

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM**  
**MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006 - 6:30 P.M.**  
**A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes of the April 17, 2006 Regular Meeting (#1-10)
  - B. Communications(#54-61)
  - C. Receipts
  - D. Bills and Payroll
- III. Public Forum
  - A. Public Hearing – Street Vacation(#11-15)
- IV. Committee and Staff Reports
  - A. Mayor’s Report
    - 1. Locomotive Painting Quotes
  - B. City Administrator’s Report
    - 1. CDBG Pre-Application (#16-17)
  - C. Director of Public Works Report
    - 1. I/I Plan
    - 2. Generator Replacement(#18)
  - D. Director of Parks and Recreations Report
    - 1. Dock Replacement Quotes(#19)
    - 2. South Grove Park Equipment(#20)
  - E. Sheriff’s Department Report
  - F. City Engineer’s Report
  - G. Library Board
    - 1. Assistant Librarian Position(#21-23)
  - H. Street Committee
    - 1. Crack Sealing (#24)
    - 2. 2006 Street Projects (#25-28)
  - I. Liaison Reports
    - 1. Library Board
- V. Unfinished Business
  - A. Cemetery Funding (#29)
  - B. Land Exchange (#30)
  - C. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Area (#39)
- VI. New Business
  - A. Resolution Number 12-06 Vacating Certain Streets(#40)
  - B. Resolution Number 13-06 Calling for Report(#41-43)
  - C. Resolution Number 14-06 Grant Application (#44-48)
  - D. Locomotive Park Sign(#49)
  - E. Unity Second Addition(#50)
  - F. Dial A Ride (#51)
  - G. Parkville Meeting(#52)
  - H. Communications (#54-61)
- VII. Open Discussion
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Closed Meeting (#53)
- X. Adjourn

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MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 17, 2006

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Allen Nelson, Dale Irish, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Larry Nanti, Recreation Director; Sam Aluni, City Attorney; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer; and Wade Rasch, Sergeant.

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

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

1. Add the following items to the agenda:  
IV. E. 2. Public Notification  
VI F. Unity Financing Options
2. Approve the minutes of the March 20, 2006, City Council meeting as submitted.
3. Approve the minutes of the April 3, 2006, City Council meeting as submitted.
4. Approve the minutes of the April 11, 2006, Board of Review meeting as submitted.
5. 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.
6. To acknowledge the receipts for the period April 1-15, 2006, totaling \$153,991.26, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
7. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period April 1-15, 2006, totaling \$165,478.62, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

At 6:31 p.m., it was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to recess the City Council meeting and reconvene the Board of Review meeting. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and make no changes to the valuation of Wayne Pohia's property on Parcel 175-0071-01497 and Harold McGregor's property on Parcel 175-0071-05023 and 175-0071-05025. The motion carried.

At 6:34 p.m., it was moved by Prebeg and supported by Irish to adjourn the Board of Review meeting and reconvene the City Council meeting. The motion carried.

During the public forum, Greg Chad, EMT for Mountain Iron, spoke to the Council regarding the lack of First Responders in the City. He said that only Devin West, Alan Mattila, and himself were listed at Mountain Iron First Responders. Mr. Chad said that the First Responders group is totally voluntary and not part of the Fire Department. Mr. Chad said that he could not find a copy of the by-laws and he thought the By-Laws stated that the volunteers would have to be an EMT to be a member of the Mountain Iron First Responders. Mr. Chad said that the training for the First Responders is \$300 plus the cost of a book, 40 hour course, and the EMT's is \$840 plus the book, 120 hour course. Mr. Chad said that the EMT's would have to meet and make a change to their By-Laws to include First Responders in the group and then the Council would have to approve of the change to the By-Laws.

