

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the March 6, 2006 Regular Meeting (#1-9)
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 - A. Mayor's Report
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 - 1. Rezoning (#20-22)
 - I. Liaison Reports
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 - A. Resolution Number 06-06 Requesting ROW Reversion (#24-27)
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 - C. Diamond Willow Site Access Modification (#29-32)
 - D. Survey Requirements (#33)
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 - F. Communications (#35-50)
 - VII. Open Discussion
 - VIII. Announcements
 - IX. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 6, 2005

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Allen Nelson, Dale Irish, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Larry Nanti, Recreation Director; and Rod Flannigan, City Engineer.

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

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

1. Move the following item on the agenda:
Move V. B. to IV. C.
2. Approve the minutes of the February 22, 2006, 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 16-28, 2006, totaling \$724,516.42, (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 16-28, 2006, totaling \$391,924.34, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Prebeg, yes; Nelson, yes; Irish, yes; Roskoski, no; and Skalko, yes.

No one spoke during the public forum.

During the Mayor's report, the Mayor advised the Council that there was a public hearing held in St. Paul on February 23, 2006 and Mayor Skalko, Councilor Prebeg and Gary Cerkenik attended the public hearing and spoke regarding the bonding for the renewable energy park. The Mayor stated that the City should be informed by mid May if the bonding is approved.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to seek quotes on landscaping the area around the Community Center/City Hall and for the purchase of picnic tables with one of the picnic tables being ADA compliant and remaining within the \$10,000 budget. The motion carried with Councilor Irish and Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to approve the modified purchase agreement with the Mountain Iron-Buhl School District by agreeing to the stipulation that if the City does not develop the property within 10 years, the property reverts back to the Mountain Iron-Buhl School District. The motion carried with Councilor Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to approve of the transfer of the Cigarette License from Little Joe's to the Short Stop owner Phil Troutwine for 5537 Nichols Avenue, Mountain Iron. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to authorize the purchase of two M100 voting machines at the discounted price of \$4,426.00 plus tax per machine, also authorizing the trade in of the current voting machines along with budgeting for the new machines in 2007 and 2008. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Roskoski asked the City Administrator if the Zoning Administrator had contact him regarding the need for P & H requiring a Conditional Use Permit. The City Administrator said that the Zoning Administrator had mentioned briefly the actions at the Planning and Zoning Commission. The City Administrator said that if the Planning and Zoning Commission directed the Zoning Administrator to contact P & H, then he should do so.

Councilor Roskoski questioned the proposal regarding the construction of a Walgreens and a bank at the intersection of Mountain Iron Drive and Highway 53. The Mayor advised Councilor Roskoski that this is private property and the private developer can do what they want with the property as long as they apply for a building permit. The Mayor said that as of this date, no permit application had been submitted.

Councilor Roskoski questioned the Director of Public Works regarding the project plans for next Summer. The Director of Public Works said that he was not prepared to give a report on the Summer projects, but could at a future meeting if the Council desires this information.

Councilor Roskoski questioned the Director of Public Works regarding the purchase of a plow truck. Councilor Roskoski said that he would discuss this further during open discussion.

The Mayor asked the Director of Public Works about the meeting with Virginia regarding the 16th Avenue upgrade. The Director of Public Works said that the Street Committee met and are seeking additional information regarding 16th Avenue. The Mayor said that this needs to be taken care of as soon as possible.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Prebeg to prepare specifications and seek quotes for electrical upgrades at the West Two Rivers Campground. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to seek quotes for materials and installation of new gates, fencing and lighting for the Wolf Park. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski to direct Benchmark Engineer to survey the sewer area in the intersection of Spruce Drive and Aspen Lane to see how much the sanitary sewer manhole would have to be raised to prevent inflow into the sanitary sewer. After further discussion, Councilor Roskoski withdrew the motion and requested that this be put on the next City Council agenda.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the Conditional Use Permit for Gerald

Claesson to construct a garage 1008 square feet on parcel 175-0055-01275. The motion carried.

During the Liaison Reports, the Mayor said that he spoke with the Librarian and asked her for the list of top priorities for additional improvements at the Library.

Councilor Nelson reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed the garage recently constructed in the easement in the Downtown Mountain Iron area. He said that the Zoning Administrator was going to investigate the situation and report back to the City Council.

Councilor Roskoski thanked the City Engineer for submitting the information to the City Council regarding the proposed development in the Mountain Iron Drive and Highway 53 area. The Mayor said that he spoke with the developer regarding the City's concerns with the street in that area.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to adopt Resolution Number 03-06, application for a grant for the Wastewater Treatment Plant maintenance, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 04-06, setting a hearing on vacation, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Councilor Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Irish to adopt Resolution Number 05-06, Charitable Gambling, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

The Council reviewed the list of requests for Mineland Reclamation funding.

Councilor Irish was looking for a report of outstanding indebtedness. The City Administrator said that he would contact Northland Securities to obtain an updated report. Councilor Roskoski requested the amount of bonding authority that is available to the City. The Mayor suggested that Council members go into the City Hall and speak with City Staff to request this information.

Councilor Prebeg asked when the City Auditor would be at the Council meeting to present the 2005 audit report. The City Administrator said that he did not have a date set at this time.

Councilor Irish was requesting a monthly breakdown of health insurance costs, including third party payments of all active and non-active employees for 2005. The City Administrator said that he would submit the information to the Council.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to approve change order number five for the library renovation project in the amount of \$285.00. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Irish, yes; Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, yes; Nelson, no; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to approve partial payment estimate number seven in the amount of \$11,300.00 to Lenci Enterprises. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to authorize the building rental fees to be waived for a fundraiser dinner for the Mountain Iron-Buhl Baseball Team on April 9, 2006. The motion carried.

The Council reviewed the list of communications.

During the open discussion, Councilor Roskoski reviewed the list of city owned plowing and sanding vehicles. The Mayor suggested that Councilor Roskoski come in to the City Hall and speak to City Staff personally regarding these issues.

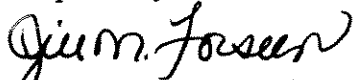
Also during the open discussion, Councilor Nelson spoke and clarified an article in the newspaper regarding the library renovation project; he said that he is not supportive of the project, but votes for the payments on the project because it is a legal obligation for the City to pay the bills for the projects.

At 7:42 p.m., it was moved by Roskoski and supported by Prebeg to recess the regular meeting to go into a closed session to discuss and review contract strategies for contract negotiations with AFSCME Union #453. The motion carried.

At 7:50 p.m., the Mayor called the close session to order.

At 8:09 p.m., it was moved by Nelson and supported by Roskoski that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. League of Minnesota Cities (LMC), a reminder of upcoming Spring and Summer LMC events that the City is invited to attend.
2. Quad Cities Gymnastics Team, a thank you for the City's contribution towards new uniforms.
3. LMC, forwarding the February 24, 2006 Friday Fax.
4. Planning and Zoning Commission, forwarding a notice of a public hearing for rezoning on March 13th.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	30,486.43
PERMITS	BUILDING	254.25
UTILITY	UTILITY	92,564.77
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	600.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	150.00
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	75.00
LICENSES	ANIMAL	55.00
FINES	CRIMINAL	960.87
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	1,450.00
METER DEPOSITS	WATER	15.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	40.00
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS-PRIOR YR	567.89
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	INTEREST-SP.ASSESS.-BONDS ISSU	4.60
CD INTEREST	SMITH BARNEY CASH CD/FUND 101	100,000.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	913.75
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	188.12
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	1,075.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	188.12
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	322.51
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	TACONITE PRODUCTION TAX	465,414.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	29,191.11
Summary Totals:		724,516.42

