

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2005 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the April 4, 2005 Regular Meeting (#1-13)
 - B. Minutes of the March 31, 2005 COW Meeting(#14-15)
 - C. Minutes of the March 31, 2005 COW Meeting(#16-18)
 - D. Minutes of the April 12, 2005 Board of Review Meeting(#19-21)
 - E. Bills and Payroll
 - F. Receipts
 - G. Communications(#78-89)
 - III. Public Forum
 - A. Reconvene Board of Review
 - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - 1. City Contributions(#22)
 - 2. Banners and Flower Pots(#23)
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - 1. MCMA Conference (#24-35)
 - C. Director of Public Works Report
 - 1. Pump Replacement (#36-39)
 - D. Director of Parks and Recreations Report
 - E. City Engineers Report
 - 1. Heather Avenue Cover(#40-41)
 - 2. Mountain Iron Drive Curb(#42)
 - 3. Water Tank Warranty Inspections(#43)
 - 4. WWTP Noise Investigation (#44-49)
 - F. City Attorneys Report
 - G. Utility Advisory Board
 - 1. Street Light Policy(#50-54)
 - H. Liaison Reports
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Cemetery Contribution(#55-57)
 - B. Ann's Acres Street Light Project(#58-59)
 - C. South Grove Playground(#60)
 - D. Excelsior Energy Project(#61)
 - E. Spring Park Road (#62)
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Purchase Offer (#63)
 - B. Authorization for Raffle(#64-66)
 - C. Community Center Microphones(#67)
 - D. Merritt Days Committee Request(#68)
 - E. Legal Description- Parkville (#69-76)
 - F. Closed Session (#77)
 - G. Communications (#78-89)
 - VII. Open Discussion
 - VIII. Announcements
 - IX. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 2005

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:31 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; and Rod Flannigan, City Engineer.

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

1. Add the following items to the agenda:
 - IV. A.
 1. South Grove Playground Committee
 2. South Grove Park-Benches
 3. Proclamation for Sexual Assault
 4. Barricades on Nichols Avenue & Falcon Street
 5. Land Grant for South Grove Park
 6. Request for Land Appraisal for the Retriever Club
 - IV. B.
 2. American Legion-Temporary On-Sale Liquor License
 - VI. E. West II Rivers Campground Rate Increase
2. Approve the minutes of the March 21, 2005, City Council meeting with the following corrections:

Page 3, paragraph 6, ".....Erik Wedge to review the final tuck pointing, ~~lenthils~~, lintels, drain tile....."

Page 3, paragraph 8, ".....to discuss the installation of two cul de sacs along the west area of the Mashkenode Lake Development."
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 March 16-31, 2005, totaling \$163,986.12, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
5. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period March 16-31, 2005, totaling \$284,273.38, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

During the public forum, Steve Skogman spoke regarding the property that the City recently acquired from U. S. Steel Corporation south of the City Garage. He said that there are motorcycles and 4-wheelers riding on the City's property and they are noisy.

He requested that the City knocked down the moguls that the motorcycles are using for a track.

Mr. Skogman advised the Council that at the next regular meeting someone will be filming the City Council meeting.

During the Mayor's report, he reported that Annette Frericks had declined filling the remainder of her late husband's term on the Utility Advisory Board.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to appoint Dori Bergman to fill the term of the late Roman Frericks on the Utility Advisory Board with the term expiring on December 31, 2006. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to direct the Recreation Director and the City Administrator to apply for a Saint Louis County Outdoor Recreation Grant for the South Grove Playground area. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to authorize a South Grove Playground Committee to be formed and appoint Natalie Pankratz-Leff as the Chairperson. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to authorize City Staff to order two park benches for the South Grove Playground area, at a cost of no more than \$1,000, so the benches are available when the park committee designates where they should go. After further discussion, Mayor Skalko amended his motion to obtain two inexpensive park benches, from L & M Supply, and use picnic tables that the City already has, which could be temporarily anchored down, for the South Grove Playground area. Councilor Prebeg supported the amendment. The amended motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Mayor read a Quad Cities' Proclamation to the City Council concerning sexual assault awareness, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes).

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to direct City Staff to prepare a plan for different barricades ideas, cost estimates, and signage for Falcon Avenue and Nichols Avenue to keep ATVs off of the street and forward the information to the City Council for further consideration. After further discussion, Councilor Prebeg amended his motion to have City Staff obtain information from the Sheriff's office regarding any complaints in the area. Councilor Nelson supported the amendment. The amended motion carried with Councilor Irish voting no.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Skalko to have the Director of Public Works have City Staff knock down the moguls on the City land south of the City Garage. The motion carried with Councilor Irish voting no.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to authorize City Staff to place a half page advertisement with H. R. Graphics, Inc. for a planner for the Mountain Iron-Buhl High School students for 2005-2006 at a cost of \$759. After further discussion, Mayor Skalko amended his motion to have the funds expended from the Charitable Gambling Fund. Councilor Prebeg supported the amendment. The amended motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to authorize Saint Louis County to complete an appraisal of 40 acres of land for the Retriever Club at no cost to the City. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to authorize three City Employees to attend the League of Minnesota Cities Safety and Loss Control Workshop in Biwabik on April 19, 2005 at a cost of \$20.00 per person. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Irish to approve the application and permit for a temporary on-sale liquor license for the American Legion Post 220 on April 29, 2005, at the Mountain Iron Community Center contingent on the approval of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. The motion carried.

Councilor Roskoski asked when the 2004 City audit would be completed. The City Administrator said that the auditor usually presents the audit report to the City Council in June.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to authorize payment request number seven to Rajala Construction Company for the Mountain Iron Commercial Forty Project in the amount of \$23,331.20. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes; Nelson, yes; Irish, no; and Skalko, yes.

The City Engineer reported to the Council on the Heather Avenue ditching. He said that ditching is not feasible in that area, the only way to fix the drainage problems would be to install storm pipe.

The City Engineer advised the Council that he was contacted by Mark Hudson, Saint Louis County, concerning the right of way on Monkey Road. He said that he found some documentation that shows the area being vacated in the 1930's, although they have not seen the documents.

Councilor Roskoski informed the Council that the work that was completed in North Court last year had made a difference and the area is draining properly now.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Prebeg to accept the recommendations from the Mountain Iron Fire Department and appoint Devin West, Jason Gellerstedt, and Kevin Mattila as Mountain Iron Volunteer Fireman. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to authorize the Mountain Iron Fire Department to advertise for three more volunteer fire positions in 2005. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to direct City Staff to send a thank you to Lehman Fabricating for their generosity to the City for designing and fabricating a new discharge chute to use on the new fire truck. The motion carried.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to forward the position analysis for the Assistant Library to the Library Board to make a recommendation to the Personnel Committee on minimum qualifications and then the Personnel Committee can meet with the Union and make a recommendation to the City Council. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Nelson to accept the recommendation of the Street Committee and authorize City Staff to call for quotes on the purchase of \$10,000 worth of crack sealing material. The motion carried.

Councilor Roskoski said that the Street Committee reviewed Unity Drive from County Road 7 to the Canadian National tracks. The Committee felt that there was some wear on the road, but the consensus was to not have any major upgrading or repairs completed on it.

Councilor Roskoski said that the Street Committee reviewed Enterprise Drive North and Northeast starting at 8497 Enterprise Drive North to 5559 Enterprise Drive Northeast and he said that there was some surfaces that need to be repaired. He stated that a portion, the entire width and the length to be determined by Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, of the road by 8409 Enterprise Drive North that need repairs. He also said that a portion of Enterprise Drive North entering onto Nichols Avenue needs to be repaired. Mr. Fallstrom advised the Street Committee that the City should install traffic containment curbs in the area by Enterprise Drive North and Nichols Avenue.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to authorize Benchmark Engineering to proceed with the necessary engineering and put together all specifications needed for bidding associated with the Enterprise Drive North, two repairs by 8409 Enterprise Drive North, and a repair at the intersection of Enterprise Drive North and Nichols Avenue. After further discussion, Councilor Roskoski amended the motion to take out bidding and add seek cost estimates. Councilor Irish supported the amendment. The amended motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to authorize Benchmark Engineering to proceed with the necessary engineering to put together the specifications needed for Unity Drive from Mud Lake Road to where the new pavement is by the Arrowhead Library System. And further, to have an option to add a sidewalk on the south side of Unity Drive to the last lot in Unity and another add on option to have the sidewalk extended for the length of Unity Drive from Emerald Avenue to Mud Lake Road. After

further discussion, Councilor Roskoski amended his motion to change specifications to cost estimates. Mayor Skalko supported the amendment. The amended motion carried.

At 8:18 p.m., Councilor Nelson left the meeting.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to direct City Staff to prepare a letter to the Virginia City Council regarding the water problem by 5473 Mountain Iron Drive and request a response. The motion carried with Councilor Nelson absent.

During the Liaison Reports, Councilor Irish said that the Park and Recreation Board met on March 31, 2005, questioned a motion that was made at the meeting regarding the "Movies in the Park". He questioned if the movies were being paid for out of the Recreation budget and how much the expenditures would be and if the City was seeking any contributions to assist in funding the movies.

At 8:21 p.m., Councilor Nelson returned to the meeting.

The Director of Public Works said that the Utility Advisory Board would be reviewing the Street Light Policy at their meeting on April 11, 2005, and the Policy would be on the April 18th City Council agenda.

Councilor Roskoski advised the Council that the Spruce Drive and Aspen Lane intersection is not draining properly.

At 8:22 p.m., Councilor Prebeg left the meeting.

At 8:25 p.m., Councilor Prebeg returned to the meeting.

The City Engineer said that he would review the situation at the intersection of Spruce Drive and Aspen Lane.

The Mayor said that he would like to table the Ann's Acres Street Light Project until the April 18th City Council meeting.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Irish to adopt Resolution Number 08-05, designating the national incident management system (NIMS) as the basis for all incident management in the City of Mountain Iron, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to direct City Staff to purchase the necessary signs correcting the spelling of "Messaba" Room to "Mesabi", mount the signs, and have the project completed by 30 working days or so. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Nelson to request that Barb Politano, Virginia City Council member, and William Buria, Calvary Cemetery Association Board, be invited back to the next regular Mountain Iron City Council meeting, if possible, to

review the proposed building expansion at Calvary Cemetery. And further, the topic of discussion will be per capita funding versus 50/50 sharing of the project costs. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to authorize one City representative, using the City vehicle, to attend the April 18, 2005, meeting at the Northland Foundation Office in Duluth concerning the Minnesota Beautiful Picture-It-Painted grant. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Board and increase the campground rates effective April 1, 2005 as follows:

Daily Rates	\$15.00 including tax
Weekly Rates	\$65.00 including tax
Pavilion rental (for all three)	\$25.00 per day

The motion carried.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to direct the City Administrator, working with Councilor Irish, to prepare a grant application to Saint Louis County for the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program in the amount of \$25,000 for the ATV trail. The motion carried with Councilor Nelson voting no.

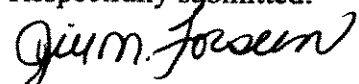
It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski that any non-essential and non-emergency items added for discussion to the agenda during the Council meeting, with a monetary value, will be placed on the next Council meeting agenda. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to authorize City Staff to send a sympathy card to Darlene Anderson from the City Council. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to direct City Staff to prepare of certificate for Andrea Nichols for her participation on the University of Minnesota Women's Hockey Team for winning the 2005 Division 1 Hockey Championship, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

At 9:03 p.m., it was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Northland Foundation, a letter advising the City that our project has been awarded a Minnesota Beautiful Picture-it-Painted Grant.
2. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding the March 24, 2005 Friday Fax.
3. Small Cities Update, an e-mail with the March 28, 2005 update.
4. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, forwarding a memorandum regarding legislative priorities.
5. Saint Louis County, forwarding information for the 2006 CDBG Program kickoff scheduled for April 13th at the Mountain Iron Community Center.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	130,067.03
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	156.00
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	950.00
FINES	CRIMINAL	1,741.28
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	750.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	225.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	30.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BAD DEBT-ELECTRIC	43.51
LICENSES	ANIMAL	5.00
PERMITS	BUILDING	10.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	-
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	29,808.30
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	200.00
Summary Totals:		<u>163,986.12</u>

Check Issue Date(s): 03/24/2005 - 04/08/2005

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
04/05	04/05/2005	31411	10034	AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORP	002-20200	962.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31412	140026	AQUILA	002-20200	6,178.58
04/05	04/05/2005	31413	10010	ARROW AUTO	002-20200	50.14
04/05	04/05/2005	31414	10014	ARROWHEAD REG FIREFIGHTERS'	002-20200	20.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31415	20001	BAKER FIRE EQUIPMENT	002-20200	44.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31416	30017	CARQUEST (MOUNTAIN IRON)	002-20200	1,558.28
04/05	04/05/2005	31417	30028	CUSTOM FIRE APPARATUS INC	002-20200	288.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31418	30059	CVAR, THOMAS	002-20200	443.72
04/05	04/05/2005	31419	40034	DAMBERG SCOTT GERZINA WAGNER	002-20200	1,623.10
04/05	04/05/2005	31420	40008	DELUXE BUSINESS FORMS	002-20200	95.88
04/05	04/05/2005	31421	40032	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	002-20200	348.48
04/05	04/05/2005	31422	110005	DON KLEINSCHMIDT	002-20200	167.64
04/05	04/05/2005	31423	40030	DULUTH CLINIC	002-20200	100.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31424	4003	EVELETH-GILBERT SWIM BOOSTERS	002-20200	100.00
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04/05	04/05/2005	31426	5007	FORTIS BENEFITS	002-20200	510.40
04/05	04/05/2005	31427	70004	GRANDE ACE HARDWARE	002-20200	23.96
04/05	04/05/2005	31428	70028	GREATER MINNESOTA AGENCY INC	002-20200	186.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31429	70029	GUARDIAN PEST CONTROL INC	002-20200	56.82
04/05	04/05/2005	31430	90014	IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS	002-20200	218.83
04/05	04/05/2005	31431	90002	INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	002-20200	494.66
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04/05	04/05/2005	31433	120039	LEEF SERVICES	002-20200	26.66
04/05	04/05/2005	31434	4001	LORI BERRIGAN	002-20200	100.00
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04/05	04/05/2005	31437	130041	MESABI BITUMINOUS	002-20200	115.02
04/05	04/05/2005	31438	130009	MINNESOTA POWER	002-20200	57,666.45
04/05	04/05/2005	31439	130021	MINNESOTA STATE TREASURER	002-20200	97.36
04/05	04/05/2005	31440	140043	NORTHERN 2-WAY SERVICE LLC	002-20200	6.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31441	4005	PEGGY ANDERSON	002-20200	50.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31442	160042	POLK CITY DIRECTORIES	002-20200	334.36
04/05	04/05/2005	31443	160030	PRECISION MACHINE	002-20200	350.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31444	170006	QUAD CITY MOTORSPORTS	002-20200	18.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31445	180020	RAJALA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN	002-20200	23,331.20
04/05	04/05/2005	31446	180024	RANDOM HOUSE	002-20200	24.90
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04/05	04/05/2005	31448	180027	RANGER FIRE PROTECTION	002-20200	90,094.54
04/05	04/05/2005	31449	180045	RESERVE ACCOUNT	002-20200	500.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31450	190045	SERVICE SOLUTIONS	002-20200	409.92
04/05	04/05/2005	31451	4004	SHANNON PETERSEN	002-20200	50.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31452	4006	TODD MCGILLIVRAY	002-20200	125.00
04/05	04/05/2005	31453	200036	TRITEC OF MINNESOTA INC	002-20200	349.32
04/05	04/05/2005	31454	200027	TRUE VALUE HOME CENTER	002-20200	464.06
04/05	04/05/2005	31455	210030	U S BANK TRUST SERVICES	002-20200	201.25
04/05	04/05/2005	31456	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS, BELLEVUE	002-20200	25.99
04/05	04/05/2005	31457	220007	VISIONARY SYSTEMS LTD	002-20200	633.68
04/05	04/05/2005	31458	230028	WISCONSIN ENERGY CONSERVATION	002-20200	134.78
04/05	04/05/2005	31459	230015	WORLD ALMANAC EDUCATION	002-20200	45.93
04/05	04/05/2005	31460	260005	ZEP MANUFACTURING COMPANY	002-20200	133.19
04/05	04/05/2005	31461	260001	ZIEGLER INC	002-20200	44.65

Totals:

191,760.38

Payroll-PP Ending 3/25/05

83,522.87

Electronic Transfer-Sales Tax

8,990.13

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$284,273.38



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-05

DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and,

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all federal, state, local, and tribal security partners has been, and will continue to be vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all federal, state, local and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and,

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management, it is critical that federal, state, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform planning, training, and exercising standards, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and,

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources will improve the county's ability to utilize federal and state funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and,

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State and the City of Mountain Iron, including current emergency management training programs; and,

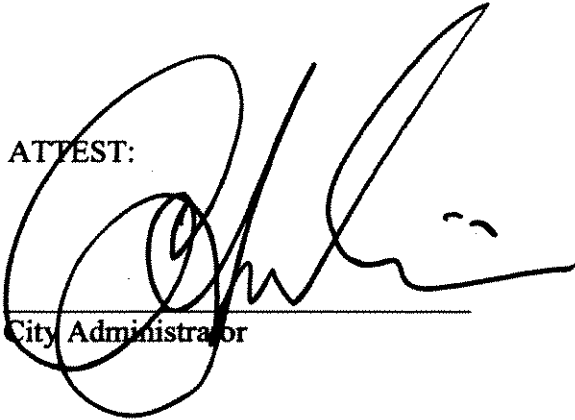
WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Minnesota by Executive Order 05-02, February 9, 2005, has designated the NIMS as the basis for all incident management in the State of Minnesota.