Also during the public forum, Renny Renzaglia, Representative of Calvary Cemetery Association, was present and apologized that no one from the Association appeared at the last City Council meeting. Mr. Renzaglia requested that the 2006 budget be set back to \$3,000 rather than \$1,250. Mr. Renzaglia said that the City of Virginia would be contributing \$6,000 in 2006. Mr. Renzaglia said that Calvary Cemetery Association manages about 9.8 acres of property with a budget of \$43,600. Mr. Visovatti, Representative from Greenwood Cemetery Association, said that they manage 41 acres with a budget of approximately \$109,000 in 2005. Mr. Renzaglia stated that Greenwood Cemetery has the crematory and that has significant income for them. The City Attorney stated that the City should not look at the contribution to the cemeteries as set by the statutory limitations, but that the Calvary Cemetery Association and the Greenwood Cemetery Association were operating as agents for the City.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to increase the contribution for 2006 to \$3,000 for each Cemetery Association. After further discussion, Mayor Skalko withdrew his motion and Councilor Roskoski withdrew his support. It was the consensus of the Council to have this item put on the May 1<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting agenda.

During the public forum, Thomas Tommaro was present and asked what the status of the street vacation in the West Virginia Plat. The City Attorney said that Mr. Pettinelli had indicated that he was paying taxes on the vacated street already. Mr. Pettinelli said that he did not know which property abstract to submit for clarification. The City Attorney said that the title company would work with Mr. Pettinelli on this matter.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to accept the recommendation of the Fire Department and hire Larry Lanari and Matt Mattson as volunteer firemen for the City of Mountain Iron. The motion carried.

Also during the public forum, Wilbert Johnson was present and once again requested the Council to act on the blight issue regarding his neighbor. The Sheriff advised him that his neighbor had been cited.

The Mayor advised the Council that some misinformation had been circulating regarding the Parkville area. The Mayor said that there is a person circulating a petition regarding the City Council making a resolution to allow the trees to be cut in the north Parkville area. The Mayor said that the City Council did not make a resolution allowing the cutting of the trees and Great Northern Properties owns the property and they can do what they want with the property.

The Mayor also updated the Council regarding an article in the newspaper regarding the lynching that occurred in Mountain Iron. He said that the sign that was placed on the Mesabi Trail was paid for and put up by the Mesabi Trail Authority, according to Bob Manzoline, Director of the Authority. Mr. Manzoline said that the information that was given to them was from the Historical Society. Mr. Manzoline said that he could take the sign down immediately, leave it up, or put up more of an explanation regarding the incident. The Mayor said that the status of the sign would be on the next meeting agenda for action.

The Mayor also informed the Council that the City is still in the running for the \$500,000 bonding bill Renewable Energy Park. He said that the bill had made it through the Senate, but not the House. He said that it was now in Conference Committee, so it was still alive. The City will know more by February 2006.

The Mayor informed the Council that the Mountain Iron-Buhl School land purchase had been completed for the City to obtain the 38 acres adjacent to Unity Addition.

The Mayor informed the Council that the land sale with Mountain Timbers had been completed. This project is for the wood yard located by the City Garage.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to have the Director of Public Works and the Street and Alley Committee prepare a list of 2006 proposed street projects and have this on the May 1<sup>st</sup> City Council agenda for approval. The motion carried.

The City Administrator informed the City Council that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources had provided the City with a mining map showing the potential mining areas for the next 50 years.

The Administrator requested the Council to submit ideas for the next CDBG pre-application process; they are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Roskoski questioned the Administrator regarding an article in the April 9, 2006, Mesabi Daily News regarding an exemption for Excelsior Energy in Itasca County. Councilor Roskoski asked what implications that would have to the biomass project in Mountain Iron. The Administrator said this had no implication to the City because the City was selling the land to the Birchens and whatever they chose to do with the land after that was out of the City's control.

At 7:23 p.m., Councilor Roskoski left the meeting.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Skalko to authorize a large trash pick up to be conducted during June 6-16, 2006. The motion carried with Councilor Roskoski absent.

At 7:25 p.m., Councilor Roskoski returned to the meeting.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to accept the recommendation of the Utility Advisory Board and beginning May 1, 2006 an electrical service fee would be charged for new electrical installations in the Mountain Iron electric service area. The new fee would be the actual cost of installation, for labor and materials, less \$200.00 for single phase services and actual cost less \$500.00 for three phase installations. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to accept the recommendation of the Utility Advisory Board and increase the residential sewer rate commodity charge to \$3.00 per 1000 gallons effective May 1, 2006. The motion carried.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to authorize the purchase of one (1) new 75 KVA transformer and pad from Border States at their low quoted price of \$5082.79 and purchase one (1) new 150 KVA transformer and pad from Border States at their low quoted price of \$5,712.90 and one (1) new 75 KVA transformer with 480Y/277 voltage from Border States at their low quoted price of \$5206.45 for a total purchase price of \$16,002.14. This purchase would be funded through the Electric Utility Fund. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Roskoski asked the City Engineer about the traffic count completed on Unity Drive. The City Engineer said that he would supply the information to the City Council.