Check Issue Date(s): 03/01/2006 - 03/13/2006

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
03/06	03/09/2006	32918	140026	AQUILA	002-20200	6,852.42
03/06	03/09/2006	32919	10010	ARROW AUTO	002-20200	54.95
03/06	03/09/2006	32920	5007	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	002-20200	781.54
03/06	03/09/2006	32921	3030	BARBARA KRAMER	002-20200	150.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32922	3006	BEVERLY HENDRICKSON	002-20200	100.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32923	30017	CARQUEST (MOUNTAIN IRON)	002-20200	218.76
03/06	03/09/2006	32924	220003	CITY OF VIRGINIA	002-20200	675.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32925	30005	CLERK OF CONCILIATION COURT	002-20200	110.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32926	40027	DULUTH/SUPERIOR COMMUNICATION:	002-20200	1,201.05
03/06	03/09/2006	32927	50009	EARL F ANDERSEN INC	002-20200	29,248.10
03/06	03/09/2006	32928	70008	GOODIN COMPANY	002-20200	465.23
03/06	03/09/2006	32929	70004	GRANDE ACE HARDWARE	002-20200	46.84
03/06	03/09/2006	32930	70028	GREATER MINNESOTA AGENCY INC	002-20200	180.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32931	70029	GUARDIAN PEST CONTROL INC	002-20200	59.64
03/06	03/09/2006	32932	80022	HAWKINS INC	002-20200	439.01
03/06	03/09/2006	32933	80002	HILLYARD	002-20200	91.59
03/06	03/09/2006	32934	120039	LEEF SERVICES	002-20200	27.07
03/06	03/09/2006	32935	120008	LEHMAN FABRICATING INC	002-20200	80.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32936	120035	LENCI ENTERPRISES INC	002-20200	11,300.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32937	130030	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	002-20200	81,828.38
03/06	03/09/2006	32938	130004	MESABI DAILY NEWS	002-20200	2,131.36
03/06	03/09/2006	32939	130093	MESABI RANGE COLLEGE	002-20200	1,155.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32940	130026	MESABI SIGN COMPANY	002-20200	131.53
03/06	03/09/2006	32941	130039	MINNESOTA DEPT OF COMMERCE	002-20200	30.81
03/06	03/09/2006	32942	130008	MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	002-20200	350.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32943	130009	MINNESOTA POWER	002-20200	55,094.77
03/06	03/09/2006	32944	130059	MINNESOTA POWER	002-20200	286.18
03/06	03/09/2006	32945	130075	MN STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICITY	002-20200	30.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32946	140006	NISKA, TERRY	002-20200	240.30
03/06	03/09/2006	32947	140052	NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE	002-20200	36,121.34
03/06	03/09/2006	32948	140004	NORTHERN ENGINE & SUPPLY INC	002-20200	123.71
03/06	03/09/2006	32949	3007	RHONDA NIEMI	002-20200	50.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32950	180053	RUSSO CONSULTING	002-20200	356.25
03/06	03/09/2006	32951	190020	SCHERER'S BOMBARDIER	002-20200	168.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32952	190045	SERVICE SOLUTIONS	002-20200	368.44
03/06	03/09/2006	32953	190004	SKUBIC BROS INC	002-20200	8.38
03/06	03/09/2006	32954	190024	ST LOUIS CO SHERIFF LITMAN	002-20200	38,556.87
03/06	03/09/2006	32955	3004	STACIE BARIBEAU	002-20200	100.00
03/06	03/09/2006	32956	200020	THE TRENTI LAW FIRM	002-20200	3,652.49
03/06	03/09/2006	32957	200038	TRITEC OF MINNESOTA INC	002-20200	298.20
03/06	03/09/2006	32958	210030	U S BANK TRUST SERVICES	002-20200	431.25
03/06	03/09/2006	32959	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS, BELLEVUE	002-20200	45.88
03/06	03/09/2006	32960	220004	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	002-20200	32,442.35
03/06	03/09/2006	32961	230004	WENCK ASSOCIATES INC	002-20200	577.86
03/06	03/09/2006	32962	240001	XEROX CORPORATION	002-20200	386.80
03/06	03/09/2006	32963	260005	ZEP MANUFACTURING COMPANY	002-20200	59.64
03/06	03/09/2006	32964	260002	ZIEBART	002-20200	744.40

Totals:

307,851.39

Payroll-PP Ending 2/24/06

84,072.95

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$391,924.34



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-06

APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT MAINTENANCE

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Applicant has a need for a grant for the maintenance of its waste water treatment facility (hereafter called "the Project"); and

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

WHEREAS, the Applicant has determined that it will need a grant from the Agency for \$52,500 in order to complete the Project; and

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

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

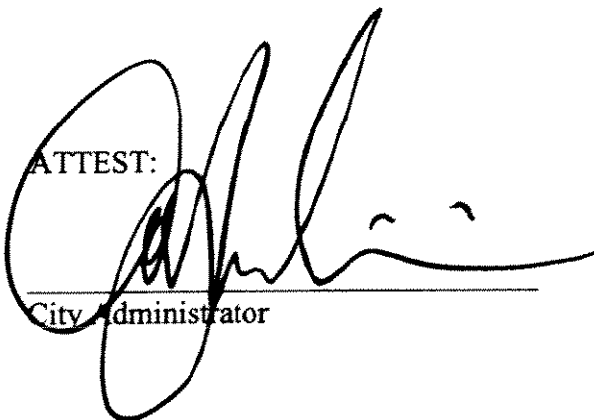
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Applicant hereby authorizes and approves making application to the Agency for a grant for \$52,500 to provide funds to do the Project.

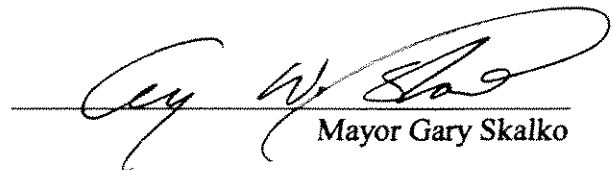
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant's Mayor and City Administrator are authorized and directed to sign and submit an application for the said grant monies and all applicable contracts, documents and agreements associated with the grant or the application for it.

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

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 6th DAY OF ^{March} ~~FEBRUARY~~, 2006.

ATTEST:



City Administrator

Mayor Gary Skalko



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 04-06

SETTING HEARING ON VACATION

WHEREAS, a petition of property owners abutting part of 3rd Street (known as 10th Street) between 1st Avenue (known as 16th Avenue) and the east ROW of State Highway 53 in the Plat of West Virginia, City of Mountain Iron was received by the City Administrator on the 28th day of February, 2006, requesting that the City Council vacate part of 3rd Street (known as 10th Street) between 1st Avenue (known as 16th Avenue) and the east ROW of State Highway 53 in the Plat of West Virginia, City of Mountain Iron, County of Saint Louis, State of Minnesota.

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

The City Council will consider the vacation of such street, alley or road at a public hearing to be held on such proposed vacation on the 3rd day of April, 2006, before the City Council in the Mountain Iron Room of the Community Center at 6:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, and the City Administrator shall give published and posted notice as required by law.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 6th DAY OF MARCH, 2006.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-06

CHARITABLE GAMBLING

WHEREAS, the Sexual Assault Program of NSLC, has applied for a Class B Charitable Gambling Operation Permit consisting of raffles, paddlewheels, tipboards, and pull-tabs at BGs Saloon, and;

WHEREAS, the Sexual Assault Program of NSLC, is requesting that their Class B Charitable Gambling Permit be issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL, that the Mountain Iron City Council hereby issues said premise permit to the Sexual Assault Program of Northern Saint Louis County located at 505 12th Avenue West, Virginia, Minnesota 55792.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 6th DAY OF MARCH, 2006.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko

COUNCIL LETTER 032006-IVC1
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SANDING TRUCK PURCHASE

DATE: March 13, 2006
FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Quotes have been received for the following sanding truck equipment:

SUPPLY AND FURNISH THE FOLLOWING CAB AND CHASSIS:

One (1) 2007 International 7400 4X2 Cab and Chassis
State Contract Price Contract T-647 JAF # 435522

SKUBIC BROTHERS INTERNATIONAL **\$52,522.00**

SUPPLY AND FURNISH THE FOLLOWING CHASSIS EQUIPMENT

One (1) 10 Foot Dump Body
One (1) 96 Inch Stainless Steel Sanding Unit
One (1) 11 Foot Reversing Plow

UNITED TRUCK BODY **\$31,860.21**

ASPEN EQUIPMENT \$32,482.00

Staff is recommending purchase of one cab and chassis from Skubic Brothers International at their bid price of \$52,522.00 and the chassis equipment from United Truck Body at their bid price of \$31,860.21 for a total package price of \$84,382.21.

This purchase will be funded from the \$85,000.00 budgeted in the 200 Capital Outlay Plan.

COUNCIL LETTER 032006-IVC2

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

2006 SUMMER PROJECTS

DATE: March 13, 2006
FROM: Councilor Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Supply the Council a tentative list of planned summer projects.

COUNCIL LETTER 032006-IVC3

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

STORM SEWER ODOR

DATE: March 13, 2006

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

A report may be available on what may be producing the strong solvent type of smell in the storm sewer system along the east edge of Anns' Acres and Westgate.

COUNCIL LETTER 032006-IVD1

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

SUMMER STAFF FOR 2006

DATE: March 13, 2006

FROM: Larry Nanti
Director of Parks & Recreation

Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Parks & Recreation Board is requesting approval to advertise and hire workers for the 2006 season. Applications will be reviewed and the Board will interview applicants as needed. A list will be provided to the City Council.

Also, at this time staff is requesting approval to advertise for summer temporary labor positions for Public Works.

COUNCIL LETTER 032006-IVD2
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
WEST TWO CARETAKER CONTRACT 2006

DATE: March 13, 2006

FROM: Larry Nanti
Director of Parks & Recreation

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Parks & Recreation Board is requesting approval of the contract renewal for Wilbur and Violette Ball for caretakers for the 2006 season. Wilbur and Violette are requesting a \$25.00 per week increase in wages for the 2006 season.



Saint Louis County

Office of the Sheriff - 100 North 5th Avenue West, Room 103 • Duluth, Minnesota 55802
Phone: (218) 726-2337 - Fax: (218) 726-2171

Ross Litman
Sheriff

TO: Mt. Iron City Council and Mayor
FROM: Sgt. Wade Rasch
RE: February 2006 Activity Report
DATE: March 14, 2006

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office in Mt. Iron responded to the following calls for service during the month of January. Deputies also performed 30 traffic stops while issuing 10 citations for traffic or criminal offenses and 25 traffic warnings.