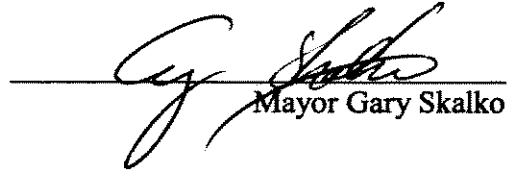
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for incident management in the City of Mountain Iron.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL, 2005.

ATTEST:



City Administrator

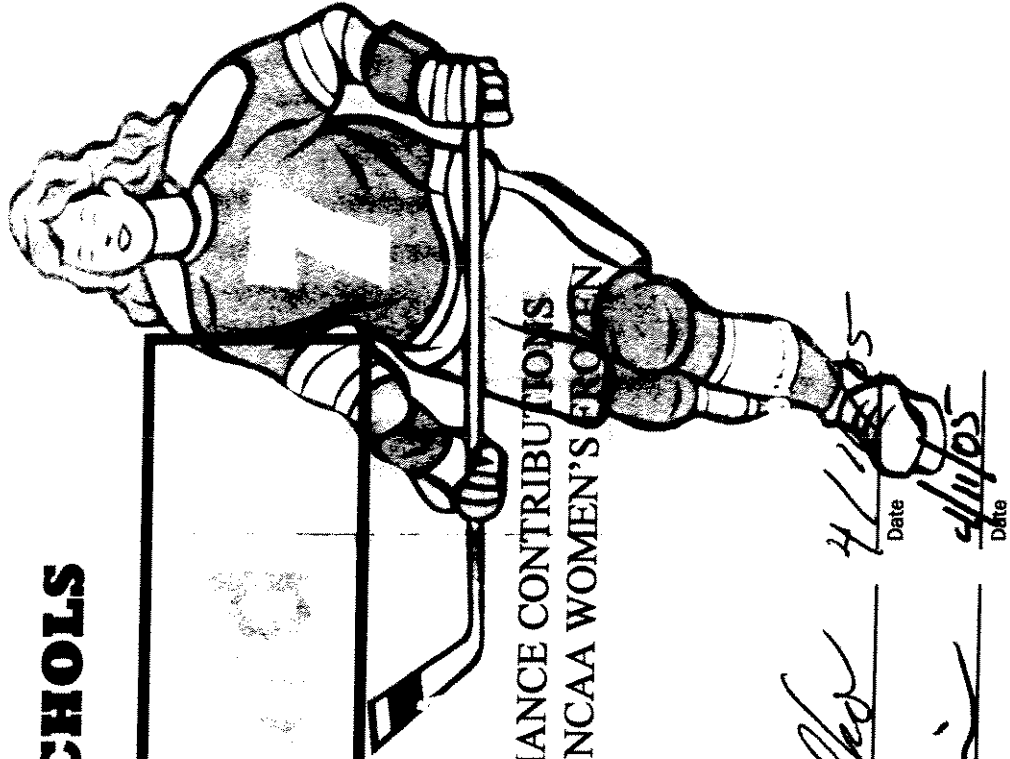


Mayor Gary Skalko

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

presents

ANDREA NICHOLS



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IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE GOLDEN GOPHERS TEAM AT THE 2005 NCAA WOMEN'S FRODOEN
FOUR - NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.



**CITY OF
MOUNTAIN IRON**

Gary Skelton
MAYOR

[Signature]
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

4/11/05
Date

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Date

QUAD CITIES' PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every person of the Quad Cities as a victim survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim survivor; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of the Quad Cities are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual survivors; and dedicated volunteers help staff 24-hour hotlines, respond to emergency calls and offer support, comfort, and advocacy during medical exams, criminal proceedings, and throughout the healing process; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Cities staff and volunteers of sexual assault programs are promoting prevention education by offering training to schools, churches, and civic organizations, as well as medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding sexual assault issues; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that continued educational efforts to provide information about prevention and services for sexual assault be supported and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to intensify public awareness of sexual assault, to educate people about the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce sexual violence, to increase support for agencies providing sexual assault services, and to increase awareness of the healing power of creative expression; and

WHEREAS, the Sexual Assault Program of Northern St. Louis County requests public support and assistance as it continues to work toward a society where all women, children, and men can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Mayors of the Quad Cities do hereby proclaim the month of April as:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

In the Quad Cities, and we commend this observance to all citizens.

I, Gary Skalko, Mayor of Mountain Iron, hereby issue this proclamation on behalf of the Mountain Iron City Council and the Citizens of this Community.

Gary W. Skalko
Mayor Gary Skalko

4-12-05
Date

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 31, 2005

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Dale Irish, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Absent member included: Allen Nelson. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; and Rod Flannigan, City Engineer.

The following audience members were present: Bill Tuomela, Norville Peterson, Tom Baczweski, Kevin Elsner, John Otava, and David Debevec.

Norville Petersen, 8554 Spring Park Road, said that he reviewed the assessments and they range from between \$84,000 to \$90,000, depending on what type of road would be constructed, rural or urban. He is opposed to this because they will not benefit from any of the improvements. Mr. Petersen said that he has drilled wells for all of the residents on Spring Park Road and they all have a good supply of water. He further stated that sewer may be an issue depending on the new rules and regulations, but he felt that the residents could upgrade their own septic system upgrades cheaper than having a sewer line extension completed. He also said that Petersen Well Drilling, Norville and Dennis Petersen, would be assessed for road frontage where they would not have a road. Mr. Petersen also said that he did not know how long they would own the property with Minntac buying out property. He said that he wanted things to remain the same.

The Mayor said that since the Excelsior Project was suggested, U.S. Steel Corporation commented on the proposal. U.S. Steel has signed a 10 year commitment that they will not mine through County Road 102 (Old Highway 169). He said that after 10 years, U. S. Steel could possibly buy property further into the Parkville area.

Tom Baczweski, 8551 Spring Park Road, said that he personally needs to have his septic system upgraded in the next two months. He said that he is looking at spending \$20,000 to upgrade the septic system and he was not willing to spend additionally for the sewer line extension. Mr. Baczweski said that he is against the sewer extension and the paving project.

Bill Tuomela said that he is looking at \$12,000 to \$20,000 for a septic system and he would rather have the sewer extension completed by the City and pay for it over a period of time. He said that he is looking at the development of his property as a retirement plan. He said that he would like to see the sewer extension completed.

David Debevec, 8576 Spring Park Road, said that he has a good well and his septic system needs to be upgraded, but he would be able to upgrade his system for less than the special assessment for the sewer line extension. Mr. Debevec said that he was opposed to the sewer and water extensions.

John Otava, 8580 Spring Park Road, stated that he is against the water and sewer extensions.

Kevin Elsner, 8576 Spring Park Road, said that the sewer extension would be nice because his current septic system need upgrading, as does his parents, Robert and Betty Elsner. He said

that everyone in the area has a good well, so the water extension is not needed. Mr. Elsner said that if the road is upgraded, he did not think curbs were necessary.

Norville Petersen questioned if the road would be constructed using a 66 foot right of way. The City Engineer stated that it would be 66 feet wide with a back slope on the ditches. Mr. Petersen state that the road construction would involve quite a bit of tree cutting. Mr. Petersen said that he is opposed to blacktopping Spring Park Road because of the special assessments. Mr. Petersen said that the there are some inequities on how the assessments are being calculated.

Dave Debevec, commented on the condition of Spring Park Road. He said that where the road goes from blacktop to dirt it is horrendous, like a washboard. He also said that the material that was placed on Spring Park Road had iron ore in it and it is really a mess. Mr. Debevec said that he would like to have Spring Park Road blacktopped because he plans on living there for awhile.

John Otava said that the cost were too high for the street improvements to Spring Park Road and he was against the paving. He did say that the road does need some maintenance work done to it.

Tom Bacezweski said that he was against having Spring Park Road blacktopped. He felt that the City needs to do some maintenance work on the first 10 feet from the current blacktop.

There was discussion regarding the special assessment calculations completed for the Spring Park Road upgrade, acreage versus road frontage.

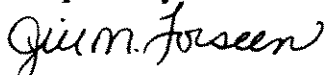
Bill Tuomela stated that he did not care if Spring Park Road was upgraded because he does not live there, he lives in Minneapolis.

Dave Debevec questioned the City Council regarding all of the improvements completed on Heather Avenue. He questioned whether the Heather Avenue property owners were being assessed. He was advised that the Heather Avenue property owners were not assessed because the work completed was only maintenance. Mr. Debevec said that he would like to have the City upgrade Spring Park Road similar to Heather Avenue.

At 7:07 p.m., Larry Nanti, Recreation Director, entered the meeting.

At 7:12 p.m., Mayor Skalko adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 31, 2005

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Dale Irish, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Absent member included: Allen Nelson. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; Larry Nanti, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Rod Flannigan, City Engineer.

Also in attendance: Approximately 60-70 residents.

The Mayor explained to the audience why the City Council called the meeting. He said that it has been approximately 20 years since there were any improvements to the South Grove Playground. He said that he appreciated all of the citizens input on the South Grove Playground improvements. The Mayor also thanked Robert "Ozzie" Kohler, 8764 Merritt Place, for getting everyone to attend the City Council meeting. The Mayor said that a petition was submitted with 212 names expressing that they want to keep the existing South Grove Playground where it currently is and begin to update the park with new equipment. The Mayor also received 51 letters concerning the South Grove Playground remaining in its current location.

The Mayor said that he would like to have a committee formed of people who live in the South Grove area to develop a plan for the South Grove Playground. He said that he wanted Natalie Pankratz-Leff, Parks and Recreation Board Member, to be the Chairperson of the South Grove Playground Committee. He said he would like to have five to seven people serve on the Committee.

Robert "Ozzie" Kohler said that when he went around South Grove collecting signatures for the petition, he heard a lot of requests to have benches put in the park, shade trees planted, and have some new equipment installed.

The Mayor said that the 2005 budget was already set and there was not funding available for park improvements in 2005.

Mary Jo Miettunen, 8739 Fairview Lane, said that she was part of the Neighborhood Network for the parks that was active several years ago, when they were seeking equipment for the all of the parks in Mountain Iron. She said that her children are getting older now and she thought they would like some skateboard equipment put where the tennis court area used to be.

Randy Pond, 5416 Mineral Avenue, questioned the Council regarding how much the City had spent on engineering for the housing plan for the South Grove Playground area. The Mayor advised him that the City spent approximately \$2,000 on engineering. Mr. Pond said that the Council should have held the meeting with the South Grove residents prior to any engineering work being completed. The Mayor said that the Council wanted to get all the information completed to show the residents what could potentially be done with the area.

Angie Christy, 8767 Merritt Place, said that she brought her 10 year old and 12 year old to the meeting to speak positively for maintaining the playground in its present location.

Melissa Christy, 8767 Merritt Place, read a prepared statement to the Council.

The Recreation Director stated that the City is applying for a grant for equipment for the South Grove Playground.

Bill Parise, 8763 Greenwood Lane, said that the park fencing needs to be repaired. He said that the City does not need to fund the equipment totally; some of the equipment should be purchased through donations and volunteers could assist in installing it.

Vicki Martin spoke and said that the City needs to place a garbage can in the playground area. The Recreation Director said that there is a garbage canister in the park.

Kim Knuti, 8776 Merritts Place, thanked the City Council for listening to the South Grove residents.

Maggie Bakke, 8780 Greenwood Lane, said that the basketball hoops needs upgrading. The Recreation Director said that he would look into the basketball hoops.

Brandon Ebert, 5427 Park Drive, questioned whether the Council had something budgeted in 2006 for park redevelopment. The Mayor said that the Council would be preparing the 2006 budget in August.

Gary Hanson, 8733 Arbor Lane, said that he likes to see the positive aspect of this meeting in that the City Council has seen the response from the residents and are proceeding to form the South Grove Playground Committee. The Mayor said that he is putting the formation of the Committee on the April 4, 2005, City Council agenda.

Vern Paschke, 5471 Park Drive, stated that South Grove was originally designed with the park in the center.

Bonnie Kollar, 8764 Merritt Place, thanked everyone for their support on the South Grove Park. She said that she finds the park a very dear part of South Grove.

Councilor Prebeg asked the audience if they see any problems with the South Grove Park area. The residents stated that the City needs to mow, trim, repair the fence, repair the gate, add lighting, and add some signage for park hours and no dogs being allowed.

The audience members felt that there should be one or two children on the South Grove Playground Committee.

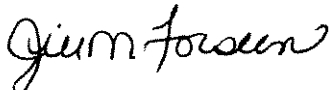
Mr. Kohler said that a fund raiser should be held to buy larger shade trees for the park.

Donna Leritz, 5464 Park Drive, said that ten years ago the ball fields were constructed with volunteers and donations.

Jody Nylund, 8768 Merritt Place, asked about forming a Committee for fund raising. The Recreation Director said that the core committee would be the South Grove Playground Committee and a fund raising committee could be a formed off of the South Grove Playground Committee. She also asked if the Council would match any funds that the Committee raised.

At 8:27 p.m., Mayor Skalko adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF REVIEW
APRIL 12, 2005

The Mayor Skalko called the 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: Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; John Jokinen, St. Louis County; David Sipola, St. Louis County; Cindy Okstad, St. Louis County; Mel Hintz, St. Louis County; Fred Hyppa, St. Louis County; and Dan Christianson, St. Louis County.

John Jokinen, Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County, advised the City Council that all of the residential property was re-evaluated in Mountain Iron. Cindy Okstad, Commercial Appraiser for Saint Louis County, said that the commercial property was re-evaluated in Mountain Iron in 2004.

Glen Avikainen, 8750 Fairview Lane, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0055-00300, said that his valuation had increased from \$62,800 in 2004 to \$69,600 in 2005. He said that had not made any improvements to the home and it currently needs a new roof and siding. Mr. Jokinen said that the property was listed as in fair condition. Mr. Sipola said that the homeowner was not home when he evaluated his property, so he did not view the inside of the home.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to have parcel 175-0055-00300 re-evaluated by the County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

Dan and Mary Jo Miettunen, 8739 Fairview Lane, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0055-01450, said that their valuation had increased from \$56,900 in 2004 to \$65,000 in 2005. He said that they have not made any improvements to the home. Mr. Jokinen said that the County classified the property as below average quality condition, 1960's era, and in average condition.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to have parcel 175-0055-01450 re-evaluated by the County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

Jim Techar, 5497 Coral Lane, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0063-00160, said that the valuation had increased from \$149,500 in 2004 to \$194,200 in 2005. He stated that he had receipts for construction materials in the amount of \$153,700 and he completed some of the labor on the house himself. He said that the basement is not finish and the yard is not landscape. He said the property that is immediately across the street from him sold for \$169,700.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to have parcel 175-0063-00160 re-evaluated by the St. Louis County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

Matt Kishel, 5483 Bluebell Avenue, Virginia, Parcel Code 175-0013-00170, questioned how the calculations were made and stated that it was unfair to compare the homes with the sales in the area. He said that his property value went from \$59,900 in 2004 to \$68,000 in 2005.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to have parcel 175-0013-00170 re-evaluated by the St. Louis County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

Brad Hamilton, 8433 Mud Lake Road, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0071-01530, said that his valuation went from \$58,600 in 2004 to \$98,700 in 2005. He said that he is remodeling the house, which was built in 1966, and it will take approximately five to six years to finish the remodeling. He said that his property is located on Mud Lake.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to have parcel 175-0071-01530 re-evaluated by the St. Louis County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

Robert Kohler, 8764 Merritt Place, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0055-01830, said that his valuation went from \$62,800 in 2004 to \$80,600 in 2005. He said that the garage cement floor is cracked and he has a leak in his basement.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Skalko to have parcel 175-0055-01830 re-evaluated by the St. Louis County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

William Buria, 5440 Garden Drive, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0055-02400, said that the valuation went from \$74,800 in 2004 to \$88,200 in 2005. He said that he purchased the house on a foreclosure. The County Assessor said that no one was home when he did his evaluation.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to have parcel 175-0055-02400 re-evaluated by the St. Louis County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

Steve Papin, 5456 Park Drive, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0055-00060, said that the valuation went from \$56,100 in 2004 to \$62,700 in 2005. He said that he purchased the property through a foreclosure and he paid \$33,000 for the property. The County Assessor said that no one was home when he did his evaluation.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to have parcel 175-0055-00060 re-evaluated by the St. Louis County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

Gale Claesson, 4836 Butler Road, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0071-05035, said that the valuation went from \$89,000 in 2004 to \$105,900 in 2005. She said that there have been no improvements made to the property and they own 12 acres of land.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to have parcel 175-0071-05035 re-evaluated by the St. Louis County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

Susan Berglund, 8749 Mud Lake Road, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0070-01510, sent a letter questioning the large increase in her property value. Her valuation went from \$129,400 in 2004 to \$187,900 in 2005. The County Assessor said that there were some questions concerning her property regarding whether the home was constructed on a slab versus a foundation. The County Assessor said there was also an error on her land valuation.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to have parcel 175-0071-5035 re-evaluated by the St. Louis County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

Peter Cerkvenik, 5376 Mineral Avenue, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0070-01645, a letter questioning the property valuation increasing from \$105,800 in 2004 to \$117,700 in 2005.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to have parcel 175-0070-01645 re-evaluated by the St. Louis County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

Ronald and Shirley Klabunde, 1601 South 11th Street South, Virginia, Parcel Code 175-0065-01050, a letter questioning the property valuation increasing from \$36,200 in 2004 to \$53,300 in 2005.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to have parcel 175-0065-01050 re-evaluated by the St. Louis County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

Thomas Nikolanci, 8821 Unity Drive, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0070-01325, questioned his valuation increasing from \$137,700 in 2004 to \$247,200 in 2005.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to have parcel 175-0070-01325 re-evaluated by the St. Louis County Assessor and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion carried.