Councilor Roskoski asked the Director of Public Works when the Library contractors would be back on the job and what they would be doing. The Director of Public Works said that he did not know because he had just returned from vacation. The City Administrator said that he did not know what part of the project was left to be completed.

At 7:43 p.m., Councilor Prebeg left the meeting.

The Recreation Director advised the Council that his department was preparing for Summer with the Campground and Summer Programs. He also said that he was working on obtaining picnic tables and landscaping for the community center.

The Council reviewed the March 2006 Sheriff Department Activity Report.

Councilor Roskoski stated that he did not feel that it was necessary for a Deputy to attend all City Council meetings; he felt that the added expense could be put to something useful in their department. The Mayor said that he felt it was necessary for the Sheriff's Department Representative to attend the Council meetings. The Sergeant stated that he disagreed with Councilor Roskoski and he also felt that it was prudent for a Deputy to be at every meeting to better protect the dynamics of the City Council meetings as well as protect those attending the meetings.

At 7:45 p.m., Councilor Prebeg returned to the meeting.

Councilor Roskoski stated that he had heard that there were a lot of thefts and burglaries in the West Virginia/Westgate area. Councilor Roskoski requested that this be put on the May 1<sup>st</sup> City Council agenda. The Sergeant suggested having a press release placed in the newspaper making residents aware of the situation. The Mayor, Sergeant, and Councilor Roskoski suggested having residents lock their homes, garages and cars to better protect their property.

The City Attorney said that he had distributed a synopsis of Council procedures to the Council Members with regard to Councilor Roskoski's questions regarding meeting procedures.

Councilor Roskoski asked if the City Engineer had a chance during the Spring thaw to look at the intersection of Spruce and Aspen to offer a suggestion to prevent infiltration into the storm sewer. The City Engineer said that he did review the situation during a couple rain events. The City Engineer said that the only way to prevent infiltration would be to add rim sealing on the manhole. The Director of Public Works said that he would bring the plan that was adopted by the City Council last Fall to the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to review for the inflow situation.

Councilor Roskoski said that at the last EDA meeting there was discussion regarding projects that would be conflicting behind the brunt dumps with regard to the P & H Project, the Mesabi Trail, and a condominium development all in the same area. He wondered what kind of planning process the EDA was completing. Councilor Nelson said that he is on the EDA and he does not recall there being discussion regarding conflicts with the developments. The Mayor said that the EDA could handle this.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to put Resolution Number 10-06, authorizing the sale of certain property, on the table for discussion regarding the parcel, cost/price, and the appraisal of the property. After further discussion, Councilor Roskoski amended his motion to have City Staff check with the County Assessor to put a value on the property and advise the County Assessor of the abandoned wells on the property. Mayor Skalko supported the amendment. The amended motion carried.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Skalko to adopt Resolution Number 11-06, Supporting the Prevention Minnesota Active Community Assessment and Engagement Proposal, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to direct City Staff to look at proposals for a possible land exchange between the City of Mountain Iron and the City of Virginia and develop a list of possible comparable properties to have the City Council discuss and review for further consideration. The motion carried with Councilor Irish and Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to waive the Community Center rental fees for the fund raiser for Pete Hawkins on May 2, 2006. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to direct City Staff to look at possible financing/bonding options for the land recently acquired from the Mountain Iron-Buhl School District to proceed to develop the property and discuss this at the May 1, 2006 City Council meeting. The motion carried with Councilor Irish and Roskoski voting no.

During the open discussion, Councilor Roskoski commented on the condition of the Parkville area by County Road 102. He said that when the Council was approached by Great Northern Properties to vacate the streets to prevent the dumping of debris in the area, now the area looks worst with all of the trees being logged off. The Mayor said that vacating the streets in the area had nothing to do with the property owner removing all of the trees.

Also during the open discussion, Councilor Prebeg asked if the City Attorney had made a recommendation with regard to a donation request for the Sand Lake Shuffle. The City Attorney said that he would review the matter further.