Calls For Service:

- 23- On views- Officer initiated contacts checking on persons, vehicles, properties
- 20- Public Assists (Veh. Unlocks, Loud Music, Animal Complaints, etc.)
- 14- Thefts/Motor Veh. Tampering
- 14- Disturbances (Verbal arguments/Domestic/Threats)
- 9- Motor Vehicle Crashes
- 8- Welfare Checks Upon Persons/Suicide Threats
- 8- Alarm Calls
- 8- Assists to Virginia Sheriff's Patrol
- 7- Assists to Virginia Police Department
- 5- Suspicious/Unwanted Person
- 4- Medical Assists
- 4- Custodial Arrests
- 2- Assaults
- 2- Damage to Property

13- Other Miscellaneous Calls (Ex. Child Custody, Civil Disputes, ATLLs)

Reply to:

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

County Jail
4334 Haines Road
Duluth, MN 55811
Phone: (218) 726-2345
Fax: (218) 725-6134

Emergency Management
5735 Old Miller Trunk Hwy
Duluth, MN 55811
Phone: (218)
Fax: (218)

Sheriff's Office
300 South 5th Avenue
Virginia, MN 55792
Phone: (218) 749-7134
Fax: (218) 749-7192

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

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COUNCIL LETTER 032006-IVF1

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

SPRUCE/ASPEN INTERSECTION DRAINAGE

DATE: March 13, 2006

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

The sanitary sewer manhole at the intersection of Spruce Drive and Aspen Lane is low now (the street went up) and is taking in a lot of snow-melt water. That area is always low during the winter and spring. The area should be surveyed and a plan with costs developed.

COUNCIL LETTER 032006-IVG1

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

LAND PURCHASE

DATE: March 13, 2006
FROM: Councilor Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

The City/School land purchase deal should be put into an agreement spelling out all the specifics, such as, exact acreage, amount of City payment, pay for in-kind services, easements, etc.

Staff Note: Enclosed is a copy of the draft Purchase Agreement between the City and the School District. (CJW)

**PURCHASE AGREEMENT
VACANT LAND**

Mountain Iron, Minnesota _____, 2006

RECEIVED OF City of Mountain Iron, a political subdivision under the laws of the State of Minnesota, the sum of ONE AND 00/100THS DOLLARS (\$1.00); as earnest money and in part payment for the purchase of the premises legally described as:

Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (NE1/4 of NW1/4), Section Fourteen (14), Township Fifty-eight (58) North, Range Eighteen (18) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, EXCEPT the easterly 300 feet of the northerly 600 feet thereof

located in the City of Mountain Iron, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, which property Seller has this day sold to Buyer for the sum of Sixty Thousand and 00/100ths Dollars (\$60,000.00), which Buyer agrees to pay in the following manner: Earnest money of \$1.00 and \$59,999.00 cash on or before _____, 2006, the date of closing.

SUBJECT TO performance by Buyer, Seller agrees to execute and deliver a Warranty Deed, conveying marketable title to the premises subject only to the following exceptions: (1) Building and zoning laws, ordinances, State and Federal Regulations, (2) Restrictions relating to use or improvement of the premises without effective forfeiture provision, (3) Reservation of any minerals or mineral rights, (4) Utility and drainage easements. Seller shall also sign and deliver at closing a standard Seller's Affidavit. Seller shall also prepare and deliver for execution by Buyer at closing a substantially completed Certificate of Real Estate Value.

REAL ESTATE TAXES The parties acknowledge and agree that the property is currently tax exempt.

WARRANTIES There is no well and no septic system on the property. There are no buildings on the property.

POSSESSION Seller agrees to deliver possession not later than day of closing. Seller agrees to remove all debris and all personal property not included herein from the premises before possession date.

TITLE & EXAMINATION Seller shall, within a reasonable time after acceptance of this agreement, furnish an Abstract of Title, or a Registered Property Abstract, certified to date to include proper searches covering bankruptcies, State and Federal Judgments and liens. Buyer shall be allowed 10 business days after receipt for examination of title and making any objections, which shall be made in writing or deemed waived. If any objection is so made, Seller shall have 10 business days after receipt of Buyer's written title objections to notify Buyer of Seller's intention to make title marketable within 120 days from Seller's receipt of such written objection. If notice is given, payments hereunder required shall be postponed pending correction of title, but upon correction of title, and within 10 days after written notice to Buyer, the parties shall perform this agreement according to its terms. If title is not corrected within 120 days from the date of written objection, this agreement shall be null and void, at option of Buyer, neither party shall be liable for damages hereunder to the other, and earnest money shall be refunded to Buyer.

DEFAULT If title is marketable or is corrected within said time, and Buyer defaults in any of the agreements herein, Seller may terminate this agreement, and on such termination all payments made hereunder shall be retained by Seller as liquidated damages, time being of the essence hereof. This provision shall not deprive either party of the right of enforcing the specific performance of this agreement, provided this agreement is not terminated and action to enforce specific performance is commenced within six months after such right of action arises. In the event Buyer defaults in his performance of the terms of this Agreement, and Notice of Cancellation is served upon the Buyer pursuant to MSA 559.217, the termination period shall be fifteen (15) days as permitted by MSA 559.217.

RIGHT OF REVERTER. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement Buyer covenants and agrees to develop said real property within a period of ten (10) years from and after the date of the Warranty Deed to be delivered by Seller in connection with this transaction. Any of the following shall satisfy the requirement to "develop" the property:

- road construction on any part of the property
- platting any part of the property
- installation of water and sewer service to any part of the property

In the event Buyer fails to comply with this covenant to develop said real property within said 10 year period, then in that event the subject real property shall revert to the **Independent School District #712** and Buyer shall forfeit the payment paid to **Independent School District #712** and Buyer shall turn over possession of the premises to **Independent School District #712** and shall execute any and all documents necessary to reestablish record title to said property in **Independent School District #712**.

In the event Buyer complies with this covenant, the **Independent School District #712** shall execute and record a certificate of compliance to satisfy and discharge the right of reverter contained herein.

The Warranty Deed to be delivered by Seller shall contain a right of reverter clause consistent with the foregoing terms.

These provisions shall survive the closing of this transaction.

MINNESOTA LAW. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota.

SELLER(S):

We, the owners of the premises, accept this agreement and the sale hereby made:

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #712

By: _____
Its _____

By: _____
Its _____

Tax ID# _____

BUYER(S):

We agree to purchase the premises for the price and on the terms & conditions set forth above:

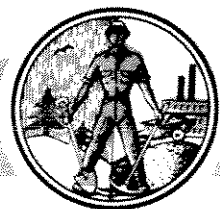
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

By: _____
Its _____

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THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Mountain Iron will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 7:05 p.m. in the Mountain Iron Room of the Mountain Iron Community Center.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider amendments to Chapter 154 of the City Code, the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota, with regard to revising the official zoning map.

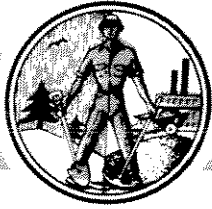
The property described below is proposed to be zoned from Commercial (C) to Urban Residential-Sewered (UR-S):

Lots 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 1
Canadian Northern Second Addition, City of Mountain Iron,
County of Saint Louis, State of Minnesota

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

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

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ORDINANCE NUMBER _____-06

AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN AND FOR THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amending the Official Zoning Map. The Official Zoning Map for City of Mountain Iron is hereby amended as follows:

The Zoning District of the following parcels is hereby changed from Commercial (C) to Urban Residential – Sewered (UR/S):

Lots 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 1, Canadian Northern Second Addition, City of Mountain Iron, County of Saint Louis, State of Minnesota.

Section 2. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinance. All Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and replaced with the provisions of this Ordinance.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF MARCH, 2006.

Mayor Gary Skalko

Attested:

City Administrator

CANADIAN NORTHERN 2ND. ADD^N.



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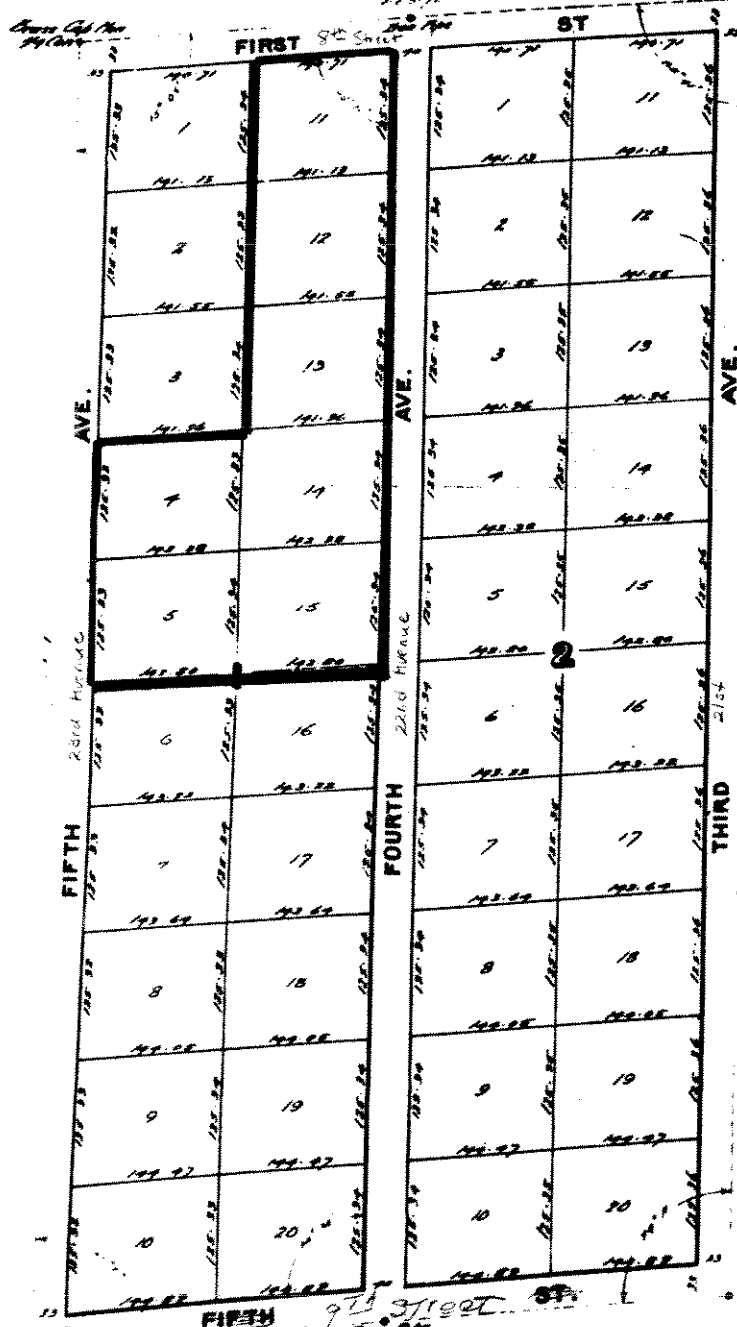
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COUNCIL LETTER 032006-IV11