At 7:32 p.m., it was moved by Irish and supported by Skalko to recess the Board of Review meeting until 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2005. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-IVA1

MAYOR SKALKO

CITY CONTRIBUTIONS

DATE: April 13, 2005
FROM: Mayor Gary Skalko
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Mayor Skalko requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

Reevaluate the current situation with regard to the City purchasing items for employee's or the employee's immediate family in the case of illness or death.

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-IVA2

MAYOR SKALKO

FLOWER POTS AND BANNERS

DATE: April 13, 2005

FROM: Mayor Gary Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Mayor Skalko requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

None provided.

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-IVB1

ADMINISTRATION

CONFERENCE

DATE: April 13, 2005
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The City Administrator is requesting authorization to attend the 2005 MCMA Conference. Background information is enclosed in your packet.

DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

This year's spring conference, **Doing Things Differently: What You Don't Know Really Can Hurt Help**, was developed after many meetings, themes, and brainstorming sessions by the planning committee members. One common theme that kept emerging, however, was the ability to inspire change in response to the ever-changing realities that all of us face in both our professional and personal lives as professional managers.

The committee has worked hard to create a conference agenda that focuses on the positive possibilities of our future—technology, global perspectives, and generational distinctions. What could be seen as barriers can instead be seen as opportunities.

A wide-ranging group of speakers will be a highlight of the conference—ICMA president Bob O'Neill will be kicking off our conference on Wednesday evening with an interactive discussion on change and the value our profession brings to communities.

Thursday is filled with opportunities from the morning session to the evening: Miomir Serbinson, former Chief Executive of Staffastorp, Sweden, will discuss globalism and the European perspective of "good governance" during one morning session and Robert Stephens, the founder of The Geek Squad, will round out the morning by focusing on technological changes facing organizations. The evening session will be a fun game of "The Ethical Apprentice," a take-off on The Donald's popular reality TV show. Former Minnesota manager Dave Childs will moderate as groups evaluate ethical challenges.

Finally, Paul Light will talk about recruiting the next generation into local government on Friday morning.

Additional opportunities will focus on performance measurement, how public administration is portrayed in modern film, recruitment for volunteers for ICMA 2005, and the always entertaining joint business meeting.

We are excited to offer an inspirational and energetic program, adding to a notable conference reputation for offering professional managers an annual outlet to grow and develop to better serve our communities. On behalf of the members of the planning committee, we invite you to attend the 2005 conference on May 11-13 and see how you can do things differently.

Yours in public service,

Jeanna Troha & Melanie Mesko Lee, Co-Chairs



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CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGY

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

- 3:00-6:00 PM Conference Check-in
3:30-5:00 Pre-Conference Opportunity: APPLIED KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT
(Separate registration required.)
5:00 Get-Acquainted Reception
6:00 Dinner
7:30 LEADING CHANGE AND THE VALUE OF PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT
Robert O'Neill, Executive Director
International City/County Management Association
9:15 - 9:30 THE ETHICAL APPRENTICE: SETTING THE STAGE
Dave Childs, Western U.S. Director, ICMA; Former Minnetonka City Manager

Thursday, May 12, 2005

- 7:00 AM MACA Business Meeting
8:30 DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY - A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE"
Miomir Serbinson, Director, International Public Sector Development Team,
PricewaterhouseCoopers, Sweden
10:25 Break
10:45 PEOPLE + TOOLS + MISSION: TURNING POTENTIAL INTO REALITY
Robert Stephens, Chief Inspector, Geek Squad
12:00 NOON Lunch
Special Program Option (over lunch): CONVERSATION ABOUT
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND THE PERFORMANCE DIVIDEND OF
PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT
Facilitator: *Dave Childs*
1:00 - 2:30 PM Special Program Option: WONKS & WARRIORS: THE GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR IN MODERN FILM
Beth Wiede, Instructor, Urban & Regional Studies Institute, Minnesota State
University, Mankato
David Schultz, Professor, Graduate School of Management, Hamline University
2:30 - 5:30 Networking/Connection Opportunities
5:00 Reception
5:45 Barbecue
7:00 The Great Volunteer Opportunity: The 2005 ICMA Conference
7:30 - 9:00 THE ETHICAL APPRENTICE SHOWDOWN
Dave Childs

Friday, May 13, 2005

- 8:00 AM Joint Business Meeting - MCMA & MACA
9:00 RECRUITING THE NEXT GENERATION FOR THE NEW LOCAL
GOVERNMENT WORKPLACE
Paul Light, Director, Center for Public Service, Brookings Institution
12:00 NOON Lunch & Adjourn

Colloquium Clarifications

Wednesday, May 11, 2005 7:30 – 9:15 p.m.

Leading Change and the Value of Professional Management

Join ICMA Executive Director Bob O'Neill for an evening of provocative conversation about change and the value that professional managers bring to a community. This interactive session will explore some of the powerful forces impacting local government such as antiquated revenue systems, powerful anti-tax movements and devolution. The changing definition of community, merging information technologies, and 24/7 media (or, "don't those guys ever sleep?") will also be part of this discussion. Major questions for our profession include, "What is the value of professional management? To organizations? To communities? How do we explain it? How do we measure and document it?" Come ready to share your insight and experience.

Wednesday, May 11, 2005 9:15 – 9:30 p.m.

The Ethical Apprentice: Setting the Stage

Get ready for Thursday's Ethical Apprentice Showdown! You'll learn the ground rules for how to behave when "Donald Trump" shows up. Teams will be given the ethical challenges to be presented to Mr. Trump and his assistants.

Thursday, May 12, 2005 8:30 – 10:25 a.m.

DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY – A European Perspective and Beyond

"Doing things differently" for US local government executives may be routine practices for global communities. MCMA has the distinct privilege to have Miomir Serbinson, a tenured City Manager from southern Sweden join us this year. Miomir, an experienced attorney, and fluent in seven languages, has a wealth of direct experience in working with local governments and governmental officials in Sweden and numerous other European and Asian countries. He is a friend of MCMA having been the lead organizing member of the Swedish/MCMA exchange in Malmo several years ago. Miomir plans on sharing his global experiences and the relevance a global perspective has for the future of professional local government. What does "good governance" mean in a European culture? in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand or Canada? How can this benefit us as local government executives? Miomir's experience in fully developed and developing countries will help us appreciate the importance of developing a global perspective in our jobs.

Thursday, May 12, 2005 10:45 – 12:00 noon

People + Tools + Mission: Turning Potential into Reality

Robert Stephens believes a successful organization needs great people who are networked to its mission. He will draw upon his phenomenal Geek Squad experience to share insights on the changing workplace, trends in technology, and recruiting the right individuals.

COLLOQUIUM CLARIFICATIONS

Thursday, May 12, 2005 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

The Ethical Apprentice Showdown!

Five teams of conference attendees (each team closely observed by one of Mr. Trump's assistants) will present their solutions to five different ethical challenges. Yes, the Donald himself will be here to listen, ask incisive questions, hear from his assistants and then systematically "fire" people. More fun than a public hearing on leashing cats!! Don't miss it! Moderator: Dave Childs; Session Leaders: "Donald Trump" and his assistants.

Friday, May 13, 2005 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Recruiting the Next Generation for the New Local Government Workplace

Doing things differently has implications for both current and future local government managers. Will innovation in what we do and how we do it require and/or attract a different type of manager? What skills will they need? What kind of workplace do they want? What skills do we need to recruit and mentor them? With his expertise and interest in innovation and public management, Paul Light is particularly suited to addressing the interconnections and suggesting practical, but challenging strategies for action.

EXPONDERS EXTRAORDINAIRE



Robert J. "Bob" O'Neill, Jr., Executive Director of ICMA since December 2002, has had extensive experience at city, county and national levels. Prior to joining ICMA, he served for three years as president of the National Academy of Public Administration

(NAPA), a nonprofit organization chartered by Congress to improve the design and management of federal, state and local governments. Bob served as Fairfax County Executive between 1997 and 2000. His "reinvention" of Hampton, Virginia as city manager between 1984 and 1997 was widely recognized by organizations such as the National League of Cities and Public Technology, Inc. and was the basis of a chapter on "Creating an Entrepreneurial Culture" in government organizations in the book *Banishing Bureaucracy*.

Miomir Serbinson

joins us all the way from Sweden where his career has spanned a variety of professions. Positions have included 6 years as lawyer, 10 years as city solicitor and 12 years as city manager.

During this time he spent two years as chair of ICMA's International Task Force. After serving one year as an expert at the Ministry of Finance and Local Government, he joined PricewaterhouseCoopers, Sweden as Director of the International Public Sector Development Team.



EXPONDERS EXTRAORDINARY



Robert Stephens is someone who epitomizes the idea of Doing Things Differently. A native of Chicago, Robert left a scholarship at the Art Institute of Chicago in 1990 to pursue a degree in computer science at the University of Minnesota. While there, he landed a job fixing computers for a lab and became head engineer. In 1994, after three years at the University, he decided to unleash his creative energy by forming The Geek Squad with \$200. In 2002, The Geek Squad was acquired by Best Buy and opened Geek Squad precincts in all Best Buy US and Canadian stores. With over 6000 Agents, The Geek Squad is now North America's largest technology support company offering phone, in-store, and in-home support. To date, The Geek Squad has serviced over 150,000 computer problems for clients ranging from 3M to U2. The Geek Squad story has been featured in Newsweek, The Wall Street Journal, People, CNN, and Rolling Stone.

Paul Light is currently Professor of Public Service, New York University; Founding Director, Brookings Center for Public Service; Senior Advisor, National Commission on the Public Service and Senior Advisor, Brookings Presidential Appointee Initiative. Notable in his background were positions as Director of the Public Policy Program at the Pew Charitable Trusts (heading a grant program for renewing civic life in the United States), as a senior staffer for the U.S. Senate, with the National Academy of Public Administration, and on the faculty of the University of Minnesota. He has written numerous books and articles about the new public service, sustaining innovation and performance in governments & nonprofits, and other timely topics.



Dave Childs held city management positions in Blue Earth, St. Anthony, New Brighton, and Minnetonka, Minnesota between 1978 – 2002 before serving the City of South Lake Tahoe, CA for two years. In his current position as Western U.S. Director for ICMA, he serves as ICMA's "Front Door in the West" for 14 states in the Mountain and Pacific time-zones. He was ICMA Vice President from 1997 to 2000 and has held leadership positions in a number of Minnesota associations including President of MCMA and Board member, League of Minnesota Cities.

Beth Wiede holds a predoctoral fellowship from MSU Mankato. She is a student in the Doctor of Public Administration program at Hamline University, and earned her MA in Urban & Regional Studies from MSU. She is doing her research on the presentation of public-sector bureaucrats in narrative film. She teaches design and historic preservation.

David Schultz is professor in the Graduate School of Public Administration and Management at Hamline University where he teaches doctoral and masters-level students in public, non-profit, and business administration. He is a nationally-recognized expert on political ethics, money and politics, political participation, and land use law, author of 16 books, and a frequent commentator on television, radio, and in over 100 domestic and international newspapers and periodicals

SUPPLEMENTARY SUPERB SESSIONS SPEAKERS

PRE-CONFERENCE: ICMA's Applied Knowledge Assessment

Wednesday, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Separate Registration and \$56 Fee Required)

The Applied Knowledge Assessment is the first step in ICMA's voluntary Credentialed Manager process and is used to determine your professional strengths and areas for improvement. It is made up of multiple-choice questions that tap your knowledge of local government principles and practices and your ability to apply them to management situations. You work through the assessment at your own speed and return it for confidential scoring and feedback. There is no passing or failing score. Results are provided in bar graph form that compares your scores in different categories to the 250 ICMA members who validated the instrument. Time and a comfortable room have been set aside Wednesday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. for managers who would like an opportunity to complete this away from everyday pressures. Plus you'll be able to purchase at a discount because we are ordering a quantity.

LUNCH CONVERSATION: Performance Measurement and the Performance Dividend of Professional Management

Thursday, 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

As local government management professionals, we strive to bring excellence to each of our organizations. In order to do so, we need to be able to answer such questions as: How do I know if my organization is performing better this year than it was last year? What are others doing to promote high performance in various aspects of their organizations? How can we demonstrate the "performance dividend" of professional management? After 10 years developing a comparative performance measurement model, ICMA believes now is the time to create "performance consortiums" around the country so that the measures are not only comparable on a national basis but also comparable among like communities within a certain area. Consortiums have been set up or are being considered in the Puget Sound, Chicago, Phoenix and the Washington DC areas. Neal Beets, Roseville City Manager and Mike Williams, St. Cloud City Administrator invite any conference attendees interested in the possibility of a Minnesota Performance Consortium to join a discussion facilitated by Dave Childs.

Note: If you are interested in attending this session, please help us plan by so indicating on the registration form.

SPECIAL AFTERNOON WORKSHOP: Wonks and Warriors: The Government Public Administrator in Modern Film

Thursday, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Who would have thought "Ghostbusters" had so much to say about our profession? Drawing upon research for a dissertation and using a variety of film clips, this session offers an entertaining exploration of how public administrators – particularly executive branch and the equivalent—are portrayed in modern popular film. While many lament the negative portrayal of such government staff, there are trends that indicate things may not be as bad as they seem. Here's a taxonomy of "species" Hollywood tends to use, offering insights for public administrators on how the public may see the profession. *Note: If you are interested in attending this session, please help us plan by so indicating on the registration form.*

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Registration involves three different forms:

1. Conference registration form — send to GTS
2. "Connections" registration form (for optional activities, see insert) — send to GTS
3. Room reservation form — send to Cragun's

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(Please type or print)

First Name

Last Name

Preferred First Name for Name Badge (if different) _____

Title _____

Jurisdiction _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ e-mail _____

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- I have been in city/county management for _____ years.
- I have been in my present position for _____ years.

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Fax Number: (218) 825-2727

Website: www.craguns.com
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PREFERRED LODGING HELD UNTIL April 11, 2005

(Room Rates honored after April 11 but room AVAILABILITY is NOT GUARANTEED)

\$125.00 deposit required with reservation

No deposit required with Voucher or Purchase Order

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Day Phone(____) _____

Arrive /Depart Dates: _____ / _____ to _____ / _____

Confirmations will be mailed to the above address.

SPECIAL REQUESTS (i.e. Room Accessibility, Dietary, etc.)

Explain: _____

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- Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card Accepted

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SPOUSE RATES

If spouse accompanies, the participant pays the single occupancy rate and spouse pays \$16.00 per night, sales tax included. No meals included. Please indicate meal package or no meal package.

- Spouse No-Meal Package (\$32.00 includes 2 nights lodging -- no meals)
- Spouse Meal Package (\$124.18 includes 2 nights lodging, supper Wednesday, breakfast, lunch, and supper Thursday, and breakfast and lunch Friday.)

ROOMMATE(S)

EACH PERSON MUST COMPLETE A SEPARATE RESERVATION FORM

List name of the roommate(s) you are selecting:

If you are selecting roommates, reservation forms must be mailed or faxed together. If not received together, Cragun's will place you in a room at the single occupancy rate. For safety and security reasons, Cragun's will not assign roommates.

Cragun's Reservation Form

MCNA / MACA - May 11 - 13, 2005

TWO-NIGHT PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Wednesday and Thursday nights' lodging
- Meals: Supper Wednesday, Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper Thursday, and Breakfast and Lunch Friday
- MN sales tax & service charge

INDICATE OCCUPANCY

Lakeview Fireplace Room: Balcony overlooks Gull Lake, fireplace, refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker

- \$377.56 Single Occupancy
 - \$246.18 Double Occupancy (per person)
 - I request a Smoking Room. (Limited Availability)
- \$100 charge for smoking in a non-smoking room

Beach Chalet: Balcony overlooks Gull Lake, fireplace, refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker (All non-smoking rooms)

- \$346.52 Single Occupancy
- \$234.86 Double Occupancy (per person)

Poolside Room: Patio or balcony level overlooks indoor pool, refrigerator, coffeemaker. (All non-smoking rooms)

- \$346.52 Single Occupancy
- \$234.86 Double Occupancy (per person)

Cottage Units: Multiple sleeping units under one roof with common living area, fireplace and kitchen. (Two people with two baths each would pay the single occupancy rate. Four people with 2 baths pay double rate.) (All smoking rooms)

- \$316.06 Single Occupancy
- \$218.37 Double Occupancy (per person)

Wednesday Supper Options - Please Indicate Choice:

- Steak
- Chicken
- Walleye

MEETINGS ONLY / NO LODGING

I will not be staying overnight but attending activities on the following day(s)

- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

Day Fee: \$10.65/day, service charge, sales tax included.