Also during the open discussion, Councilor Prebeg asked if the Recreation Director had called for bids on the picnic tables and landscaping at the Community Center. The Recreation Director said that they were seeking quotes and he would bring this information back to the City Council for consideration.

Councilor Prebeg announced that the D.A.R.E. fund raiser was set for Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and he invited everyone to attend.

William Buria inquired about the Council getting a crew or volunteers to adopt Old Highway 169 Kinross for cleanup. Mr. Buria said that he and his wife have been cleaning that stretch of road for 26 years. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Buria contact Lori Olsen from the Mountain Iron-Buhl School to see if they could do this as a community service. The Mayor also said that he would bring this request to the Downtown Committee for additional ideas.

At 8:35 p.m., it was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA  
Municipal Services Secretary

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## COMMUNICATIONS

1. MediaCom, a letter advising the City that they have invested extensively in building a fiber optic network to provide area residents with advanced video and high-speed broadband services.
2. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding the April 7, 2005, Friday Fax.
3. Minnesota Association of Small Cities, forwarding the April 3, 2006 updates.
4. Minnesota Pollution Control, a notice advising of an open house and informational meeting on April 20, 2006 in Virginia, for U. S. Minntac's preliminary proposal to discharge wastewater from its tailings basin in Mountain Iron.
5. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, forwarding the April 6, 2006 Brief.
6. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding the State of the Cities Report for 2006.
7. An Anonymous letter regarding the condition of the Mountain Manor Apartments.



## Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	92,675.95
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	SEWER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	1,271.18
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	REFUSE REMOVAL-CHG FOR SERVICE	200.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	1,480.08
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 102	24.96
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 376	274.62
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST601	199.72
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	720.41
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 604	599.20
PERMITS	BUILDING	7,941.18
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 103	1,371.66
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	20.00
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	SPECIAL ASSESS -BOND MONEY	2,091.36
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	INTEREST-SP.ASSESS.-BONDS ISSU	33.92
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	850.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	325.00
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	1,800.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	85.26
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	487.24
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	85.26
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	120.00
LICENSES	ANIMAL	30.00
SALE OF PROPERTY	SALE OF PROPERTY	38,472.62
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	30.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	2,335.39
TAXES	TRANSFERS FROM MI HRA	431.25
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	35.00
Summary Totals:		<u>153,991.26</u>

Check Issue Date(s): 04/08/2006 - 04/22/2006

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
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04/06	04/18/2006	33157	4017	BRIAN KEMP	002-20200	100.00
04/06	04/18/2006	33158	30035	C & B WAREHOUSE DISTR INC	002-20200	1,386.36
04/06	04/18/2006	33159	30061	CELLULARONE	002-20200	414.73
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04/06	04/18/2006	33162	500012	ERA LABORATORIES INC	002-20200	369.35
04/06	04/18/2006	33163	70028	GREATER MINNESOTA AGENCY INC	002-20200	180.00
04/06	04/18/2006	33164	4013	JOHN CAVANAUGH	002-20200	100.00
04/06	04/18/2006	33165	4012	JOYCE SOLINGER	002-20200	50.00
04/06	04/18/2006	33166	4015	KAREN SEVERSON	002-20200	100.00
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04/06	04/18/2006	33168	120006	L & M SUPPLY	002-20200	840.31
04/06	04/18/2006	33169	130004	MESABI DAILY NEWS	002-20200	437.46
04/06	04/18/2006	33170	4018	MESABI RANGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST	002-20200	100.00
04/06	04/18/2006	33171	4014	MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH SWOP	002-20200	100.00
04/06	04/18/2006	33172	130067	MINNESOTA REVENUE	002-20200	1,450.00
04/06	04/18/2006	33173	140052	NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE	002-20200	35,884.82
04/06	04/18/2006	33174	150014	ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	002-20200	24.65
04/06	04/18/2006	33175	170001	QWEST	002-20200	374.96
04/06	04/18/2006	33176	4011	SIMON & GUTHRIE, INC.	002-20200	100.00
04/06	04/18/2006	33177	190024	ST LOUIS CO SHERIFF LITMAN	002-20200	8,930.48
04/06	04/18/2006	33178	200020	THE TRENTI LAW FIRM	002-20200	3,438.79
04/06	04/18/2006	33179	210001	UNITED ELECTRIC COMPANY	002-20200	1,863.91
04/06	04/18/2006	33180	220020	VISA OR AMERICAN BANK CC PMT	002-20200	6,372.34
04/06	04/18/2006	33181	230004	WENCK ASSOCIATES INC	002-20200	764.00
04/06	04/20/2006	33182	130011	MOUNTAIN IRON POSTMASTER	002-20200	300.25
04/06	04/21/2006	33183	130011	MOUNTAIN IRON POSTMASTER	002-20200	405.05