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

LIBRARY BOARD

DATE: March 13, 2006

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

The head librarian selection is the present priority – other priorities later. The porch/cupola over the library upper-level internal door is very obtrusive and ugly.

COUNCIL LETTER 032006-VIA

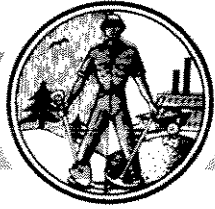
ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-06

DATE: March 13, 2006
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 06-06 is requesting a permit to construct and a right-of-way reversion from the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the possible extension of Enterprise Drive South going east of the Community Center. The permit and the reversion are required for the development of the Five Star Living project to the south of the Community Center and provides the ability to develop the property to the east of the Community Center.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 06-06 applying for a permit for construction and acceptance of right-of-way reversion.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-06

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY REVISION

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron desires to install utilities and construct a road within the Highway 169 right-of-way; and,

WHEREAS, the City has requested that certain Highway 169 right-of-way be transferred to the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation controls said highway right-of-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the City hereby applies and will accept a permit to install utilities and construct a road within the Highway 169 right-of-way described in Exhibit A which is incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that it will accept Highway 169 right-of-way revisions as described in Exhibit B which is incorporated herein.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2006.

ATTEST:

Mayor Gary Skalko

City Administrator

EXHIBIT A

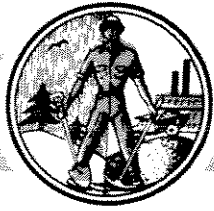
Description of Area for Requested Permit

The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 11, Township 58 North, Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

EXHIBIT B

Description of Requested Right-of-Way Reversion

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 of SE¼) of Section 11, Township 58 North, Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-06

SUPPORTING MOUNTAIN IRON DARE FUNDRAISER

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron feels that the DARE Program is valuable for the students of our community; and,

WHEREAS, April 19, 2006, is the date of the Mountain Iron DARE Fundraiser at the Mountain Iron Community Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that it fully supports and endorses the efforts of the Mountain Iron DARE Fundraiser.

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL, that it endorses the use of City Staff and facilities for the DARE Fundraiser on April 19, 2006.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2006.

Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

City Administrator

COMMUNITAS

Development Consultants

Technology Village - Suite 504
11 East Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802
(218) 343-3783
mconlan4492@charter.net

Michael Conlan AICP,CEcD
Principal

March 14, 2006

Mt. Iron City Council
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mt. Iron, MN 55768-8260

RE: Assisted Living Facility - Modification of Site Access

Members of the City Council:


This letter concerns the assisted living facility that Five Star Living of Virginia / Mt. Iron will construct on the property just south of the Mt. Iron City Hall and Community Center between Enterprise Drive South and Unity Drive. As you will recall, the Council unanimously approved the re-zoning request (#29-36) for this project on February 6, 2006. At that time, it was proposed to create access to the facility off of Enterprise Drive, and to bring utilities in along that corridor as well. That was the plan that was presented to the Planning Commission as well as the City Council.

The results of subsequent site investigation have necessitated a change in the site layout, however. The geotechnical analysis showed a large area of fill material on the original building site, and these unsuitable soils, combined with the slope conditions, have caused the building to be placed further south on the site as is shown in the accompanying site plan. While utilities will still be brought in from Enterprise Drive, the new layout would create an excessively long driveway which would have a steep hill down to the building site. It makes much more sense to construct a short driveway off of Unity Drive from the southeast corner of the lot, and that is what is proposed in this site plan modification. This approach will allow the planting of a much larger landscape buffer between the project and the Community Center as well.

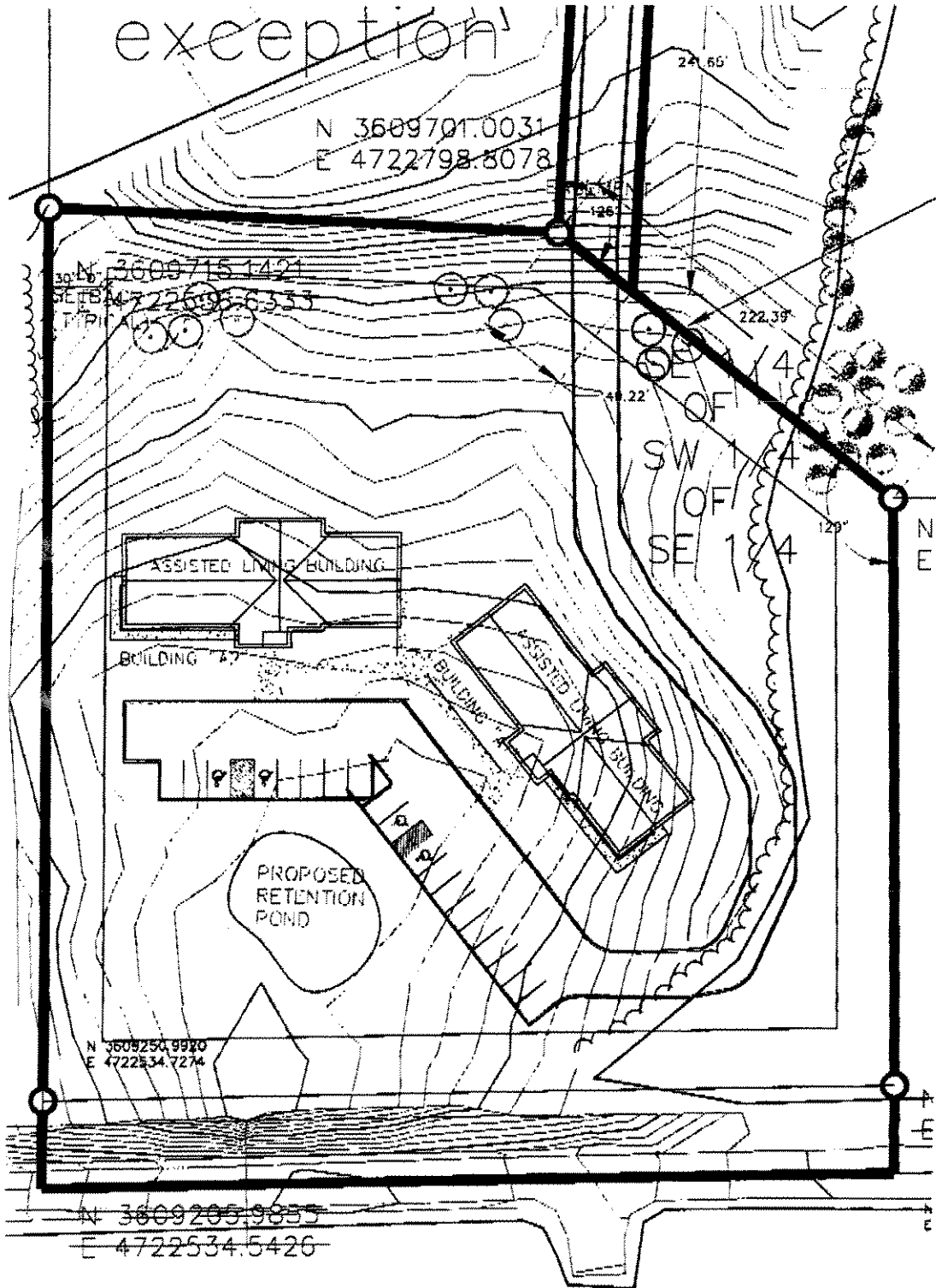
During the public meetings, several neighbors expressed concern over the amount of traffic that would be generated if access were created off of Unity Drive, and this is a normal concern. In this case, however, the impact on the neighborhood should be minimal: since none of the facility residents will be able to drive, daily traffic would be limited to the three staff per shift and the occasional visitor or delivery vehicle. Because of this minimal impact, we see this access change as a minor revision to the project rather than a substantive change, and we hope you will concur.

