  
Mountain Iron Economic  
Development Authority  
8586 Enterprise Drive South  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Dear Mayor Skalko, Councilors and EDA,

We are writing to urge the City of Mountain Iron to reject Excelsior Energy's plan to throw scores of your townspeople out of their homes for a speculative power plant proposal. Excelsior is applying intense pressure on the City to quickly commit to a development agreement before the public has had an opportunity to consider this proposal, because a closer look will reveal the project's many shortcomings.

Mountain Iron's public officials need to carefully consider not only the immense financial commitment demanded by Excelsior Energy (i.e., water supply, wastewater/sewage disposal, road relocation and land contribution), but also (and especially) the incredible human toll that is tied to this project. Excelsior wants Mountain Iron to "support" its permitting efforts and "work with the company to acquire more property." What this means is that Excelsior wants the City to approve and implement a plan to forcibly remove many residents from their own homes.

Excelsior Energy is not a public utility company, nor a public service company, nor an essential service provider. This company has no power purchase contract for the output of the facility, nor has it demonstrated any need for electricity from the project in Minnesota. That boils down to a dubious claim to public purpose—which is a required element of eminent domain—and the company is clearly hoping to hitch its wagon to your City's governmental authority.

Excelsior Energy's CEO is displaying all the hallmarks of a true huckster, and we would advise the City of Mountain Iron to carefully consider many issues before signing onto this project.

1. Preferred Location. Mr. Micheletti claims that Excelsior Energy chose Mountain Iron as its first preferred location for this power plant (Mesabi Daily News 2.8.05), but this is simply not true. The project was slated for the former LTV mining facility site in Hoyt Lakes since its very inception.

Hoyt Lakes	5.24.03, 10.1.03, 11.22.03, 11.27.03, 6.11.04, 6.20.04, 10.27.04, 2.6.05	Duluth News Tribune
Hoyt Lakes	11.15.03, 10.27.04, 10.28.04	Mesabi Daily News
Hoyt Lakes	7.5.03, 7.12.03, 7.21.03, 10.13.03	Hibbing Daily Tribune
Hoyt Lakes	9.30.03, 10.5.03, 11.18.03, 1.15.05	St. Paul Pioneer Press
Hoyt Lakes	10.14.03, 2.12.04, 10.26.04, 10.27.04	Minneapolis Star Tribune
Hoyt Lakes	9.28.03	Washington Post
Hoyt Lakes	11.21.03	Tower Timberjay
Hoyt Lakes	10.29.04	Duluth Budgeteer News
Hoyt Lakes	10.27.04	Grand Forks, ND Herald
Hoyt Lakes	10.26.04	BusinessNorth.com
Hoyt Lakes	10.26.04 Press Release	U.S. Department of Energy

Although we don't know what happened to terminate the Hoyt Lakes opportunity, the City of Mountain Iron was *not* first choice for this project.

2. Job Creation. The number of claimed permanent jobs that may be created by this project changes constantly.

1,000	10.2.03	Senator Norm Coleman, quoted in Mesabi Daily News
600	10.11.03	Mesabi Daily News
600	10.12.03	Kare 11 Television News
600	10.14.03	Minneapolis Star Tribune
1,000	11.21.03	Tower Timberjay
500	11.15.03, 11.27.03, 2.14.04	Mesabi Daily News
300-400	6.11.04	Duluth News Tribune
700	10.29.04	Governor Tim Pawlenty quoted in the Duluth Budgeteer News
150	10.27.04	Mesabi Daily News
150	10.27.04	Grand Forks Herald
150	2.8.05	St. Paul Pioneer Press

3. Environmental Impacts. For years, Excelsior Energy's proponents have claimed that this power plant would be environmentally friendly, but the company's pollution plan has yet to be analyzed by any environmental review agency or the public. Coal gasification technology remains unproven in large-scale commercial applications, and the potential environmental impacts are not known.

4. Capital. Excelsior Energy has rounded up some commitments for grant money from the federal government and the Iron Range Resource Board, but both of these monetary commitments are conditioned upon Excelsior raising private funds to match. To date, no such capital has been reported. It would be wise for City officials to take a look at Excelsior's numbers to evaluate feasibility before pledging significant public contributions to this untested company.

5. Transmission Requirements. While Mr. Micheletti now claims proximity to a 500 kilovolt power line as a benefit of the Mountain Iron location, Excelsior's Julie Jorgenson told the St. Paul Pioneer Press (10.5.03) that new power lines would be needed to ship the output of any coal plant because "our transmission is tapped out" in the region, and "the reality is, you have to move power some way." Senator David Tomassoni told the Duluth News Tribune (10.1.03) that "getting the power out of the area is the big hurdle." We urge the City to evaluate how much private land will be needed from your constituents to build new transmission lines for this project.

Mountain Iron's public officials should not allow Excelsior Energy to rush the City into any commitment to turn its residents out of 80 homes. We urge you to slow this thing down, meet with your constituents, and carefully weigh the impacts of this proposal.

Respectfully yours,



Laura A. Reinhardt



John C. Reinhardt

*We are a secretary and an antique dealer who have worked for citizen rights in transmission line proceedings ever since our own property was threatened by a large power line in 1997. That project was finally abandoned after affected citizens proved that it was not needed.*