I would also like the to reserve the following meals:

- Wednesday Supper @ \$27.55 # _____
- Thursday Breakfast @ \$11.32 # _____
- Thursday Lunch @ \$13.77 # _____
- Thursday Supper @ \$27.55 # _____
- Friday Breakfast @ \$11.32 # _____
- Friday Lunch @ \$13.77 # _____

Rates include Service charge and sales tax

Entire prepayment must accompany form.

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-IVC1
MUD LAKE LIFT STATION
PUMP REPLACEMENT

DATE: April 13, 2005
FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff is recommending purchase of a replacement sewage pump from Quality Flow Systems at their quote of \$15,617.00. This will be installed at the Mud Lake Lift Station replacing a pump that has failed. This will be funded from the Wastewater Treatment Enterprise Fund.

QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS, INC.

800 6th Street NW
New Prague, MN 56071

Phone(952)758-9445
Fax(952)758-9661

TO: City of Mountain Iron – Don Kleinschmidt
SUBJECT: Spare KSB Pump – Mud Lake Lift Station
DATE: March 30, 2005

Quality Flow Systems is offering to sell equipment and services described in this proposal. Our quotation does not include any applicable sales tax. If these conditions do not satisfy your requirements, we will be pleased to requote you accordingly.

BILL OF MATERIALS

One (1) **Spare KSB - Submersible Sewage Pump (Mud Lake Lift Station):**
KSB Model KRT K150-401 (404) Designed to Deliver 1525 GPM @
106' TDH; Pump to be furnished with the following:
a) 65 HP, 1160 RPM, Explosion Proof Motor, 460/3/60
b) 6" Discharge
c) 50' - Submersible Power Cable (Standard)
d) 20' - SS Lifting Chain as Specified

TOTAL SELLING PRICE: \$ 15,617.00 + TAX

SERVICES:

- Freight allowed to job site and delivery

EXCLUDED:

- State and local taxes and licenses

The above quotation is firm for 30 days and is offered in accordance with terms and conditions of sale. Should there be any questions on the above described equipment, please feel free to contact us at (952)758-9445.

Sincerely,
Quality Flow Systems, Inc

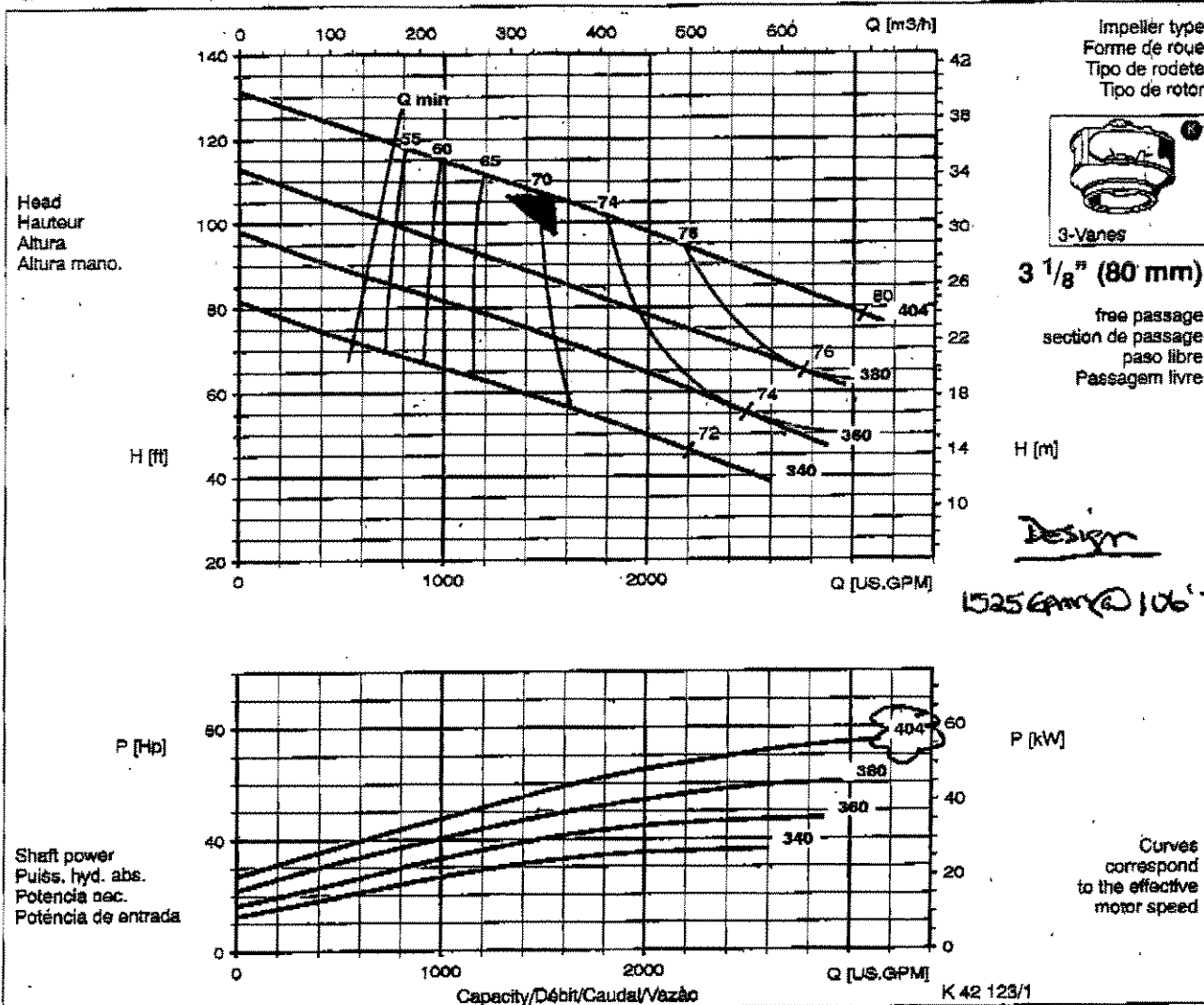

Kevin L. Huson



KRT

KRT K 151-401 / ...

1160 rpm



K 2

Suitable motor sizes/Définition taille moteur/Tamaños de motor aplicables/Tamanhos apropriados de motores

MOTOR RATING Material G, G1, GH Hp (kW)	MAX. LIQUID TEMP. °F (°C)	MOTOR CODE	MOTOR RATING Material G, G1, GH Hp (kW)	MAX. LIQUID TEMP. °F (°C)	MOTOR CODE
40 (30)	104 (40)	32 6 U 32 6 X (FM, CSA)	85 (48)	104 (40)	50 6 U 50 6 X (FM, CSA)
	140 (80)	40 6 W 40 6 Z (FM, CSA)			80 6 W 80 6 Z (FM, CSA)
50 (38)	104 (40)	40 6 U 40 6 X (FM, CSA)	112 (83)	104 (40)	80 6 U 80 6 X (FM, CSA)
	140 (80)	50 6 W 50 6 Z (FM, CSA)			

(FM, CSA) = Explosionproof to Class I, Division 1, Groups C & D
(Explosionproof according to IEC 79 (EEx d II B) on request).

MOTORDATA

6- POLE

460 V

60 Hz

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motor starting: direct on line (D.O.L)
 switching frequency: up to 10 HP max. 30/hour. up to 125 HP max. 20/hour. over 125 HP 10/hour
 material: G; G1; G2; GH; H

motor-type	motor rating P2 [HP]	max. temp. of pumped-media [°F]	speed nom. [rpm]	FLA [A]	LRA for DOL start [A]	NEMA code letter	electric cable for power dedicated control (+) if necessary			motor data function of motor rating P2 (data for 1/4 to 4/4 -load)				
							Qty.	type	Ø [inch] min - max	load	motor input [kW]	curr. [A]	effic. [%]	power factor
506UG	85.0	104	1180	85	452	F	2	AWG7-4 AWG15-10	0.85-0.93 0.74-0.81	4/4	53.0	85.0	91.5	0.79
										3/4	39.8	68.0	91.5	0.74
										2/4	26.9	54.0	90.3	0.83
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										2/4	22.2	50.0	89.3	0.56
										1/4	12.0	43.0	82.8	0.35
506WG	53.0	140	1185	72	452	H	2	AWG7-4 AWG15-10	0.85-0.93 0.74-0.81	4/4	43.2	72.0	91.5	0.76
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April 4, 2005

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

Re: Heather Avenue Cover Material
Project No. MI05-9

Dear Mr. Wainio:

As requested by the City Council, I have looked into what type of material could be used to cover the mill feed type Class-5 that is now the surface on Heather Avenue. The enclosed MnDOT Gradation Chart shows the percentages on the different types of materials that make up each class of aggregate. The No. 200 material at the bottom of the chart is clay. Clay is the material that causes mud and dust. The Class-6 material has the lowest percentage of clay and could be used to cover the existing surface. Discussions at the meeting suggested 2-inch overlay of materials to buffer the mill feed. It would cost approximately \$3,000 to add an additional 2 inches of material to Heather Avenue.

If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Benchmark Engineering, Inc.

Rodney Flannigan, P.L.S.

RF: js

Enclosure

**TABLE 3138-1
BASE AND SURFACING AGGREGATE**

Total Percent Passing Sieve Size	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7(a) (b)(c)
75 mm (3 inches)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
50 mm (2 inches)	--	--	100	100	--	--	--
37.5 mm (1½ inches)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
25.0 mm (1 inch)	--	--	--	--	100	100	--
19.0 mm (¾ inch)	100	100	--	--	90-100	90-100	--
9.5 mm (3/8 inch)	65-95	65-90	--	--	50-90	50-85	--
4.75 mm (No. 4)	40-85	35-70	35-100	35-100	(A) 35-80 (B) 35-70	35-70	--
2.00 mm (No. 10)	25-70	25-45	20-100	20-100	(A) 20-65 (B) 20-55	20-55	--
425 µm (No. 40)	10-45	12-30	5-50	5-35	10-35	10-30	--
75 µm (No. 200)	8-15	5-13	5-10	4-10	3-10	(A) 3-7 (B) 3-8	--

NOTES: (A) Applies when the aggregate contains 60 percent or less of crushed quarry rock.

(B) Applies when the aggregate contains more than 60 percent crushed quarry rock.

(a) Refer to Section 3138.2B

(b) Class 7 shall meet the gradation requirements for Class 5 when it is being substituted for Classes 1,3,4 and 5.

(c) Class 7 shall meet the gradation requirements for Class 6 when it is being substituted for Class 6

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April 4, 2005

Mr. Craig Wainio, City Administrator
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Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Re: Curb Location Drawing Voyageur Motel
Project No. MI05-8

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Enclosed please find a drawing verifying the locations of the existing curb and gutter on the inside of the curve next to the Voyageur Motel, per your request at the last City Council meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Benchmark Engineering, Inc.

Rodney Flannigan, P.L.S.

RF: js

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April 13, 2005

City of Mountain Iron
Mountain Iron City Hall
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, MN 55768-8260

RE: Water Tank Warranty Inspections

Honorable Mayor, City Councilors, and Mr. Don Kleinschmidt:

The City's elevated water tank and ground storage reservoir were re-conditioned and painted in 2003. A two-year warranty was provided for this work, which expires later in 2005. A warranty inspection is required to verify the 2003 workmanship and for determining if the Contractor will be required to conduct Warranty repairs prior to expiration of the Warranty.

Benchmark Engineering Inc recommends that the warranty inspections be performed as soon as practical, preferably within the next month. We propose to utilize KLM Engineering Inc for conducting the warranty inspections. The cost for KLM's warranty inspections is \$6800.

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

Sincerely,

BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

Martin J. Halverson, P.E.
Project Engineer





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April 13, 2005

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RE: Wastewater Treatment Plant Noise Investigation, Benchmark Project MI05-7

Honorable Mayor, City Councilors, and Mr. Don Kleinschmidt:

As requested by the City, Benchmark Engineering Inc has investigated the noise levels at the Mountain Iron wastewater treatment plant, as well as methods for potentially reducing noise levels.

BACKGROUND: The primary source of noise at the wastewater treatment plant is the blower room, which is located inside of the northerly-most building at the plant site. The blower room contains 3 air compressors that are used to supply air to the treatment process and process equipment. Normally 1 or 2 compressors are operated at a time, depending on plant requirements. The 3 interior walls and 1 exterior wall of the blower room are made of concrete block, and the interior ceiling is made of steel. The remainder of the building is of similar block construction. There are 2 ventilation louvers on the north wall of the blower room that are opened during the warm weather months to assist in cooling the blower room. During the colder months these louvers are closed off with Styrofoam panels. There are ventilation exhaust ducts on the roof of the blower room, as well as the intake ducts for the compressors. Site observations indicate that the intake ducts are relatively quiet.

SOUND LEVEL MEASUREMENTS: On April 8, 2005, sound level measurements were taken at the wastewater plant with a MetroSonic dB-3100 Sound Analyzer. This instrument has a range of 40 to 140 decibels (dB). The measurements were conducted around 2:30 to 3:00 pm. The temperature was about 60 degrees F, and the ventilation louvers on the north wall of the blower room were closed with the Styrofoam panels. Winds were from the South – Southeast at 15-25 mph (±).

The attached sketch shows the approximate location of the measurements and the measured sound levels. Measurements were taken inside the blower room, in the adjacent generator room, in the adjacent main room, outside of the large overhead garage door, outside of the louvers, at the entrance gate, on the road at the east fence, and on the road 200 feet east of the east fence. The sound level measurements are summarized on the sketch and below:

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Blower Room (2 compressors operating)	100 to 112 dB
Blower Room (1 compressor operating)	97 to 100 dB
Generator Room (Generator off – door open)	83 dB
Generator Room (Generator off – door closed)	75 dB
Main Room near Blower room (door open)	98 dB
Main Room near Blower room (door closed)	86-89 dB
Outside of large overhead garage door (door open)	81-83 dB
Outside of large overhead garage door (door closed)	66-67 dB
Immediately outside of west louver (north wall)	85-86 dB
Immediately outside of east louver (north wall)	80-83 dB
At driveway gate (overhead door open)	63 dB
At driveway gate (overhead door closed)	55 dB
Wind Gust	68 dB
On road at east fence (overhead door open)	56 dB
On road at east fence (overhead door closed)	54 dB
Wind Gust	68 dB
On road, 200 feet east of east fence (+)	50 dB
Wind Gust	68 dB

A graph of the measured sound level versus distance from the blower room is also attached. Note that the nearest residence is approximately 400 feet from the blower room. Some residual sound from the compressors is present at this distance, however wind gusts were significantly louder than the compressor noise at this distance. Wind direction and wind velocity have an effect on noise dissipation; i.e., there may be times when the wind carries compressor noise towards the east and vice-versa. Also note that the overhead door has an impact on the sound level outside of the building. With the door closed, sound level measurements were significantly lower. However, it is not practical to have the door closed at all times. Another graph, which assumes a 10 dB reduction at the noise source, is also attached. The amount of reduction at the nearest house would appear to be around 2 to 4 dB if the source is reduced by 10 dB.

NOISE REDUCTION OPTIONS: Some options for reducing the noise level of the blower room have been investigated. The options are presented below beginning with the simplest and cheapest method.

1. Foam enclosures. This option consists of constructing enclosures for the compressors with rigid foam material. The amount of sound level reduction in the blower room is estimated to be 5 to 8 dB with this method. The cost is minimal. The purchase of materials is estimated to be \$200 to \$600, and City crews would likely construct the enclosures.
2. Wall and ceiling treatment. This option consists of installing acoustical panels on the walls and ceiling of the blower room that are designed specifically to dissipate sound and reduce resonance. The estimated sound level reduction inside the blower room is 6 to 12 dB with this

method. The estimated cost to purchase and install the panels is \$12,000 for the walls only, and \$5000 additional for the ceiling.

3. Acoustical enclosures. This option consists of installing steel enclosures around the compressors that are designed specifically to dissipate sound. The estimated sound level reduction inside the blower room is 20 to 25 dB with this method. The estimated cost to purchase and install the enclosures is \$60,000.
4. Acoustical louvers. Special acoustical louvers or louver covers could be installed on the north wall of the blower room. This may provide some noise reduction during warm weather months when the louvers are normally open. The estimated sound level reduction inside the blower room is 0 dB with this method. Sound levels immediately outside the louvers could be reduced 10 dB or more. The estimated cost to purchase and install the acoustical louvers/louver covers is \$7,000.
5. Sound cancellation system. Sound cancellation systems, consisting of microphones, signal processors, and frequency-cancellation speakers could be employed. The cost of such a system has not been investigated at this point. Such systems more complex than a passive system, and may require periodic maintenance and tuning. This type of system could be investigated if other strategies prove ineffective.
6. Relocation of the blowers. Relocating the blowers would involve a significant design and construction cost, however this option could be investigated if the other strategies prove ineffective.

At this point, we recommend the simplest and cheapest method (Option 1 – foam enclosures), and repeating the sound measurements after installation. If the noise level is still unacceptable after installing Option 1, then the next alternative is recommended (Option 2- wall and ceiling treatment). Again, sound level measurements should be repeated after installing the acoustical panels. If additional treatment is still required, the louver covers may help during the warm weather months when they are normally open. As mentioned previously, minimizing the amount of time that the overhead garage door is open helps reduce noise levels outside the building.