If there is any further information you need, or if there is any further action required, please notify me as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Conlan





Mountain Iron, Minnesota

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES

MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA

JANUARY 23, 2006

The regular meeting of the Mountain Iron Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Chairman Steve Giorgi at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Ray Saari, Steve Skogman, Margaret Soyring, Jim Giorgi, Steve Giorgi, Barb Fivecoate and Vicky Juntunen. Also present were Zoning Administrator Jerry Kujala. Councilman Allen Nelson was attending the City Council Meeting, held at the same time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Juntunen with support from Saari to accept the minutes of the December 12th meeting and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:05 p.m. a motion to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for a Zoning Request for 5-Star Living was made by Fivecoate with support from J. Giorgi and passed unanimously. Mr. Mike Conlin, representing owner Mike Kratt, gave a presentation on the assisted living project. It is 4.3 acres of land & there will be two one story building units, holding up to ten beds per unit and will be strictly an assisted living facility. The entrance/exit will come off of Enterprise Drive South (next to City Hall) & there will be no entrance/exit off of Unity Drive. There will be minimal traffic in and out of the facility, as residents will not be able to drive. Mr. Conlin then entertained questions by anyone present and answered any concerns. Present was a neighbor, Dick Matyska, who was not against the project, but had questions he and his wife had discussed. How many units and one or two story buildings? This was answered in presentation. Matyska also asked about rain run-off and would it flow onto the streets below Unity Drive. Conlin explained there will be a big retention pond on the property that will handle water run-off or it may go into the city sewer system, which is not determined yet. Another neighbor, Tara Wainio, was not against the project, but was concerned about the lighting and if the buildings would be the same earthtone colors as deed restrictions required of the houses in Unity Addition. Conlin showed colored pictures of the buildings (which had earthtone siding & stone) and assured Wainio that the buildings would be far enough in on the property that residents on Unity Addition would not be affected by the lighting. Wainio's biggest concern was no entrance /exit off of Unity Drive & increased traffic and any out buildings, will they be the same style & not pole buildings. Conlin assured her that there would be only the two buildings, no entrance/exit off Unity Drive and felt traffic would come and go off of Highway #169 mainly. Another neighbor (to the East), Nicole Felton, is not against the project either, but had concerns of people thinking the entrance/exit would be off of Unity Drive & would increase traffic to her driveway. She also, questioned where the utilities would come from for the project? Conlin explained that the utilities would come from up above, by City Hall, and there would be no entrance/exit off Unity Drive. Another neighbor (to the West), Emil Johnson was, also, not against the project but questioned if this would affect his zoning? Kujala explained that he was not sure if this property could be "spot zoned" and may have to re-zone all the way West to the Arrowhead Library Building, which would include several properties. Kujala will seek an opinion from our City Attorney on the matter, to "spot zone" and report back. No written correspondence was received.

At 7:24 p.m. a motion was made to close the Public Hearing & resume the regular Planning and Zoning Commission meeting by Fivecoate with support from J. Giorgi and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing—

A motion was made to rezone the parcel of property for the assisted living project from URS to MF2, with an opinion

and approval by City Attorney, Sam Aluni, to Spot Zone the property, by Skogman with support from Fivecoate and passed unanimously. Skogman felt it was a good commercial mix and is a good project for our area. S. Giorgi, too, felt it was a good transectional area and this project fits in well.

UPS sign---

Discussion was held on the request for a sign to be put up for UPS to advise customers where their package drop-off/pick-up area is. It was stopped in the past because it was on City property. Now they have a permit to erect a sign, but it is an off-site sign (across the street) and requires a Conditional Use Permit. Kujala will talk to them and direct further action for an off-site sign. No action was taken.

Election Of Officers for 2006----

President--Steve Giorgi, Vice--President Steve Skogman, Secretary--Barb Fivecoate all accepted nomination and unanimously passed by acclamation vote.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Kujala reported that Dallas Fiskari has added an enclosure to the door and a new garage door on the old Mountain Iron Video Store on County Road 7 and Unity Drive and has not secured a building permit. He will check out the project.

Kujala explained a mistake that was made on the original zoning map that needs to be corrected. The line was drawn wrong on the original re-zoning map. It should be URS or MF2 on Daffodil Avenue and Commercial from the corner of Daffodil Avenue and Unity Drive to County Road 7 and South on County Road 7. It needs to be corrected and a Public Hearing will be held to do so.

ADJOURN


At 7:55 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Soyring with support from Juntunen and passed unanimously.

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COUNCIL LETTER 032006-VID

COUNCILOR NELSON

SURVEY REQUIREMENTS

DATE: March 13, 2006

FROM: Councilor Nelson

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to research and come up with a recommendation on the possibility of requiring proof of property lines prior to the issuance of a building permit for any permanent structure or fence.

COUNCIL LETTER 032006-VIE

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

13TH ST – MOUNTAIN IRON DRIVE CORNER

DATE: March 13, 2006

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

The City should acquire some more R.O.W. from the Walgreen developer so the City can re-align Mountain Iron Drive and the 13th Street crossing corner so that corner is wider and less sharp.

Staff Note: staff is already in contact with the developers to obtain additional ROW and redesign the referenced corner. (CJW)

COMMUNICATIONS
MARCH 20, 2006

1. League of Minnesota Cities, the Friday Fax for March 10, 2006.
2. League of Minnesota Cities, memo from Gary Carlson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations on 2006 City Policies.
3. Mountain Iron Planning & Zoning Commission, a Notice of Public Hearing set for March 27, 2006 for a variance request.
4. Canadian National, a letter concerning the proposed quiet zone for Virginia/Mountain Iron, including updated FRA Inventory Forms for Unity Drive, Southern Drive and Co. Road 102.



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State of the Cities Legislative Conference

Get involved and make your city's voice heard at the Capitol!

Register today for the State of the Cities Legislative Conference. Make an appointment to meet with your legislator during City Day at the Capitol, and join us for the social hour at the Kelly Inn, Sweetwater Bar and Grill on March 30, 2006.

Register online at www.lmnc.org

Eminent domain restrictions clear first Senate committee

Yesterday afternoon, the Senate Judiciary Committee considered a sweeping proposal to restrict the use of eminent domain, which is authored by Sen. Tom Bakk (DFL-Cook) and supported by the Institute for Justice and the Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association (SF 2750). The committee also discussed a more reasonable alternative supported by the League of Minnesota Cities (SF 2694). Among those who appeared to offer their support for SF 2750, were: Mayor Bjorn Skogquist, city of Anoka; Amy Ihlan, Roseville city councilmember, and Mayor Herb Bergson, city of Duluth. Those opposed to SF 2750 did not have an opportunity to offer testimony to the bill.

When the committee reconvened Thursday evening, Sen. Don Betzold (DFL-Fridley) offered a delete-all amendment to SF 2750. The amendment included several procedural provisions from SF 2694; the section dealing with definitions from SF 2750, including definitions of "abandoned property," "blighted area," "dilapidated building," and "environmentally contaminated area"; the restrictions in SF 2750

on acquiring non-dilapidated and uncontaminated property; a higher evidentiary standard – preponderance of the evidence – for takings for redevelopment purposes; payment of property owners' attorney fees for a successful public purpose challenge; a modified loss of going concern provision; the higher re-establishment cap from SF 2694; and a March 1, 2006 effective date. The committee adopted the Betzold delete-all amendment with a couple of technical changes.

The committee also adopted an amendment, offered by Sen. Julianne Ortman (R-Chanhassen), to allow payment of property owners' attorney fees if the final award is at least 20% greater than the last written offer made by the condemning authority before filing a petition in court. SF 2750 passed as amended and was re-referred to the Senate State and Local Government Operations Committee, which will consider the bill on Monday, March 13 at 12:00 p.m., or one half hour after session, in Room 123 of the State Capitol. The committee will reconvene at 6:00 p.m. in Room 123 to vote on amendments to SF 2750.

Local officials are encouraged to contact members of this committee prior to the public hearing to express concerns about SF 2750 and emphasize the need for responsible eminent domain reform that balances the needs of individual property owners with the economic health and livability of Minnesota cities. Committee members, along with their phone numbers and emails, are listed here for your convenience:

Linda Higgins, Chair, 296-9246,
sen.linda.higgins@senate.mn
 Chuck Wiger, 296-6820,
sen.chuck.wiger@senate.mn
 Debbie Johnson, 296-3219,
sen.debbie.johnson@senate.mn

For more information on city legislative issues, contact any member of the League of Minnesota Cities Intergovernmental Relations team.
 651.281.1200 or 800.925.1122



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 Scott Dibble, 296-4191,
sen.scott.dibble@senate.mn
 Michelle Fischbach, 296-2084,
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 Jim Vickerman, 296-5650,
 Betsy Wergin, 296-8075,
sen.betsy.wergin@senate.mn

The House Local Government Committee also held two listening sessions this week on eminent domain in Brooklyn Center and Apple Valley. Members heard from a number of local officials who expressed concerns about HF 2846, the companion bill to SF 2750, authored by Rep. Jeff Johnson (R-Plymouth). The committee will take additional testimony on HF 2846 on Monday, March 13 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 10 of the State Office Building. The League expects the committee take-up amendments to the bill on Wednesday, March 15.

Please contact members of the House Local Government committee before these hearings next week to urge them to support reasonable amendments to HF 2846 that preserve the responsible use of eminent domain. Again, committee contact information is listed here for your convenience:

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rep.mark.olson@house.mn
 Morrie Lanning, 296-5515,
rep.morrie.lanning@house.mn
 Debra Hilstrom, 296-3709,
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 Bruce Anderson, 296-5063,
rep.bruce.anderson@house.mn
 Mike Charron, 296-4244,
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 Lynn Wardlow, 296-4128,
rep.lynn.wardlow@house.mn

Questions? Contact Laura Harris at 651.281.1260 or by email at lharris@lmnc.org.



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State of the State

In his annual state of the state address, Governor Tim Pawlenty focused most of his comments on his upcoming legislative initiatives on school and health care reforms. He did, however, mention three issues that are of importance to cities: funding for impaired waters, property tax limits and eminent domain reform.

Cleaning up impaired waters

The Governor's speech gave a boost to the efforts of the League and others working to pass the Clean Water Legacy Act by supporting our request for \$20 million in funding this session for the state's impaired waters program. He went on to say that ongoing funding for that program should be part of the proposed constitutional amendment for dedicating sales tax revenues to natural resources protection.

The current draft of the Clean Water Legacy Act seeks \$20 million in general fund resources and \$20 million in resources from the bonding bill. These resources would be used to fund, among other things, small communities replacing failing septic systems and to cover 75% of the cost of phosphorus treatment infrastructure on city wastewater plants, both in the future and retroactively back to March 2000.

Questions? Contact Craig Johnson at 651.281.1259 or by email at cjohnson@lmnc.org.

Property Tax Cap

The Governor's mention of property tax limits was the first public comment on this issue we have heard this year. Last fall when the preliminary levy information was compiled, the Department of Revenue reported that the aggregate increase in proposed property taxes for cities was 9.2 percent—a higher proposed increase than we have seen in recent years. At that time, we expected to hear criticism of

cities—including possible calls for levy limits or even more restrictive reverse referendum proposals. We only heard a few grumbings.

The final certified levy increase was reduced to a 7.9 percent increase—still significant, but given the deep aid cuts imposed in 2003 and 2004 and the extremely tight levy limits that were in place in 2004, the figure was not surprising. The final aggregate levy increase of 7.9 percent was much closer to the aggregate increases of recent years.

Now, as we approach the fall "campaign season," local governments, including cities, may be caught between a clash of the titans. Recently, House minority leader Matt Entenza publicly blamed local property tax increases on the Governor's budget balancing policies.

Perhaps by coincidence or perhaps in response, the Governor has now publicly mentioned the idea of imposing a "cap", presumably on cities, counties and possibly schools to control future property tax increases.

Meanwhile, cities go on doing their business of serving the day-to-day needs of Minnesota citizens.

Questions? Contact Gary Carlson at 651.281.1255 or by email at gcarlson@lmnc.org.

Eminent Domain

In his speech, the Governor stated, "One of the most important roles of government is to protect its citizens. Sometimes that means protecting them from their own government. I urge us to come together to pass meaningful and responsible reforms to Minnesota's eminent domain laws."

In recent weeks, the Institute for Justice (IJ)/Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) has suggested that the Governor is supporting their eminent domain legislation.

For more information on city legislative issues, contact any member of the League of Minnesota Cities Intergovernmental Relations team.

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Interestingly, the Governor did not publicly endorse their bill in his speech. Unfortunately, he did not endorse the League proposal either.

The IJ/MADA pitch has been to adopt "meaningful" reform while the League has been endorsing "responsible" reform. His use of both of those terms in his speech may be coincidence or may be a call for compromise.

The Governor's supplemental budget, which will include recommendations on many new initiatives, will be unveiled in the coming weeks. Stay tuned.

Questions? Contact Laura Harris at 651.281.1260 or by email at lharris@lmnc.org.

Final consideration of important competitive cable legislation

Please contact the member(s) of the Minnesota House of Representatives who represent your city to urge members of the House Regulated Industries Committee to vote for HF 1319 (Beard, R-Shakopee), legislation that the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) and the Minnesota Association of Community Telecommunications Administrators (MACTA) support. On Wednesday, March 15, HF 1319 is scheduled to be on the agenda of the House Regulated Industries Committee for final consideration. Jim Smith, Immediate Past President of the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities and a member of the Lake Minnetonka Cable Communications Committee, testified in support of the bill on behalf of LMC at the first hearing on the bill earlier this week. The bill enlarges and strengthens the role of cities and multijurisdictional cable commissions in granting competitive cable franchises and prevents discrimination of low-income subscribers in providing access to such services.

The cable industry, as well as Qwest Communications, oppose the bill because it gives local officials more discretion in setting requirements for areas of the community to be served as well as in negotiating the terms of the additional franchising that provide for building out the competitive cable system and interconnecting public local origination, educational and government (PEG) programming and delivery of existing video production on the same channels.

Questions? Contact Ann Higgins at 651.281.1257 or by email at ahiggins@lmnc.org.

Annexation hearing scheduled in House

The House Local Government Committee has scheduled HF 2867 (Vanderveer, R-Forest Lake) for a hearing at 12:30 pm on Monday, March 13. The bill prohibits annexation by order and annexation by ordinance in the entire metropolitan area, giving metropolitan area townships complete veto authority over all annexations, even over small, single-owner annexations that are currently considered automatic if they meet certain criteria.

Questions? Contact Craig Johnson at 651.281.1259 or by email at cjohnson@lmnc.org.

Selected meeting notices. A full list can be found at www.leg.state.mn.us

MONDAY

Monday, 12 noon or one half hour after Session,
Room 123 Capitol
Committee: Senate State and Local Government
Operations
Chair: Sen. Linda Higgins



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Agenda: SF 2750 (Bakk) Eminent domain procedures modifications.

Monday, 12:30 pm, Basement State Office Building

Committee: House Civil Law and Elections

Chair: Rep. Jeff Johnson

Agenda: HF 2576 (Knoblach) Local governments prohibited from adopting ordinances which prevent employees from cooperating with federal immigration authorities.

Monday, 12:30 pm, 10 State Office Building

Meeting time note: The meeting will likely recess at 2:15 p.m. and reconvene at 4:30 p.m. to finish the agenda.

Committee: House Local Government

Chair: Rep. Mark Olson

Agenda: HF 2846 (Johnson, J) Eminent domain public use or purpose defined and modified, evidence for certain takings required, attorney fees provided, and other changes provided.
HF 2867 (Vandever) Incorporation provided and annexation prohibited in certain circumstances.

TUESDAY

Tuesday, 10:15 am, 5 State Office Building

Committee: House Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs

Chair: Rep. Kathy Tingelstad

Agenda: HF 2998 (Hoppe) Firefighter labor arbitration provision sunset repealed.

Other bills may be added.

Tuesday, 3:00 pm, Room G-15 Capitol

Committee: Senate Transportation

Chair: Sen. Steve Murphy

Agenda: SF 2444 - Skoe: Constitutional amendment for motor vehicle sales tax revenues dedication to transportation purposes

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, 10:15 am, 5 State Office Building

Committee: House Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs

Chair: Rep. Kathy Tingelstad

Agenda: HF 2921 (Severson) Leaves of absence for family members of seriously injured or killed member of the armed forces required; veterans programs provided and funded; military pension tax subtraction created; educational fairness required and money appropriated.

Other bills may be added.

Wednesday, 12:30 pm, 10 State Office Building

Committee: House Local Government

Chair: Rep. Mark Olson

Agenda: Consideration of amendments
HF 2846 (Johnson, J.) Eminent domain public use or purpose defined and modified; evidence for certain takings required; attorney fees provided; and other changes provided

Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building

Committee: House Civil Law & Elections

Chair: Rep. Jeff Johnson

Agenda: HF 1443 (Emmer) Voter registration proof of citizenship and voter picture ID required
HF 2608 (Heidgerken) Voting systems for individuals with disabilities requirements modified

Wednesday, 2:30 pm, 5 State Office Building

Committee: House Regulated Industries

Chair: Rep. Torrey Westrom

Agenda: Final consideration

HF 1319 (Beard) competitive cable entry



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March 9, 2006

TO: City Administrator/Manager/Clerk

FROM: Gary Carlson
Director, Intergovernmental Relations

RE: *2006 City Policies*

Enclosed is your city's copy of the *2006 City Policies*. Please circulate these city policies among your city's elected and key appointed officials. These legislative policies are based on recommendations of the League of Minnesota Cities (League) policy committees and were approved by the Board of Directors on January 26, 2006.

Every city and state legislator will receive a copy of the *2006 City Policies* document. The document will also be available on-line on the League's website at www.imnc.org.

The bulk of the policies represent longstanding positions of the League, although many were modified in anticipation of 2006 legislative proposals or to reflect recent statutory changes. Several new policies were derived from member suggestions and comments solicited at different points throughout the policy adoption process. Thanks to member input at policy committee meetings, regional meetings, the Annual Conference and via phone calls, letters and e-mails, the League will place a priority on the following legislative issues in 2006:

- Private Property Rights and Takings/Development Disputes
- Civil Liability of Local Governments
- Contracting and Purchasing
- Disability Access Requirements
- Statutory Approval Timelines
- Growth Management and Annexation
- Impaired Waters Program Funding
- Water Infrastructure Funding
- Franchising Competitive Cable Service Providers
- 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Funding Needs
- Election Issues

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- Adequate Funding for Transportation
- Street Utility Authority
- Funding Local Government Aid
- Local Government Aid Reform
- State Restrictions on Local budgets (i.e. Levy Limits, Reverse Referendum and Taxpayers' Bill of Rights)
- Limited Market Value
- Restructuring the Market Value Homestead Credit
City Revenue Diversification

This list is not comprehensive in that issues addressed above do not reflect the entire scope of anticipated League activities at the Legislature during the 2006 legislative session. Rather, the list is meant to demonstrate the League's legislative priorities in the context of current and emerging public policy issues.