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

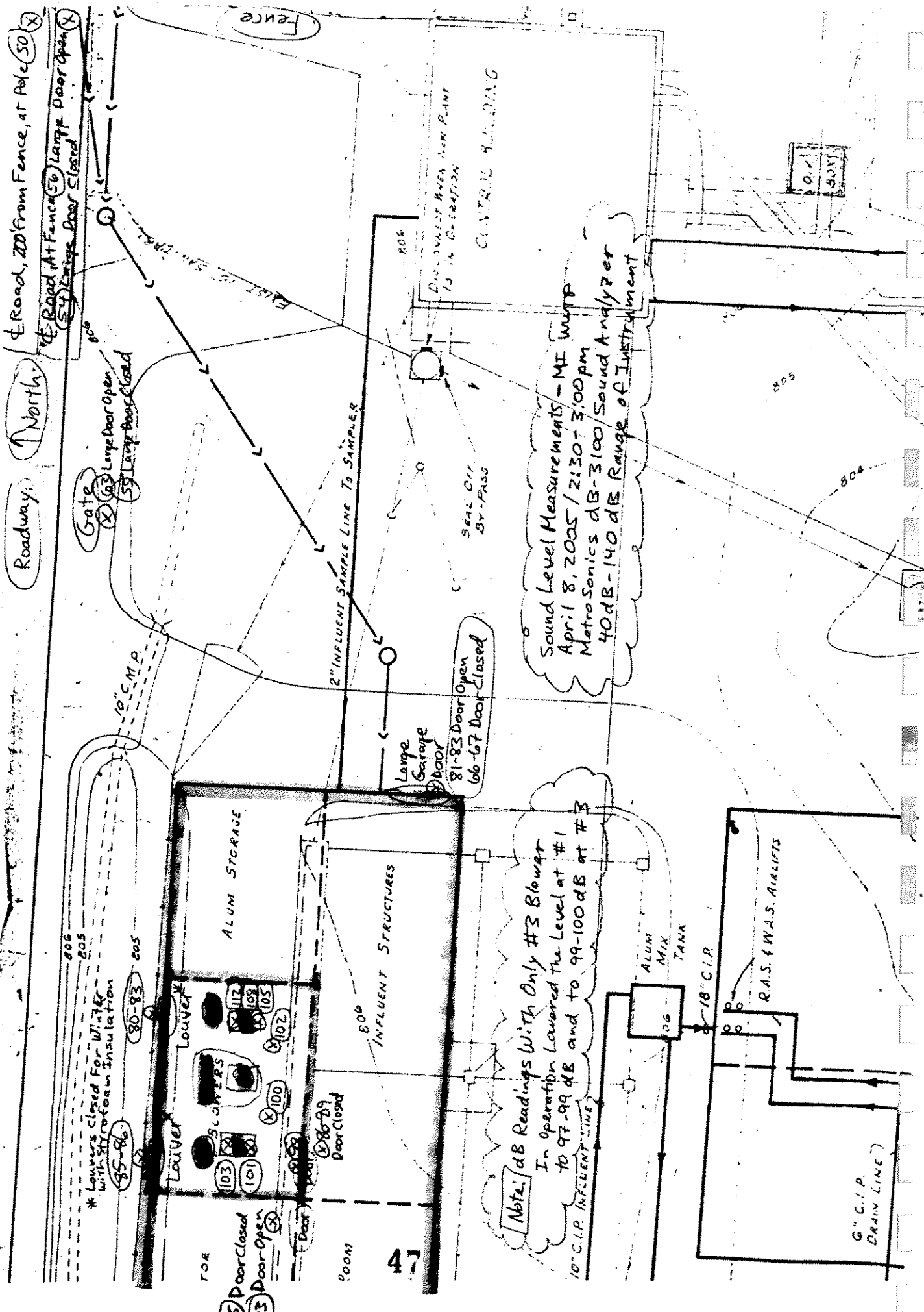
Sincerely,

BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.



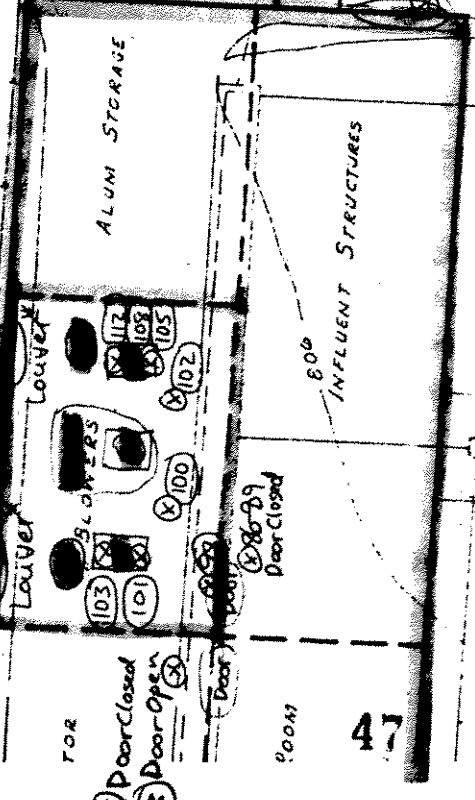
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Project Engineer

Enclosures



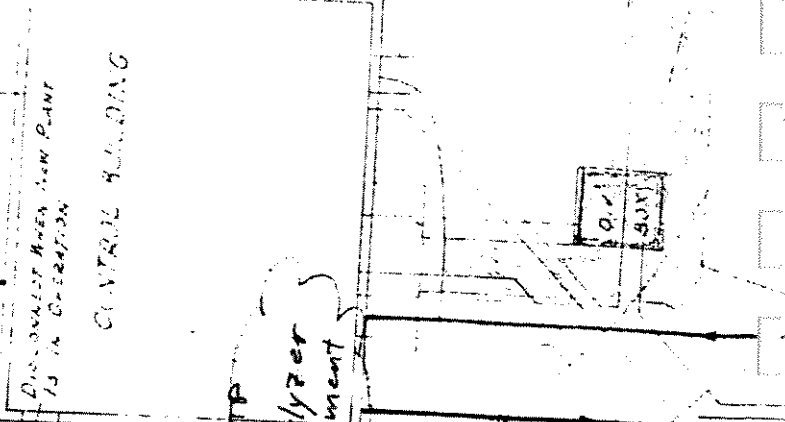
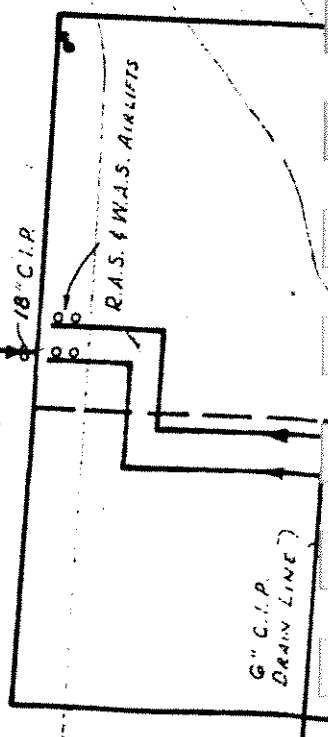
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* Louvers closed for winter
 with Styrofoam insulation



Note: dB Readings With Only #3 Blower
 In Operation Lowered the Level at #1
 to 97.99 dB and to 99.100 dB at #3

Sound Level Measurements - ME WUPP
 April 8, 2005 / 2:30 - 3:00 pm
 Metrosonics dB-3100 Sound Analyzer
 40 dB - 140 dB Range of Instrument



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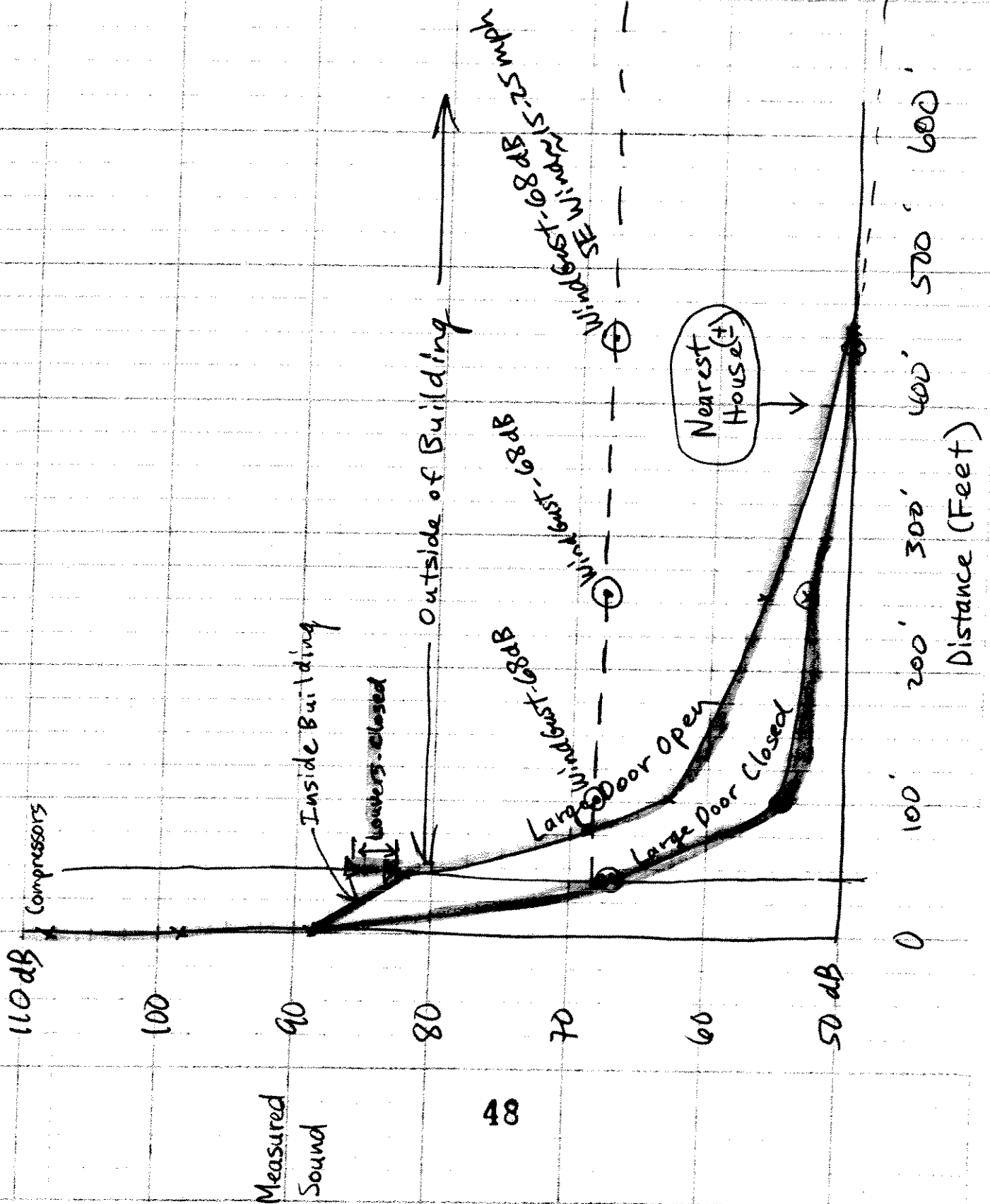
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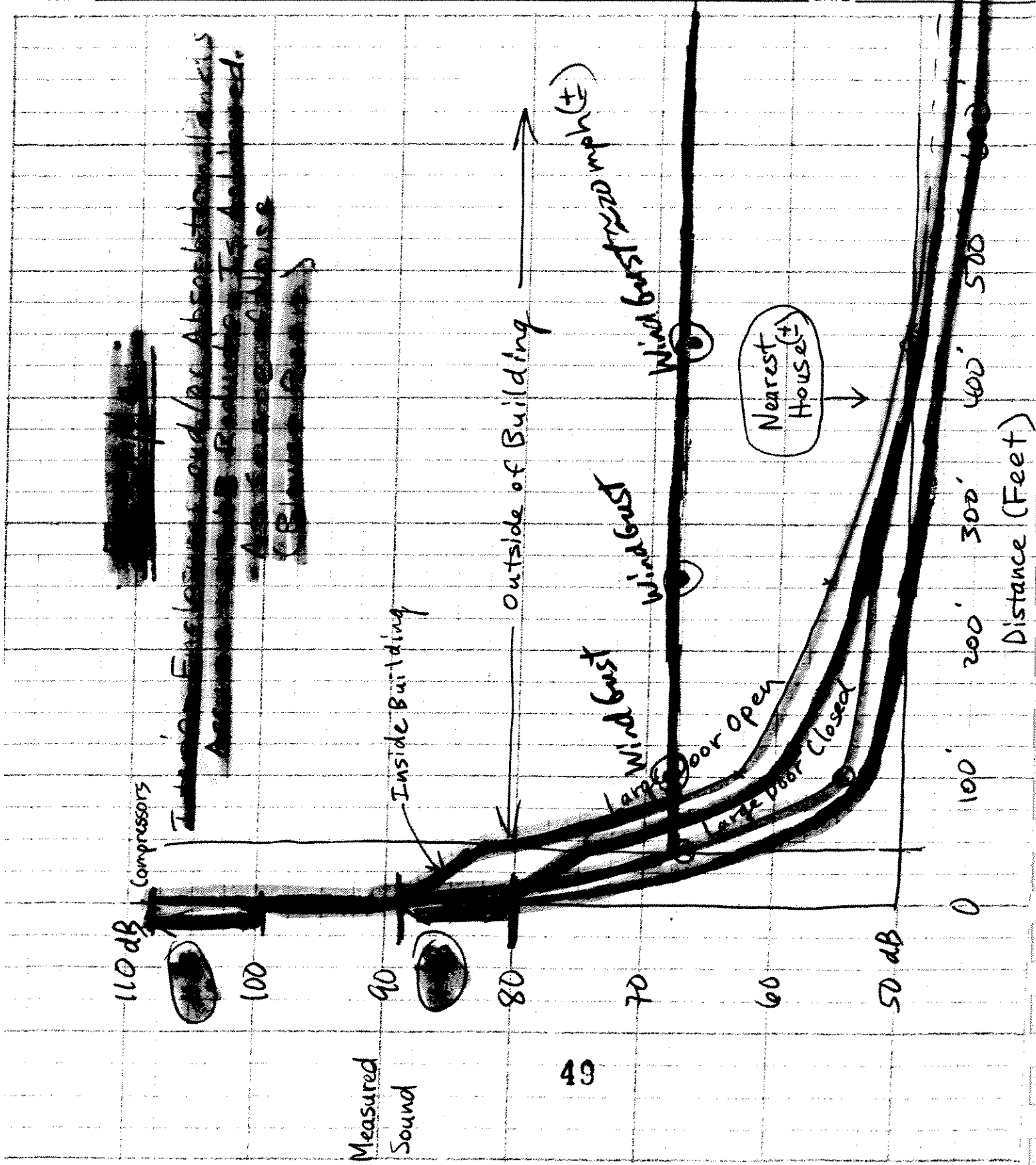
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COUNCIL LETTER 041805-IVG1

UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

STREET LIGHT POLICY

DATE: April 13, 2005

FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Utility Advisory Board is recommending to the City Council adoption of the Street Light Policy as attached.

The UAB will prepare a street light plan if the Council adopts the policy starting with Ann's Acres and continuing out to the adjacent neighborhoods.

This item is also being placed on the Agenda due to City Council recommendation at the last regular meeting.

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

The UAB has had ample time to review the revised policy.

STREET LIGHTING POLICY

Policy Number 2002-04

Adopted October 7, 2002

A. GENERAL

This policy applies to street lighting erected within the public right-of-way for the purpose of providing street traffic safety.

Traffic Safety shall mean both vehicles and pedestrian safety.

Requested and/or proposed light locations shall be physically inspected by the Public Works Director to determine the feasibility of placement and the need.

Streetlights are provided primarily for street traffic safety. Streetlights do provide an indirect benefit to security, however, they should not be installed solely for security purposes unless a traffic safety benefit can be justified.

The lighting system should conscientiously respond to the energy issues of the times - both in terms of the amount of energy to be consumed and the potential cost of the energy. The Public Works Director shall periodically recommend to the Council the relocation or removal of existing lights in the event they are too close per this policy or are deemed hazardous or unnecessary for traffic safety purposes.

The Public Works Director shall be responsible for maintaining a map of the City showing existing street light locations for all platted streets within the City. The map shall indicate whether each fixture and pole is City owned, Minnesota Power (MP) owned, Lake County Power owned (LCP) or Virginia Public Utilities owned.

B. STREET LIGHT REQUESTS

Streetlights will be considered upon receipt of a petition from property owners on the affected street or by recommendation of the Public Works Director. Consideration will be given only when such petition, and thereafter reviewed by the City, demonstrates a specific need, due to traffic safety.

A petition requesting a light shall be by 60% of the abutting property owners in frontage within 150 feet in any street direction of the proposed location, on either side of the street. The petition shall be processed under State Statutes, Section 429 for special assessment projects.