The League Intergovernmental Relations staff will work hard to represent city interests during the session, but our greatest strength is you and your continued involvement. We hope to see you at the Capitol in 2006. Please plan to attend the **2006 State of the Cities Legislative Conference scheduled for March 30, 2006**. The conference will be an important event for all city officials.

If you have any questions, comments, or need assistance on these issues, please feel free to contact any member of the LMC Intergovernmental Relations Department.

Enclosure



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Mountain Iron will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 27, 2006 at 7:05 p.m. in the Mountain Iron Room of the Mountain Iron Community Center.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a request made by Semper Development for Variances from the 30 foot building setback on the north and west sides of their property as required by the Zoning Ordinance, to construct a commercial building closer to the lot line than allowed by the ordinance. The property is legally described as follows:

Easterly 100 feet of the Westerly 125 feet of all that part of the Northerly 315.83 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 13, Township 58 North, Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian lying Easterly of the right-of-way of the Duluth, Winnipeg, and Pacific Railroad Company and Westerly of the right-of-way of State Highway No. 53, according to the United States Government Survey thereof.

And

A parcel of land in FIRST ADDITION TO WEST VIRGINIA, which is a parcel of land lying in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 13, Township 58 North, Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, according to the U. S. Government Survey thereof, in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, more particularly described as follows: the southerly 200 feet of the north 315.85 feet lying east of the west 125 feet and west of the right-of-way of State Highway No. 53.

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

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

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Feb. 27, 2006

Mr. Rodney Flannigan
Benchmark Engineering
8878 Main St.
P.O. Box 261
Mountain Iron, MN. 55792

Re: Proposed Quiet Zone for Virginia/Mountain Iron
Updated FRA Inventory Forms for Unity Dr., Southern Dr. and Co. Rd. 102

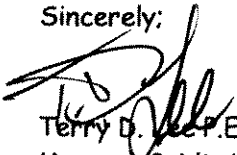
Dear Mr. Flannigan;

This is a follow up to the meeting we had in Virginia. I am sending with this letter to you and all people copied with this letter copies of updated FRA Inventory data sheets for each of the three crossings proposed for the quiet zone. Please note that the road traffic data will have to be filled in on each form as was discussed at the meeting. This updated data can now be used to run the FRA calculator to determine the risk index and what safety measures may have to be implemented to develop a quiet zone.


As I discussed with several of the people after the meeting we would strongly encourage you to consider the closure of the Unity Dr. crossing due to the high number of switching moves made over this crossing and it's proximity to a grade separated crossing and parallel routes. We believe this would be a good candidate for a road closure if the proposed quiet zone is considered.

If you need any other information or have any questions please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely;


Terry D. Lee P.E.
Manager Public Works

cc: Ms. Carolyn Gentilini
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327 1st St. South
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Ms. Dani raze
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U.S. DOT CROSSING INVENTORY FORM

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION (FRA)

OMB Control No. 2130-0017
Expires: 7/31/2006

A. Initiating Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> State	B. Crossing Number (max. 7 char.) 268-1461	C. Reason for Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes in Existing Data <input type="checkbox"/> New Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Crossing or Abandoned	D. Effective Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 2/23/06
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Part I: Location and Classification Information

1. Railroad Oper. Co. (code (max. 4 char.) or name) DWP		2. State (2 char.) MN	3. County (max. 20 char.) St. Louis
4. Railroad Division or Region (max. 14 char.) Wisconsin		5. Railroad Subdivision or District (max. 14 char.) Randy	7. RR Milepost (max. 7 char.) (nnnn.nn) 73.39
8. RR I.D. No. (max. 10 char.)	9. Nearest RR Timetable Station (max. 15 char.) (optional) Virginia	10. Parent RR (max. 4 char.) (if applicable) CN	11. Crossing Owner (RR or Company name) (if applicable) DWP
12. City (max. 16 char.) (check one) In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Near <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia		13. Street or Road Name (max. 17 char.) Unity DR.	STATE SUPPLIED INFORMATION
14. Highway Type & No. (max. 7 char.) City Street		15. ENS Sign Installed (1-800) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21. HSR Corridor ID (2 char.)
17. Crossing Type (choose one only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian		18. Crossing Position <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Grade <input type="checkbox"/> RR Under <input type="checkbox"/> RR Over	22. County Map Ref. No. (max. 10 char.)
19. Type of Passenger Service <input type="checkbox"/> AMTRAK <input type="checkbox"/> AMTRAK & Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None		20. Average Passenger Train Count Per Day 0	23. Latitude (max. 10 char., nn.nnnnnn)
26. Is There an Adjacent Crossing With a Separate Number? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Provide Number _____ (7 characters)		24. Longitude (max. 11 char., nnn.nnnnnn)	
27. PRIVATE CROSSING INFORMATION			
27.A. Category (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		27.B. Public Access <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
		27.C. Signs/Signals <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Signs <input type="checkbox"/> Signals Specify (max. 15 char.) _____	
28.A. Railroad Use (max. 20 char.)		29.A. State Use (max. 20 char.)	
28.B. Railroad Use (max. 20 char.)		29.B. State Use (max. 20 char.)	
28.C. Railroad Use (max. 20 char.)		29.C. State Use (max. 20 char.)	
28.D. Railroad Use (max. 20 char.)		29.D. State Use (max. 20 char.)	
30. Narrative (max. 100 char.)			
31. Emergency Contact (Telephone No.)		33. State Contact (Telephone No.)	
32. Railroad Contact (Telephone No.)			

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Part II: Railroad Information

1. Number of Daily Train Movements			
1.A. Total Trains 38-48	1.B. Total Switching Trains 20-30	1.C. Total Daylight Thru Trains (6 AM to 6 PM) 8-10	1.D. Check if Less Than One Movement Per Day <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Speed of Train at Crossing			
2.A. Maximum Time Table Speed (mph) 55			
2.B. Typical Speed Range Over Crossing (mph) from 10 to 55			
3. Type and Number of Tracks Main 1 Other 1 If Other, Specify (max. 10 char.) Siding			
4. Does Another RR Operate a Separate Track at Crossing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		5. Does Another RR Operate Over Your Track at Crossing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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B. Crossing Number (max. 7 char.) <u>260-146</u>	PAGE 2	D. Effective Date (MM/DD/YYYY) <u>2/22/06</u>
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Part III: Traffic Control Device Information

1. No Signs or Signals <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Correct		2. Type of Warning Device at Crossing - Signs (specify number of each)			
2.E. Pavement Markings <input type="checkbox"/> Stoplines <input type="checkbox"/> RR Xing Symbols <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None		2.A. Crossbucks: <u>2</u>	2.B. Highway Stop Signs (R1-1) <u>0</u>	2.C. RR Advance Warning Signs (W10-1) <u>1</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2.D. Hump Crossing Sign (W10-5) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. Type of Warning Device at Crossing - Train Activated Devices (specify number of each)		2.F. Other Signs: (specify MUTCD type) <u>#T</u>			
3.A. Gates <u>2</u>		3.B. Four-quadrant (or full barrier) Gates <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		3.C. Cantilevered (or Bridged) Flashing Lights: Over Traffic Lane (number) <u>0</u> Not Over Traffic Lane (number) <u>0</u>	
3.F. Other Flashing Lights: Number <u>0</u> Specify Type (max. 9 char.) _____		3.D. Mast Mounted Flashing Lights (number) <u>2</u>		3.E. Number of Flashing Light Pairs <u>4</u>	
3.G. Highway Traffic Signals (number) <u>0</u>		3.H. Wigwags (number) <u>0</u>		3.J. Bells (number) <u>?</u>	
3.K. Other Train Activated Warning Devices: (specify) (max. 9 char.) <u>0</u>					
4. Specify Special Warning Device NOT Train Activated (max. 20 char.) _____			5. Channelization Devices With Gates <input type="checkbox"/> All Approaches <input type="checkbox"/> One Approach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None		
6. Train Detection <input type="checkbox"/> Constant Warning Time <input type="checkbox"/> DC/AFO <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Detectors <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None		7. Signalling for Train Operation: Is Track Equipped with Train Signals? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		8. Traffic Light Interconnection/Preemption <input type="checkbox"/> Not Interconnected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous Preemption <input type="checkbox"/> Advance Preemption	
9. Reserved For Future Use		10. Reserved For Future Use		11. Reserved For Future Use	
				12. Reserved For Future Use	

Part IV: Physical Characteristics

1. Type of Development <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional			2. Smallest Crossing Angle <input type="checkbox"/> 0° - 29° <input type="checkbox"/> 30° - 59° <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60° - 90°		
3. Number of Traffic Lanes Crossing Railroad <u>2</u>		4. Are Truck Pullout Lanes Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		5. Is Highway Paved? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6. Crossing Surface (on main line) <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Timber <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Asphalt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Asphalt and Flange <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Concrete and Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Metal <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Unconsolidated <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Other (Specify) _____					
7. Does Track Run Down a Street? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		8. Nearby Intersecting Highway? <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 75 feet <input type="checkbox"/> 75 to 200 feet <input type="checkbox"/> 200 to 500 feet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Is it Signalized? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
9. Is Crossing Illuminated? (street lights within approx. 50 feet from nearest rail) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		10. Is Commercial Power Available? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		11. Space Reserved For Future Use	

Part V: Highway Information

1. Highway System <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Aid, Not NHS <input type="checkbox"/> Nat. Hwy System (NHS) <input type="checkbox"/> Non Federal Aid		2. Is Crossing on State Highway System? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		3. Functional Classification of Road at Crossing <u>City Street</u>	
5. Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) Year _____ AADT _____		6. Estimate Percent Trucks _____		7. Average Number of School Buses Over Crossing per School Day _____	
4. Posted Highway Speed _____					

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Part I: Location and Classification Information

1. Railroad Oper. Co. (code (max. 4 char.) or name) DWP		2. State (2 char.) MN	3. County (max. 20 char.) ST. LOUIS
4. Railroad Division or Region (max. 14 char.) WISCONSIA	5. Railroad Subdivision or District (max. 14 char.) Randy	6. Branch or Line Name (max. 15 char.)	7. RR Milepost (max. 7 char.) (nnnnn.nn) 72.39
8. RR I.D. No. (max. 10 char.)	9. Nearest RR Timetable Station (max. 15 char.) (optional) Virginia	10. Parent RR (max. 4 char.) (if applicable) CN	11. Crossing Owner (RR or Company name) (if applicable) DWP
12. City (max. 16 char.) (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In <input type="checkbox"/> Near	13. Street or Road Name (max. 17 char.) Southern Dr.		STATE SUPPLIED INFORMATION
14. Highway Type & No. (max. 7 char.)	15. ENS Sign Installed (1-800) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	16. Quiet Zone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> 24 hr	21. HSR Corridor ID (2 char.)
17. Crossing Type (choose one only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian	18. Crossing Position <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Grade <input type="checkbox"/> RR Under <input type="checkbox"/> RR Over	19. Type of Passenger Service <input type="checkbox"/> AMTRAK <input type="checkbox"/> AMTRAK & Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None	22. County Map Ref. No. (max. 10 char.)
		20. Average Passenger Train Count Per Day 0	23. Latitude (max. 10 char., nn.nnnnnn)
			24. Longitude (max. 11 char., nnn.nnnnnn)
			25. Lat/Long Source <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated

26. Is There an Adjacent Crossing With a Separate Number?
 Yes No If Yes, Provide Number _____ (7 characters)

27. PRIVATE CROSSING INFORMATION

27.A. Category (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	27.B. Public Access <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	27.C. Signs/Signals <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Signs <input type="checkbox"/> Signals Specify (max. 15 char.) _____
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28.A. Railroad Use (max. 20 char.)	29.A. State Use (max. 20 char.)
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Part III: Traffic Control Device Information

1. No Signs or Signals <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Correct		2. Type of Warning Device at Crossing - Signs (specify number of each)			
		2.A. Crossbucks: 2	2.B. Highway Stop Signs (R1-1) 0	2.C. RR Advance Warning Signs (W10-1) 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2.D. Hump Crossing Sign (W10-5) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
2.E. Pavement Markings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stoptines <input type="checkbox"/> RR Xing Symbols <input type="checkbox"/> None		2.F. Other Signs: (specify MUTCD type) Number _____ Specify Type (max. 10 char.) _____ Number _____ Specify Type (max. 10 char.) _____			
3. Type of Warning Device at Crossing - Train Activated Devices (specify number of each)					
3.A. Gates 2	3.B. Four-quadrant (or full barrier) Gates <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3.C. Cantilevered (or Bridged) Flashing Lights: Over Traffic Lane (number) 0 Not Over Traffic Lane (number) 0		3.D. Mast Mounted Flashing Lights (number) 2	3.E. Number of Flashing Light Pairs 4
3.F. Other Flashing Lights: Number 0 Specify Type (max. 9 char.) _____		3.G. Highway Traffic Signals (number) 0	3.H. Wigwags (number) 0	3.J. Bells (number) ?	
3.K. Other Train Activated Warning Devices: (specify) (max. 9 char.) 0					
4. Specify Special Warning Device NOT Train Activated (max. 20 char.) N/A			5. Channelization Devices With Gates <input type="checkbox"/> All Approaches <input type="checkbox"/> One Approach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None		
6. Train Detection <input type="checkbox"/> Constant Warning Time <input type="checkbox"/> DC/AFO <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Detectors <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None		7. Signalling for Train Operation: Is Track Equipped with Train Signals? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		8. Traffic Light Interconnection/Preemption <input type="checkbox"/> Not Interconnected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous Preemption <input type="checkbox"/> Advance Preemption	
9. Reserved For Future Use	10. Reserved For Future Use	11. Reserved For Future Use	12. Reserved For Future Use		

Part IV: Physical Characteristics

1. Type of Development <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional			2. Smallest Crossing Angle <input type="checkbox"/> 0° - 29° <input type="checkbox"/> 30° - 59° <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60° - 90°		
3. Number of Traffic Lanes Crossing Railroad 2		4. Are Truck Pullout Lanes Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		5. Is Highway Paved? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6. Crossing Surface (on main line) <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Timber <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Asphalt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Asphalt and Flange <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Concrete and Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Metal <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Unconsolidated <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Other (Specify) _____					
7. Does Track Run Down a Street? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		8. Nearby Intersecting Highway? <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 75 feet <input type="checkbox"/> 75 to 200 feet <input type="checkbox"/> 200 to 500 feet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		Is it Signalized? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. Is Crossing Illuminated? (street lights within approx. 50 feet from nearest rail) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		10. Is Commercial Power Available? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		11. Space Reserved For Future Use	

Part V: Highway Information

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION (FRA)

OMB Control No. 2130-0017
Expires: 7/31/2006

A. Initiating Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> State	B. Crossing Number (max. 7 char.) <u>260-149E</u>	C. Reason for Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes in Existing Data <input type="checkbox"/> New Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Crossing or Abandoned	D. Effective Date (MM/DD/YYYY) <u>2/27/06</u>
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Part I: Location and Classification Information

1. Railroad Oper. Co. (code (max. 4 char.) or name) <u>DWP</u>		2. State (2 char.) <u>MN</u>	3. County (max. 20 char.) <u>St. Louis</u>
4. Railroad Division or Region (max. 14 char.) <u>Wisconsin</u>		5. Railroad Subdivision or District (max. 14 char.) <u>Rainy</u>	6. Branch or Line Name (max. 15 char.)
7. RR Milepost (max. 7 char.) (nnnn.nn) <u>74.37</u>		8. RR I.D. No. (max. 10 char.)	
9. Nearest RR Timetable Station (max. 15 char.) (optional) <u>Virginia</u>		10. Parent RR (max. 4 char.) (if applicable) <u>CN</u>	11. Crossing Owner (RR or Company name) (if applicable) <u>DWP</u>
12. City (max. 16 char.) (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In <u>Virginia</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Near		13. Street or Road Name (max. 17 char.) <u>Co. Rd. 102</u>	
14. Highway Type & No. (max. 7 char.) <u>Co. Road</u>		15. ENS Sign Installed (1-800) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	16. Quiet Zone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> 24 hr
17. Crossing Type (choose one only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian	18. Crossing Position <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Grade <input type="checkbox"/> RR Under <input type="checkbox"/> RR Over	19. Type of Passenger Service <input type="checkbox"/> AMTRAK <input type="checkbox"/> AMTRAK & Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None	20. Average Passenger Train Count Per Day <u>0</u>

STATE SUPPLIED INFORMATION	
21. HSR Corridor ID (2 char.)	
22. County Map Ref. No. (max. 10 char.)	
23. Latitude (max. 10 char., nn.nnnnnn)	
24. Longitude (max. 11 char., nnn.nnnnnn)	
25. Lat/Long Source <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated	

26. Is There an Adjacent Crossing With a Separate Number?
 Yes No If Yes, Provide Number _____ (7 characters)

27. PRIVATE CROSSING INFORMATION

27.A. Category (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	27.B. Public Access <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	27.C. Signs/Signals <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Signs <input type="checkbox"/> Signals Specify (max. 15 char.) _____
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28.A. Railroad Use (max. 20 char.)	29.A. State Use (max. 20 char.)
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30. Narrative (max. 100 char.)

31. Emergency Contact (Telephone No.)	32. Railroad Contact (Telephone No.)	33. State Contact (Telephone No.)
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MUST COMPLETE REMAINDER OF FORM FOR PUBLIC VEHICLE CROSSINGS AT GRADE

Part II: Railroad Information

1. Number of Daily Train Movements			
1.A. Total Trains <u>18</u>	1.B. Total Switching Trains <u>0</u>	1.C. Total Daylight Thru Trains (6 AM to 6 PM) <u>8-10</u>	1.D. Check if Less Than One Movement Per Day <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Speed of Train at Crossing		2.A. Maximum Time Table Speed (mph) <u>55</u>	
		2.B. Typical Speed Range Over Crossing (mph) from <u>10</u> to <u>55</u>	
3. Type and Number of Tracks Main <u>1</u> Other <u>0</u> If Other, Specify (max. 10 char.) _____			
4. Does Another RR Operate a Separate Track at Crossing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		5. Does Another RR Operate Over Your Track at Crossing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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B. Crossing Number (max. 7 char.) <u>260-149E</u>	PAGE 2	D. Effective Date (MM/DD/YYYY) <u>2/27/06</u>
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