Street light petitions shall be received by August 1 of every year in order for the streetlight to be installed during the following year. The Public Works Director shall prepare an annual lighting project that shall include City owned and/or utility owned streetlights requested and/or recommended during the proceeding year.

C. COST

The City shall pay the operating, maintenance and replacement cost of all street lighting located within the, right-of-way.

For personal street light requests, all costs associated with installing such streetlights shall be financed 100% through special assessments to the individual and or individuals making the request.

For all other street light installations no special assessments shall be given property owners.

Streetlights shall be included as part of reconstruction and overlay projects unless 90% of the property owners sign a petition opposing the installation. Existing streetlights that do not meet the design criteria shall be removed and replaced.

D. LOCATIONS CONSIDERED

Street lights may be installed at every street intersection, open for traffic in the City, except in cases where the Director of Public Works determines adjacent street lighting is adequate.

Mid-block streetlights may be installed at the discretion of the Director of Public Works and City Engineer where the distance between intersection streetlights is greater than 400 feet.

Other streetlights may be considered if a specific safety hazard exists, such as a hill or curve, at the discretion of the Director of Public Works and City Engineer.

Streetlights shall not be placed within ten (10) feet of fire hydrants or five (5) feet of driveways.

E. TYPES OF LIGHTING INSTALLED

The basic design criteria for the various development intensities and roadway classifications shall be as follows:

RESIDENTIAL AREAS Development which includes areas with single-family homes, townhouses and apartments with densities equal to or less than four (4) units per acre. May include other types of developments characterized by few pedestrians and low parking demand or turnover at night.

INTERMEDIATE AREAS Development generally within the zone of influence of a business or industrial development, characterized by moderately heavy nighttime pedestrian traffic and a lower parking turnover rate than found in commercial areas. This area includes densely developed apartment areas.

COMMERCIAL AREAS Developments that include commercial and business areas where ordinarily there are large numbers of pedestrians and a heavy demand for parking space.

MINOR ARTERIAL Thoroughfare streets giving continual access through the City and connecting to thoroughfare systems of neighboring communities. These roadways should be uniformly lighted to identify them as through routes and to facilitate safe and efficient movement through Mountain Iron.

COLLECTOR Street primarily serving the residential areas, facilitate and consolidation of neighborhood traffic before distribution onto the Minor Arterial routes. These streets should be selectively illuminated in order to call attention to intersections and other hazardous areas.

LOCAL Streets that serve relatively small amounts of traffic with local origins and destinations should be lighted selectively at intersections and hazardous areas.

The technical specifications shall serve as the standard by which the streetlights shall comply.

STREET CLASSIFICATION	LAMP INTENSITY	MOUNTING HEIGHT
RESIDENTIAL AREAS		
Minor Arterial	*1.0 IES	40 Feet
Collector	250 Watt	30 Feet
Local	100 Watt	13 Feet
Cul-de-sac	100 Watt	13 Feet
INTERMEDIATE AREAS		
Minor Arterial	*1.4 IES	40 Feet
Collector	*0.9 IES	30 Feet
Local	*0.6 IES	30 Feet
COMMERCIAL AREAS		
Minor Arterial	*2.0 IES	40 Feet
Collector	*1.2 IES	30 Feet
Local	*0.9 IES	30 Feet

*Design for specific location based on required IES (Illuminating Engineering Society) level and uniformity.

F. STREET LIGHT OWNERSHIP

The City of Mountain Iron shall require the installation of streetlights consistent with the City's design and technical standards in all new developments. The poles and fixtures installed shall be City owned and conform to MP's "Equipment Standards for Customer Owned Street Lighting".

For all existing neighborhoods in which installation of a streetlight is desirable, consideration shall be given to utilizing existing utility poles. In the event MP, LCP or Virginia Public Utilities have utility poles existing within the boulevard and the appropriate electrical services exists on the utility poles. MP, LCP or Virginia Public Utility owned lights may be installed on the existing poles. In the event an existing power pole cannot be overhead, overhead electrical distribution cables should be replaced with an underground system, the utility pole mounted lights will be replaced by the City owned poles and luminaries.

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-VA

CALVARY CEMETERY

CONTRIBUTION

DATE: April 13, 2005
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Enclosed, please find a resolution and minutes outlining the City of Virginia's position on the proposed financial arrangement regarding the building expansion at the Calvary Cemetery. The Cemetery Association and the City of Virginia are seeking a firm financial commitment of \$12,500 for 2006 from the City of Mountain Iron.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Resolution No. 05061

City of Virginia, Minnesota, April 5, 2005

Resolution approving the City of Virginia's participation in the Calvary Cemetery Association office expansion project

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Virginia, that

WHEREAS, the Calvary Cemetery Association has requested that the cities of Virginia and Mt. Iron assist in funding an expansion to their office building, at a total estimated cost of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Virginia has approved contributing \$12,500 of their 2005 mining effects funds for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Iron has approved contributing \$12,500 of their 2006 mining effects funds for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of borrowing (\$12,500) to the Calvary Cemetery Association, which is the City of Mt. Iron's portion, in the form of a no-interest loan, in order to complete the project in 2005 and this loan would be repaid in 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves a contribution of (\$12,500) for the City of Virginia's portion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council also approves a no-interest loan to the Calvary Cemetery Association, in the amount of \$12,500, contingent upon written approval from the City of Mt. Iron stating they will contribute \$12,500 in 2006 from their mining effects funds to the Calvary Cemetery Association so that the loan for the office expansion project can be repaid to the City of Virginia; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk/Finance Director to execute the necessary documents approving said loan to the Calvary Cemetery Association.

Moved by Councillor Peterson supported by Councillor Politano that the above resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Councillors Raplinger, Lind, Baranzelli, Lindberg, Politano, Peterson, Mayor Luoma Gentilini - 7

Nays: None

Moved by Lindberg and supported to approve upgrading the Laserfiche software by Crabtree Companies, Inc., at a cost of \$565.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Politano and supported to approve the purchase of four City directories for 2006, at a total cost of \$510.00, plus shipping (one at full price; three at half-price), with only one directory ordered if the reduced price is not accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to deny the request for a donation for the St. Louis County Fair. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson and supported to approve the 2005 budgeted appropriation for the Calvary Cemetery, in the amount of \$4,950.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Politano and supported to waive the requirement for a written resolution. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson and supported to adopt Resolution No. 05061, authorizing the City of Virginia to contribute \$12,500 from 2005 mining effects funds for the expansion of the Calvary Cemetery office building and to approve a no-interest loan, in the amount of \$12,500, to the Calvary Cemetery for the City of Mt. Iron's portion of the project, contingent upon a written approval from the City of Mt. Iron stating they will contribute this \$12,500 to the Calvary Cemetery Association from their 2006 mining effects tax. Resolution adopted unanimously.

City Clerk/Finance Director Lackner distributed a listing of the scheduled deadlines for the Finance Department and stated everything on the list has been completed through March, 2005.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to adopt the deadline schedule for the Finance Department, with an update to be made at every City Council meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 05062, approving the hiring of Erik Jonassen as Firefighter/Paramedic, with a starting date of April 11, 2005. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini the Mesabi Humane Society has been asking people to call the City of Virginia for services and the City feels the contract with Mesabi Humane Society covers these services.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to instruct City Attorney Butorac to send a letter to the Mesabi Humane Society requesting them to comply with the contract with the City of Virginia for animal control services. Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to adjourn at 10:35 A.M. Motion carried.

CAROLYN LUOMA GENTILINI
Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOIS ROSKOSKI
Deputy City Clerk

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-VB

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

ANN'S ACRES STREET LIGHT PROJECT

DATE: April 13, 2005

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Check the 04-04-05 City Council meeting packet.

Staff Note: Staff has enclosed the material from the previous meeting packet for the City Council's convenience.

COUNCIL LETTER 040405-VC

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

ANN'S ACRES STREET LIGHT PROJECT

DATE: March 31, 2005
FROM: Councilor Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

The Aspen Lane – Spruce Drive – Balsam Drive – Tamarack Drive intersections need a light. Also, half way between the Aspen Lane/Spruce Drive intersection and the North Court/Spruce Drive intersection needs one also. Four total to start with.

Now that the Street Lighting Policy has been modified, specifications should be drawn-up for Council approval. Turnkey via a contractor or part City/part contractor are some options.

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-VC

COUNCILOR IRISH

**SOUTH GROVE
PLAYGROUND RECOMMENDATION**

DATE: April 13, 2005

FROM: Councilor Irish

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Following our open meeting with the residence of South Grove, I feel the Council should concur with the majority of the people who attended and officially bring this issue to a vote and notify them of our decision.

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-VD

COUNCILOR IRISH

PROPOSED EXCELSIOR ENERGY PROJECT

DATE: April 13, 2005

FROM: Councilor Irish

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Due to the time span that has elapsed and since no new negotiations have occurred, I believe the City Council should officially end all assistance by City Staff to prevent any additional cost associated with this project.

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-VE

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI
COUNCILOR IRISH**

SPRING PARK ROAD

DATE: April 13, 2005
FROM: Councilor Roskoski
Councilor Irish
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Kevin Elsner wants to find out if various sewer scenarios are possible/legal. He does the sewer system work – transfers ownership to the City or does the systems work and they keep the system and send the City the sewage or any other options.

Staff Note: Either scenario would be legal and possible. If the system were ever to be turned over to the City, the system would have to be engineered and required to be up to the acceptable standards of any other system expansion within the City.

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

Resulting from the Council's open meeting discussion with the residence, it appears the majority of the people are not for any major improvements, only minor up-grades and maintenance.

Spring Creek

1(800)937-8881 www.springcreek.com Mountain Iron, MN

April 8th 2004

Dear City Council of Mt. Iron,

We are writing to you in regards to the vacant Bon Aire lot. Our company is interested in buying this lot, to construct a storage building to store our canoes and kayaks. Our business keeps growing every year and we would like to see it stay in Mt. Iron.

We would like to offer you \$5,000.00 for purchase of this lot. Please review our offer as we will be awaiting your response on this matter. You can contact us directly at this number 735-8719. Your promptness would be very much appreciated.

Thank you so much..

Spring Creek Outfitters

Ty Newberg
Vydetta, Ted and Charles Newberg



MUSKIES INC

Arrowhead Chapter of Muskies' Inc.

**P.O. Box 82
Virginia, MN 55792**

Memo

To: Mountain Iron City Council
From: David Swenson, Arrowhead Chapter of Muskies, Inc.
Date: March 31, 2005
Re: Authorization for a Raffle

I would like to begin by introducing our organization to you, The Arrowhead Chapter of Muskies, Inc. We are a new non-profit organization on the Iron Range and we are an affiliate of Muskies, Inc. International. We meet monthly September through May at the Sawmill Saloon and Restaurant. Our purpose is to promote the sport of Muskie Fishing. We do this through such means as seminars, literature, sponsoring community events, and fund raising.

We are preparing for our Fourth Annual Walleye Seminar and Fund Raiser to be held at the Sawmill Saloon and Restaurant on May 11, 2004. The Arrowhead Chapter of Muskies Inc. will use the funds for fisheries management, water quality projects, youth programs, fisheries research, and habitat restoration.

Accompanying this memo is the Minnesota State Application for Exempt Permit so we can conduct our fundraiser. Could you please provide a signature of authorization on page two (2) of the application. We would also need a waiver of the thirty (30) day waiting period if it is signed after April 11, 2005.

We thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (218) 482-5217.

Minnesota Lawful Gambling

LG220 Application for Exempt Permit Fee \$50

An exempt permit may be issued to nonprofit organizations conducting lawful gambling activity on five or fewer days, and awarding less than \$50,000 in prizes during a calendar year.

For Board Use Only
 Fee Paid _____
 Check No. _____

Organization Information

Organization legal name: Arrowhead Chapter of Muskies, Inc. Previous license or exemption number, if any: X-3560-05-001

Street: PO Box 82 City: VIRGINIA State and zip code: MN 55724 County: ST-LOUIS

Name of chief executive officer (CEO):
 First name: DAVID Last name: SWENSON Daytime phone number: (218) 482-5217

Type of nonprofit organization (check one)
 Fraternal Religious
 Veteran Other nonprofit organization

Type of proof of nonprofit - attach a copy (see instructions)
 Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation or Certificate of Good Standing - Minnesota Secretary of State's Office
 Internal Revenue Service
 Affiliate of parent nonprofit organization (charter)

Gambling Premises Information

Name of premises where gambling activity will be conducted (for raffles, list the site where the drawing will take place):
SAWMILL SACQUÈ RESTAURANT

Address (do not use PO box): 5478 Mt. Iron Dr City: MT-IRON Zip code: 55768 County: ST-LOUIS

Date(s) of activity (for raffles, indicate the date of the drawing):
MAY 11, 2005

Check the box or boxes that indicate the type of gambling activity your organization will be conducting:
 *Bingo Raffles *Paddlewheels *Pull-Tabs *Tipboards

*Gambling equipment for pull-tabs, tipboards, paddlewheels, and bingo (bingo paper, hard cards, and bingo ball selection device) must be obtained from a distributor licensed by the Gambling Control Board. To find a licensed distributor, go to www.gcb.state.mn.us and click on List of Licensed Distributors. Or call 661-639-4000.

This form will be made available in alternative format (i.e. large print, Braille) upon request. The information requested on this form (and any attachments) will be used by the Gambling Control Board (Board) to determine your qualifications to be involved in lawful gambling activities in Minnesota. You have the right to refuse to supply the information requested; however, if you refuse to supply this information, the Board may not be able to determine your qualifications and, as a consequence, may refuse to issue you a permit. If you supply the information requested, the Board will be able to process your application.

Your name and your organization's name and address will be public information when received by the Board. All the other information that you provide will be private data about you until the Board issues your permit. When the Board issues your permit, all of the information that you have provided to the Board in the process of applying for your permit will become public. If the Board does not issue you a permit, all the information you have provided in the process of applying for a permit remains private, with the exception of your name and your organization's name and address which will remain public. Private data about you are available only to

the following: Board members, staff of the Board whose work assignment requires that they have access to the information; the Minnesota Department of Public Safety; the Minnesota Attorney General; the Minnesota Commissioners of Administration, Finance, and Revenue; the Minnesota Legislative Auditor, national and international gambling regulatory agencies; anyone pursuant to court order; other individuals and agencies that are specifically authorized by state or federal law to have access to the information; individuals and agencies for which law or legal order authorizes a new use or sharing of information after this Notice was given; and anyone with your consent.

LG220 Application for Exempt Permit

Organization Name ARROWHEAD CHAPTER OF MUSKIES INC 11/04

Local Unit of Government Acknowledgment

If the gambling premises is within city limits, the city must sign this application.

On behalf of the city, I acknowledge this application.

Check the action that the city is taking on this application.

- The city approves the application with no waiting period.
- The city approves the application with a 30 day waiting period, and allows the Board to issue a permit after 30 days (60 days for a first class city).
- The city denies the application.

Print name of city _____

Signature of city personnel receiving application

Title _____

Date ____/____/____

If the gambling premises is located in a township, both the county and township must sign this application.

On behalf of the county, I acknowledge this application.

Check the action that the county is taking on this application.

- The county approves the application with no waiting period.
- The county approves the application with a 30 day waiting period, and allows the Board to issue a permit after 30 days.
- The county denies the application.

Print name of county _____

Signature of county personnel receiving application

Title _____

Date ____/____/____

TOWNSHIP: On behalf of the township, I acknowledge that the organization is applying for exempted gambling activity within the township limits. [A township has no statutory authority to approve or deny an application (Minnesota Statute 349.213, subd. 2).]

Print name of township _____

Signature of township official acknowledging application

Title _____

Date ____/____/____

Chief Executive Officer's Signature

The information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that the financial report will be completed and returned to the Gambling Control Board within 30 days of the date of our gambling activity.

Chief executive officer's signature [Signature]

Name (please print) DAVID SWENSON

Date 3/31/05

Mail application and attachments

Complete an application for each gambling activity:

- one day of gambling activity
- two or more consecutive days of gambling activity
- each day a raffle drawing is held

Send:

- the completed application,
- a copy of your proof of nonprofit status (see instructions), and
- a \$50 application fee. Make check payable to "State of Minnesota".

To: **Gambling Control Board**
1711 West County Road B, Suite 300 South
Roseville, MN 55113

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-VIC

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

COMMUNITY CENTER MICROPHONE SYSTEM

DATE: April 13, 2005
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 last activity I was at, speakers were having a lot of problems. Does the system need updating-repairs?

Staff Note: The system has worked adequately for previous events when proper instructions were received. Staff believes that no updates or repairs are needed.

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-VID

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

MERRITT DAYS COMMITTEE REQUEST

DATE: April 13, 2005
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 Merritt Day's Committee would like additional monies (\$500 to \$1,000) for various activities.

COUNCIL LETTER 041805-VIE

COUNCILOR IRISH

**OLD PARKVILLE ROAD
LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

DATE: April 13, 2005
FROM: Councilor Irish
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Due to concerns of a legal description of the road right-of-way and property ownership, our City Engineering firm should survey this road from County Road 109 west approximately one mile.



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April 5, 2005

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

Re: Mt. Iron ATV Trail
Status of Road Alignment
Project No. MI05-6

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Enclosed please find the correspondence and records relative to the status of the old road (Monkey Road) alignment between Parkville and the City of Mountain Iron. The alignment appears to have been vacated in 1932.

If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Benchmark Engineering, Inc.

Rodney Flannigan, P.L.S.

RF: js

Enclosures

Pc: Mr. Sam Aluni, The Trenti Law Firm



Saint Louis County

Public Works Department • Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex
4787 Midway Road, Duluth, MN 55811 • Phone: 625-3830

March 31, 2005

Marcus J. Hall, P.E.
Public Works Director/
Highway Engineer

Benchmark Engineering
8878 Main Street
PO Box 261
MT.Iron, MN 55768-0261

Attn: Paul Strafforoni

Re: City of Mt. Iron
Project No. MI05-6
Road Inquiry

I have researched County Maps and records regarding your inquiry for a possible road easement along the south line of Section 2, T58N, R18W. County records indicate that the Virginia Mountain Iron Road ran in this location. There were two vacations of this road, County Board resolution dated Sept. 8, 1932 vacated the portion in question from the SE Corner of Section 2 to the South Quarter corner. A second vacation was done by St. Louis County, Nichols Township, and Village of Mountain Iron. This resolution vacated the portion to the west.

I have also looked for other road names including Old Parkville road and have not found any other references to roads in this location. It is my opinion that we have no claim to convey to you and you will need to secure an easement for the intended use. I have enclosed copies for your review. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Hudson
Right of Way Agent



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March 14, 2005

Mr. David Johnson
Public Works - Highway Division
227 West 1st Street, Suite 105
Duluth, MN 55802-1913

Re: City of Mt. Iron
Project No. MI05-6

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the City of Mountain Iron, Benchmark Engineering is researching a right-of-way of an old highway between Mountain Iron and Parkville, Minnesota. After talking with St. Louis County staff in Virginia, we found old records that show this highway existed in approximately 1915 and then was rerouted to the North due to mining companies. Now, Minnesota Power and Light has a power line along this old highway right-of-way. Benchmark Engineering would like to know if this right-of-way has been vacated or still exists? We also plan on contacting Minnesota Power and Light to see what their records indicate. The area we are concerned about is the south line of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Township 58 North, Range 18 West, and the City of Mountain Iron is hoping to construct an ATV Trail through this right-of-way area. Benchmark Engineering believes this highway was called the "Old Parkville Road".

We would appreciate any information that you could share with us about this right-of-way area and the old highway. If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Benchmark Engineering, Inc.

Paul Staffaroni

Paul Staffaroni
Survey Technician

3/22/05
Told Paul to call Pete
Hendberg to check Nichols
file and also current
ownership.

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(VACATION OF)

VIRGINIA - MOUNTAIN IRON Road

By Resolution of County Board September 8th, 19 32

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 2, Township 58 North, Range 18 West and running thence westerly along the south line of said Section 2 to the South quarter corner, a distance of 2696.3 feet and there terminating, said highway being designated and known as the "VIRGINIA - MOUNTAIN IRON ROAD".

VIRGINIA MT. IRON ROAD

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This being the date set for the hearing on the petition of G. A. Aupli, et al., for the vacation of a highway described as follows: A strip of land thirty-three (33) feet or more on each side of the center line thereof, throughout the following course, said center line and course being described as follows: Locate the point of beginning as follows: Assume that the section line between the south quarter corner of section two (2), township fifty-eight (58) north of range eighteen (18) west of the fourth principal meridian, and the southwest corner of said section bears east and west, then proceed directly north from said south quarter corner a distance of 6 feet to a point which is the point of beginning in the center line of said

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road; thence south 89 degrees, 10 minutes west for a distance of 758.96 feet; thence south 89 degrees 29 minutes west for a distance of 942 feet; thence north 75 degrees 15 minutes west for a distance of 100 feet; thence north 63 degrees 2 minutes west for a distance of 100 feet; thence north 54 degrees 1 minute west for a distance of 113 feet; thence north 36 degrees 6 minutes west for a distance of 1,148.30 feet; thence north 26 degrees 4 minutes west for a distance of 65 feet; thence north 15 degrees 11 minutes west for a distance of 63.39 feet; thence north 7 degrees 19 minutes west for a distance of 277.53 feet; thence north 34 degrees 59 minutes west for a distance of 100 feet; thence north 51 degrees 13 minutes for a distance of 63.52 feet; thence north 61 degrees 30 minutes west for a distance of 546.17 feet; thence north 61 degrees 15 minutes west for a distance of 978 feet; thence north 71 degrees 5 minutes west for a distance of 90 feet; thence north 87 degrees 47 minutes west for a distance of 90 feet; thence south 86 degrees 55 minutes west for a distance of 79.03 feet to a point which is the center line of this road at a point thirty-three (33) feet from the center line of state trunk highway No. 35, being the point of intersection of said highway with said state trunk highway No. 35. Said last point is also located as follows: Commencing at the center quarter corner of section three (3), township fifty-eight (58) north, of range eighteen (18) west of the fourth principal meridian in said county, proceed south along the quarter line a distance of 331.65 feet, thence east 552.21 feet, the committee recommended that the petition be granted. Upon motion of Commissioner Hogan the report of the committee was accepted, and the committee discharged. The chairman then announced that the board was prepared to hear persons in favor of and opposed to the granting of said petition. At this time the clerk read a resolution adopted by the village council of the village of Mountain Iron, approving said petition, and requesting the county board of com-

missioners to grant the same.—10157.

Philip M. Stone, attorney for the petitioners, E. C. Saari, Mayor of the village of Mountain Iron, Alfred Sorenson, town clerk of the township of Nichols, and C. R. Emerson, representing the Pitt Iron Mining company came before the board in favor of the granting of the petition for the vacation of the road hereinabove described. The following resolution was thereupon introduced by Commissioner Murray:

Resolved, that the committee appointed to examine the route of a highway proposed to be vacated hereinabove described having returned their report and the same having been duly considered, and this board having heard all that was said in favor of and against the granting of the petition for the vacation of said highway and having determined the prayer of said petition, does hereby declare it granted.

The highway aforesaid is described as follows: A strip of land thirty-three (33) feet or more on each side of the center line thereof, said center line and course being described as follows: Locate the point of beginning as follows: Assume that the section line between the south quarter corner of section two (2), township fifty-eight (58) north of range eighteen (18) west of the fourth principal meridian and the southwest corner of said section bears east and west, then proceed directly north from said south quarter corner a distance of 6 feet to a point which is the point of beginning in the center line of said road; thence south 89 degrees 10 minutes west for a distance of 758.96 feet; thence south 89 degrees 29 minutes west for a distance of 942 feet; thence north 75 degrees 15 minutes west for a distance of 100 feet; thence north 63 degrees 2 minutes west for a distance of 100 feet; thence north 54 degrees 1 minute west for a distance of 113 feet; thence north 36 degrees 6 minutes west for a distance of 1,148.30 feet; thence north 26 degrees 4 minutes west for a distance of 65 feet; thence north 15 degrees 11 minutes west for a distance of 63.39 feet; thence

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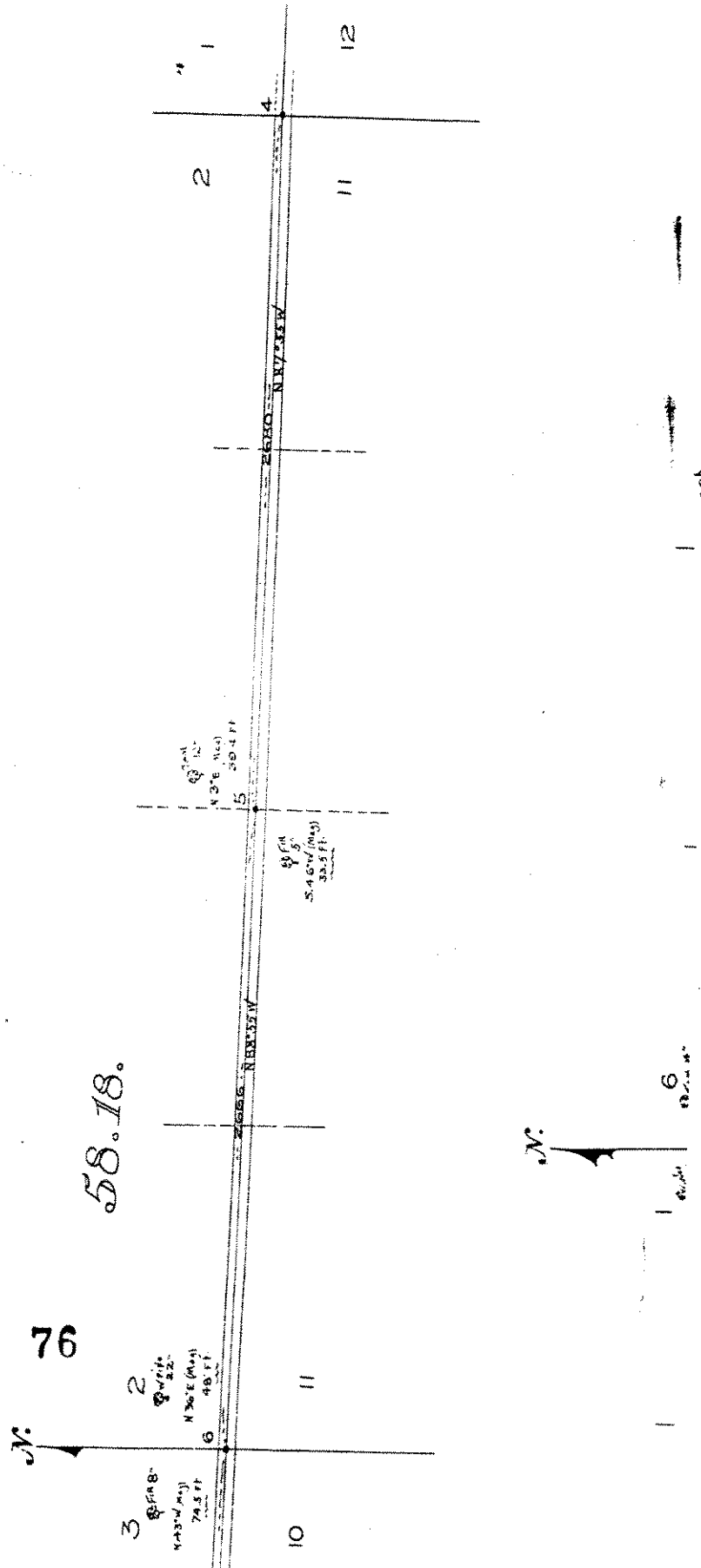
Resolved further, that this board finds that the benefits to each and every parcel of land affected by such vacation of highway are in each and every instance greater than the damages thereto, and that the final order of this board vacating such highway shall award no damages to the owners of such respective pieces or parcels of land.

Commissioner Aaby moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon a unanimous vote.

Adopted March 8, 1929.

VIRGINIA MOUNTAIN IRON ROAD.

SCALE 400 FT. TO ONE INCH.



COUNCIL LETTER 041805-VIF
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
CLOSED MEETING

DATE: April 13, 2005
FROM: Personnel Committee
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05 Subdivision 2(b), the City Council will close a portion of the meeting to consider charges and allegations concerning an employee of the City.

COMMUNICATIONS
APRIL 18, 2005

1. Minnesota Department of Health, information regarding the annual Drinking Water Report.
2. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, forwarding a draft environmental impact statement for U. S. Steel – Minntac Project.
3. Minnesota Association of Small Cities, forwarding the April 8, 2005 Small Cities Update.
4. The Salvation Army, a letter introducing the Supper Club Coordinator for the Salvation Army.
5. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding the April 8, 2005, Friday Fax.
6. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, forwarding the April 8, 2005 Brief.



Protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans

April 4, 2005

PWSID: 1690035

Mountain Iron City Council
c/o City Administrator
Mountain Iron City Hall
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, Minnesota 55768

Dear Council Members:

All community water systems must distribute an annual Drinking Water Report, officially known as a Consumer Confidence Report, to their customers. The deadline for the completion and delivery of the report is July 1. The basic information required in the report includes the source of the system's drinking water, any monitoring results that showed detections for the previous calendar year including violations if any, compliance information, and standard language required by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. (Note: If information you have compiled differs from what is indicated on the report sent to your water superintendent, please call 1-800-818-9318.)

We have sent a packet to your water superintendent that includes a report with most of the required information, and also a Certification of Completion form. It is your responsibility to ensure that the report is produced and distributed and that the completed certification form, along with a copy of the report, is returned to the Minnesota Department of Health by July 1, 2005.

While the report sent to your superintendent contains most of the information needed, it will be necessary to add a name and phone number for customers with questions or requests for additional information. There may be other places on the report where additional information is required. These areas have been noted with gray-shaded areas.

It may be in your best interest to include even more information, beyond what is required by the rule, in the report. Keep in mind that all the information in the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) report must be included in a reformatted report. Additional information may be added, but everything from the MDH report must be included. This could include a description of your treatment processes and any upgrades that are planned for your water system. The report requires detection information only on primary contaminants, but it may be wise to address contaminants that are causing aesthetic problems with your water. If you have detectable levels of secondary contaminants, your customers may have a greater concern about them than about those that can bring about adverse health effects. Rather than ignore this issue, you may want to address it and point out that the iron, manganese, etc., are not causing any adverse health effects even though they may be making the water look, taste, and/or smell bad.

Also, for systems that serve a population that contains a significant number of people who do not speak English, please consider including one or more of the statements below in the report. (The statement says, "This report contains very important information. Translate or ask someone who understands it.")

Spanish: Información importante. Si no la entiende, haga que alguien se la traduzca ahora.

Hmong: Nov yog ntaub ntauv tseem ceeb. Yog koy tsi to taub, nrhiav neeg pab txhais rau koh kom sai sai.

Distribution:

You have two options in distributing the report:

- You can distribute a copy of the report to all of your customers by mail or other means. Efforts must be made to get the reports to actual customers rather than to just the billing customer. One method is to mail the report to all postal patrons within the service area using a "Simplified Address"; check with your post office about this. Other options include publicizing the availability of the report through the media, delivering multiple copies for distribution by single-biller customers such as apartment buildings or large private employers, and posting the report on the internet.
- You can also satisfy the distribution requirement by publishing the report in one or more local newspapers serving your service area and inform your customers that the report will not be mailed to them but is available upon request. If you use this option, the **entire** report must be published (not just a summary), and you must send a copy or clipping of the newspaper report, **along with the Certification of Completion form.**

A copy of the completed report must be submitted to the MDH, along with a Certification of Completion form certifying that the information in the report is accurate and that the required distribution to customers was completed. You must also retain a copy of the report for at least three years. Failure to produce and distribute a report as required--as well as failure to submit the required documentation to MDH by July 1, 2005--may result in enforcement actions, including fines, from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Minnesota Department of Health.

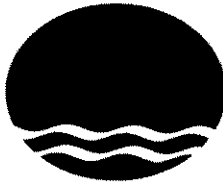
If you have any questions, please call 1-800-818-9318.

Sincerely,



Richard D. Clark, P.E., Supervisor
Community Public Water Supply Unit
Environmental Health Division
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0975

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

April 8, 2005

TO: Interested parties

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for U. S. Steel – Minntac Project

Enclosed you will find a copy of the U. S. Steel – Minntac Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a compact disk, with a paper copy of the executive summary. If you would prefer a paper copy of the entire EIS (approximately 870 pages), please contact me at the phone number below. This document is being distributed for public comment pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.2600 and will be on public notice for 45 days, beginning on Monday, April 11, 2005, and ending on Thursday, May 25, 2005. During that period, any person may provide comments on the EIS or the project to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

The MPCA will conduct a public informational meeting on this EIS. The public meeting will take place at the Mesabi Community College, Virginia, Minnesota, on Wednesday April 27, 2005, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Any person may appear and present comments during these meetings. Any person may also send a comment letter to my attention at the address below.

The record will remain open until the end of the public notice period on May 25, 2005. All comments received by the end of the notice period will be responded to in the Final EIS, to be published and distributed later in the process. All on the mailing list will receive a copy of the Final EIS.

Commenters are advised that all comments made in connection with this EIS and project will become a part of the public record. A court reporter will be employed to provide a written record of meeting proceedings.

The Final EIS will be brought before the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) at a later date for the determination of adequacy as required by the rules. All on the mailing list will be notified of this event, and any person may appear at that meeting and address the Board if desired.

Please address any questions about this process to my attention at (651) 282-9885.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Elling".

John Elling
Project Manager
Environmental Review and Operations Section
Regional Division

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APRIL 8, 2005

Annexation debate ended for year

Both city and township annexation bills were heard in the House Local Government committee last week, but when the time came for a vote, Rep. Mark Olson (R-Big Lake), called for a time-out. Even though Olson sides with the townships, he recognized the fact that more time was needed before calling for changes in annexation law. Instead, he proposed interim hearings, with meetings on location across the state. Cities, in turn, asked the township lobbyist to join us in working out a package that would encourage cities and townships to work together on planning and zoning efforts that would strengthen communities as a whole. In the meantime, we will be alert and watching for attempts to amend annexation provisions onto related bills. If this does happen, it is not likely to be instigated by the township associations, but by legislators working on their own.

Bonding bill passage assures busy construction season

After a one-year delay, the Legislature has finally passed a bonding bill, stirring hopes of a more "constructive" session in 2005. The negotiations were rocky, but after some delay, both the House and Senate passed the \$886 million bill by a resounding margin. For the most part, the bill avoided local projects and concentrated on items that had statewide significance. The largest amount was dedicated to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, \$214 million, and the University of Minnesota, \$108 million. Projects that MAOSC worked on also did well. Wastewater projects received almost \$30 million in grant dollars, with \$10 million in the traditional Wastewater Infrastructure Fund (WIF). Since that was all that could be spent under the WIF program, the bills also included \$5 million for six small cities that need to undertake corrective action on systems built since 2001 with federal money from USDA, with the rest dedicated to communities with unique problems that did not meet the WIF criteria. In addition, a grant program with \$2 million in seed money was established to help communities that are faced with upgrades due to TMDL clean water mandates.

On the economic development front, cities in Greater Minnesota can now apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development, DEED, for two programs. The bill includes a \$10 million business development grant and an \$8.4 million redevelopment grant. Cities are encouraged to submit early requests for their projects, since they are distributed on a first-come basis. If the redevelopment grants aren't used in a timely fashion, the funds can be used in the metro area.

Clean Water Legacy Act moves on to Finance

The Clean Water Legacy Act, which deals with how to assess and clean up the state's lakes and rivers, has wended its way through a number of committees, with improvements being made throughout its journey. Among other things, the bill now includes a grant program, not just a loan program, for mandated storm and wastewater upgrades. A grant program for communities needing septic upgrades was also added to the bill.

Now comes the hard part, however. Both the House and Senate bills, authored by Rep. Dennis Ozment (R-Rosemount) and Sen. Dennis Frederickson (R-New Ulm), are headed toward finance committees. Up to now, the authors have staved off discussions on how to raise the \$80 million a year price tag on the proposal. The bill proposal includes a \$36 annual fee per household, whether on city sewer or septic system, plus a larger fee on businesses. The proposed statewide water quality fee is a regressive tax, not a user fee. It would be imposed without regard to the payer's contribution to the water quality problem. It should be paid for by general fund revenues, but as we all know, those are in short supply right now. Despite the funding problem, it is important to pass Legacy Act. Lack of action could lead lawsuits that will halt growth and economic development in many parts of the state. As reported earlier, the small cities of Annandale and Maple Lake have already had their joint wastewater project put on hold due to the threat of a suit.

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April 5, 2005

Dear Friends:

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Melissa Nelson and am currently the Supper Club Coordinator (Soup Kitchen) for the Salvation Army in Virginia, MN.

I am looking for organizations, groups, or individuals to volunteer their time and talents to help serve needy patrons from this area.

The Salvation Army depends on volunteers to help address the daily nutritional needs of those less fortunate. We serve dinner from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Due to government cuts there is an increase of patrons served at the Supper Club, an average daily count is now in excess of 100 plates.

Due to little or no Community Service workers we are short handed. Following are the areas in which we need help:

- 1. Making a complete meal. (2:00-5:00 p.m.)*
- 2. Preparing and serving during the dinner hour 3:00-5:00 p.m.)*
- 3. Cleanup (5:00-6:00 p.m. washing tables, taking out the trash, sweeping and mopping the floors, putting away the food, and washing and putting away the pots and pans.*

Volunteering at the Supper Club is a very rewarding and enjoyable opportunity for sharing your time with others. The Salvation Army acknowledges, respects and appreciates the valued help we receive from our caring volunteers. We could not be successful if it were not for our volunteers.

If you or your group would like to help, please sign up for a day on our monthly calendar. For more information and available times, please call Melissa Nelson at 741-1889.

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Nelson

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Inverse Condemnation to be heard on Monday

On Monday, the Senate State and Local Government Committee will hear SF 1376 a proposal offered by Sen. Tom Bakk (DFL-Cook) that would allow a person to bring an action in district court to compel a political subdivision to commence a condemnation proceeding if the local unit of government directly or indirectly provides mixed municipal solid waste services that displace an existing waste hauler.

The bill targets cities that are considering or have implemented organized solid waste collections under Minnesota Statutes 115A.94, the statute that allows cities to organize solid waste collections within their community in order to provide efficiencies, reduce overall costs to residents and enhance compliance with solid waste collections.

If a city's regulatory action displaces an existing waste hauler or prevents the hauler from providing substantially the same services, that hauler would be able to compel the local unit of government to commence a condemnation proceeding.

In 2004, similar but more expansive legislation was considered but was not approved by the Legislature. That bill would have created an inverse condemnation claim for almost any municipal action that could have impacted a private business. That bill was subsequently narrowed to apply only to waste hauling. The League will continue to voice concerns with this proposal and will report on the outcome of the hearing in next week's *Cities Bulletin*.

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

Turbo-Charged TNT

On Wednesday, the Senate Tax Committee considered SF 1455, the Governor's "turbo-charged truth-in-taxation" bill, also known as the "taxpayer satisfaction survey." The bill, authored by Sen. Warren Limmer (R-Maple Grove), would eliminate the current truth-in-taxation hearing process and replace it with the taxpayer satisfaction survey for cities over 500 population that would be provided to property owners with the annual truth-in-taxation statement. The survey would be an attachment or an enclosure that would include the question "Are you satisfied with the proposed property tax levy for (city or county)" and also provide a space where the taxpayer can answer yes or no.

Austin Mayor and League First Vice President Bonnie Reitz testified on behalf of the League in opposition to the bill. She focused on the principle of representative democracy and the technical problems the turbo-charged proposal would create for cities, including the fact that the election would be held nearly one full month into the city's fiscal year. Mayor Reitz also highlighted the fact that the process would allow voters to react to the city's preliminary September 15 property tax levy but not to any subsequent adjustments to that levy approved by the council.

The committee did not take action on the bill but comments from both Republican and DFL members indicated that the idea is in serious trouble. The committee might take action on the bill next week. The House has not yet scheduled the bill for a hearing although we expect the bill will be added to the House Tax Committee agenda in the near future.

Questions? Contact Brian Strub at
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Major pension bills yet to be considered

On Thursday, the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement finished the first phase of their work on the 2005 omnibus pension bill. The commission has acted on a number of smaller and less controversial pension provisions but has not yet addressed the larger and more controversial PERA Coordinated Plan and Police and Fire Plan contribution increases. According to the Pension Commission chair Larry Pogemiller (DFL-Minneapolis), the commission will, at some point in the coming weeks, consider these broader, pension funding bills.

On behalf of the PERA board, Sen. Don Betzold introduced SF286, the PERA Board's proposal to implement a five-year phased-in schedule of increases in the Coordinated Plan's employee and employer contribution rates that would begin on January 1, 2006. A separate bill, SF 620 also introduced by Sen. Betzold (DFL-Fridley), would provide additional savings to the plan by modifying an employee benefit known as augmentation.

Under augmentation, an employee that leaves public service but leaves their contributions in the plan would accrue a benefit improvement of three percent per year until age 55 and five percent per year up to age 65. The bill would reduce the rate to 2.5 percent up to age 55 and eliminate adjustments after age 55. This proposal would save an estimated 0.35 percent of payroll and would reduce the needed contribution increases.

The Board is also proposing in SF 286 to put in place an automatic adjustment provision whereby the PERA Board could adjust

contribution rates after 2010 as the actuary determines the plan's funding needs, rather than requiring legislative action on every adjustment. The bill would limit the annual adjustments to 0.25 percent per year.

Earlier this year, several employee groups had publicly expressed their opposition to the PERA Board's proposal. However, AFSCME recently modified its position and they now do not oppose the shared contribution increases. SEIU, the service employees group, continues to oppose the PERA Board plan in favor of having employers pick up the entire cost of the necessary contribution increase.

The current LMC policy supports a solution that would share the solution between the employee and employer, roughly consistent with the PERA Board proposal. We will report on any action in upcoming editions of the *Cities Bulletin*.

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

Local sales tax bills heard in the House

On Wednesday, the House Property Tax division heard 19 bills dealing with specific local sales tax requests, and an additional three general bills granting sales tax authority for cities. All of the legislation was laid over for possible inclusion in the committee's report of recommendations to the full Tax committee.

The committee began their discussion with the three bills that would give broad general sales taxing authority to cities. Both HF 2285 Rep. Dorman (R-Albert Lea) and HF 1284 Rep. Lenczewski (DFL-Bloomington) apply to cities

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outside the seven-county metro area for projects of regional significance, and not for any general operating costs. The biggest difference between these bills lies with the definition of regional significance. Rep. Lenczewski explained that she had considered including the metro area in her bill by making it statewide, but limited her legislation since its usually greater Minnesota cities coming and requesting the authorization. HF 2183 Rep. Davids (R-Preston) is a statewide bill covering cities over 2,500 population; the revenues would go towards increased police and fire services. These measures were also laid on the table.

Among the requesting cities: Albert Lea, Baxter, Bemidji, Clearwater, Cloquet, Hermantown, Mankato, Park Rapids, Proctor, Rochester, St. Augusta, St. Cloud, St. Joseph, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Willmar, Winona, Worthington. The lone county request came from Mower County for their county criminal justice center. Kudos to all of the local officials who traveled to Saint Paul to make their case; some city officials waited seven hours for their bill to be heard. The day was a long one as the committee met in their two-hour time block and then took a break for floor session before coming back for a three hour hearing.

While no one verbally testified against, a memo from the statewide MN Chamber of Commerce was submitted opposing general authority for local sales taxes. Most of the individual requests came in with letters or resolutions of support from their local chambers.

City officials were questioned on a number of issues surrounding the local option authority. One was the possibility of an LGA offset for

those cities who are granted a sales tax. Rep. Dorman countered that currently cities with sales taxing authority do not have an offset of their LGA. Another line of questioning for a number of city officials came from Tax Chairman Krinkie asking why it was good to have the approval of voters with an authorizing referendum on their sales tax, but not with the governor's turbocharged TNT plans.

On the Senate side, the Tax committee has heard most of these individual requests and included a number of them in their Tax 2 proposal, SF 1683, which passed the Senate floor and is awaiting possible conference committee action.

Questions? Contact Jennifer O'Rourke at 651.281.1261 or jorourke@lmnc.org

Salary cap repeal awaiting floor action in the House

Legislation that would give Minnesota cities and counties control over local compensation decisions has cleared two House committees and is now awaiting a vote on the House floor. The House is expected to consider HF 995 in mid to late April.

Current law limits the compensation of local government employees to 95 percent of the governor's salary. HF 995 would repeal this outdated law and eliminate the related cap on salary that is counted for pension purposes. Rep. Ron Erhardt (R-Edina) is the chief sponsor of the House proposal. Senate bill, SF 953, is being carried by Sen. Steve Kelley (DFL-Hopkins).

Minnesota is the only state in the nation that limits the compensation of local government

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employees. This state-imposed cap has put Minnesota at a competitive disadvantage when it comes to recruiting and retaining top-level local government administrators. The cap has also produced salary compression within and across jurisdictions, and has led to inequitable treatment of similar positions in different jurisdictions. For several years, cities and counties have urged the Legislature to repeal the local government compensation limit and allow local elected officials to make important decisions involving employee compensation.

While the House bill repeals the salary cap, the Senate version was amended in committee to increase the compensation limit to 110 percent of the governor's salary. The committee sent SF 953, as amended, to the Senate floor.

The League of Minnesota Cities strongly supports repealing this arbitrary limit on local government compensation. We encourage local officials to contact their representatives in the next week to urge them to support HF 995 and eliminate the local government salary cap.

Questions? Contact Laura Offerdahl at (651) 281-1260 or lofferdahl@lmnc.org

Alcohol compliance checks legislation stops-for now

Both the Senate and House laid over mandate imposing legislation this week with bills that would have mandated cities conduct compliance checks on their liquor licensees. HF 687 Rep. Bernardy (DFL-Fridley) was heard in the Liquor Subcommittee on Tuesday, and was laid on the table. The companion SF 1444 Sen. Anderson (DFL-Saint Paul) had been incorporated into the liquor omnibus bill, SF 664, during the Liquor subcommittee, but was

taken out by the Senator Anderson during Wednesday's full Commerce committee as the votes were not there to keep it in. The League, as well as Minneapolis voiced concerns about the unfunded mandate. The MN Licensed Beverage Association has been concerned about the ramifications of failing a compliance checks, as well as the possibility that some cities may raise their licensing fees to compensate for the costs associated with compliance checks. Currently, off-sale license fees are capped, and have been for 20 some years.

While the issue is unlikely to move forward this legislative session, both chief authors have expressed their commitment to the issue and are interested in finding some common ground with the concerned groups.

Questions: Contact Jennifer O'Rourke at 651.281.1261 or jorourke@lmnc.org

Delayed assessment bill up Monday in the Senate

On Monday, the Senate State and Local Government Committee will hear SF 1684, which is a bill that would allow a city to delay the assessment for road and streets, by amending MS 429.051. A city would use this when property is located outside the city and abuts the street (the improvement), but has not been previously assessed for the improvements.

Current law allows a city to recoup the costs for water, storm sewer or sanitary improvements by levying additional assessments on the property benefiting from the improvements. SF 1684 (Senjem R-Rochester) will be heard in the Senate State and Local Government Committee, which starts at noon. If your city

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might benefit from this, and you have a legislator on the Senate State and Local Committee—give them a call or email Monday a.m. Committee members can be found at www.senate.leg.mn.us.

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ACTION ALERT: City voices needed to support cable competition

HF 1319, authored by Rep Mike Beard (R-Shakopee), will be considered by the **House Regulated Industries Committee** Tuesday, April 12. Please call any of the members of the committee listed as well as local legislators who represent your city. Urge them to support HF 1319 or to encourage members of the Regulated Industries Committee to do so.

Cities have an important stake in the outcome of the vote to move this bill forward. The League and the Minnesota Association of Community Telecommunications Administrators (MACTA) have worked with the Minnesota Telecommunications Alliance to develop legislation that, allows cities to grant an additional franchise and determine whether the new franchisee will serve an area similar to or different than that served by the incumbent cable company; requires the incumbent cable company to connect the competitive cable franchisee to existing channel feeds so customers that subscribe to the competitor can receive public, educational and government programming on the same channel numbers as those who subscribe to the incumbent cable company; and requires cities to assure that the terms of the additional franchise do not discriminate on the basis of income status (no "redlining").

Cable industry lobbyists are working to defeat the bill.

Questions? Contact Ann Higgins 651.281.1257 or at ahiggins@lmc.org

Legislative meetings in your city

Legislators regularly hold district and town hall meetings to update residents on key issues at the Capitol. These meetings in are a great chance to meet with your legislators and tell your city story close to home. Upcoming meetings in a city near you include:

April 9 in St. Louis Park (SLP Sr. High School, 10am) with Rep. Steve Simon

April 9 in Walker (Cass County Court House, 10am) with Sen. Carrie Ruud, Reps Larry Howes, Frank Moe, Brita Sailer

To receive e-mail notification of upcoming town hall meetings near you, subscribe online at <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/maillist/mailnglist.asp>

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER MN Mayors Association Annual Conference April 22-23 // Brooklyn Center

Friday, April 8th is the deadline for hotel reservations for overnight accommodations for the Holiday Inn Select in Brooklyn Center. The deadline for Conference registration is Friday, April 15th. You can access the brochure on the GTS website Home Page (www.mnngts.org) or you can call Carol Sabatke at 651-222-7409 x205 to have her fax you a copy!

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CGMC in Brief

One Minnesota Act

The House Tax Committee is scheduled to hear the CGMC's Local Government Aid proposal, the One Minnesota Act, SF 1914/HF 2059, **Thursday, April 14 at 10:15 a.m. in Room 200 of the State Office Building.**

Please urge your school districts to write letters in support of the bill and have them mail the letters to the bill authors, **Sen. Tom Bakk, DFL-Cook, and Rep. Greg Davids, R-Preston.** A packet about the proposal and legislative contact details are on: www.greatermncities.org.

The bill was heard in the Senate Tax Committee Wednesday. As members learned from the video email this week, **CGMC President Mayor John Ellenbecker, St. Cloud,** represented the coalition's position in favor of the bill. Other testifiers in favor of the bill included **Flaherty & Hood, P.A.'s policy analyst Steve Peterson and St. Paul Councilmember Lee Helgen,** who presented his thoughts on the bill.

If members wish to view the Senate Tax Committee hearing, it was taped by the Minnesota Senate Media and is currently archived online: www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/media/archive/2005/committee/cmte_taxes_040605.htm.

Bonding bill deal

The coalition's three bonding priorities were included in the 2005 bonding bill passed by the Legislature April 6. Funding for the following CGMC initiated programs were included at the amount shown:

- \$2 million in matching grants to help cities pay for new clean water mandates (total maximum daily loads—TMDLs);
- \$10 million for Greater Minnesota business development infrastructure grants; and
- \$8.4 million for undesignated Greater Minnesota redevelopment grants.

Included in the bill is language that states that the commissioner of the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) must distribute the redevelopment grant money to projects in Greater Minnesota *if there are enough projects to utilize the funds.* If not, the commissioner may distribute the funds to projects located outside Greater Minnesota. Rural cities are encouraged to submit grant requests early.

Updated grant requirements, guidelines, and application information will be available from DEED at a later time.

Mark your calendar!
July 27-29

The CGMC's 2005 summer conference will be held in **Moorhead Wednesday, July 27-Friday, July 29.** The conference is a time to review policies and get to know fellow city officials. Details will follow.