Totals:

Payroll-PP Ending 4/7/06  
Electronic Trans.-Sales Tax  
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

75,836.12  
80,668.33  
8,974.17  
\$165,478.62



# CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-06

### **SUPPORTING THE PREVENTIONMINNESOTA ACTIVE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT AND ENGAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and the Northeast Minnesota Obesity Prevention Project (NEMOPP) are partnering to develop a proposal to submit to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota's PreventionMinnesota Active Community Assessment and Engagement, and

**WHEREAS**, the PreventionMinnesota Active Community Assessment and Engagement proposal requests funding to facilitate a community process to develop a clearly defined vision of active living for communities in the counties of Canton, Cook, Lake, and greater St. Louis County, and

**WHEREAS**, "active living" embraces safe, convenient, and scenic facilities that will enable people to integrate walking or biking into their daily lives. Physical inactivity is second to only tobacco use in its contribution to serious health problems. The Minnesota Department of Health has estimated that \$495 million was spent in the State in 2000 to treat diseases and conditions that could have been avoided through physical activity, and

**WHEREAS**, this assessment and engagement process would be an important preliminary step to position communities in the Arrowhead Region to implement active living principles in policy and planning decisions in the future by increasing community interest, awareness, and support for active living.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**, that the City of Mountain Iron supports ARDC and NEMOPP's application to Blue Cross and Blue Shield's PreventionMinnesota Active Community Assessment and Engagement program for \$70,000.00.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2006.**

ATTEST:

  
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City Administrator

  
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Mayor Gary Skalko

**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-III A**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DATE:** April 26, 2006  
**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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This public hearing is part of the vacation process for the roads to be vacated in the north Parkville area. The vacation proceedings were initiated through a petition received from Great Northern Iron Ore Properties. These ROW are in paper form only, no streets or infrastructure exists in these ROW's. In order to "clean-up" the entire it is recommended that the City Council vacate of the following ROWs:

All of North Street in the Parkville Second Addition; all of North Street in Parkville Third Addition; all of Third Avenue in Parkville Third Addition; and Center Street from Second Avenue to Third Avenue in Parkville Third Addition all in the City of Mountain Iron, St Louis County, Minnesota.

Property owners have been notified and the hearing notice was published in the Mesabi Daily News and on the City's web site, all in accordance with State Law. It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 12-06 Vacating Streets.



USS Real Estate  
PO Box 417  
Mt. Iron, MN 55768  
218 749 7527  
218 749 7572  
Fax: 218 749 7536

March 22, 2006

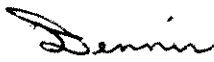
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator  
City of Mountain Iron  
8586 Enterprise Drive South  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768-8260

Re: Petition For Vacation Of City Street (Parkville)

Dear Craig:

Enclosed is the Petition For Vacation Of City Street, which you requested. The vacation hearing can now be scheduled, please keep us advised as to the progress.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis F. Orehek  
Land Manager

## PETITION FOR VACATION OF CITY STREET

To the Council of the City of Mountain Iron, in St. Louis County, Minnesota:

WHEREAS, public city streets presently exist in the plat captioned Parkville Second and Third Additions covering land in the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota, in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section One (1) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section 2, all in Township Fifty-eight (58) North, Range Eighteen (18) West according to the recorded plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Registrar of Titles in and for the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Joseph S. Micallef, Roger W. Staehle, Robert A. Stein, and John H. Roe, III as Trustees under that certain Trust Agreement executed December 7, 1906, by and between the Lake Superior Company, Limited, an association organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, and Louis W. Hill, James N. Hill, Walter J. Hill and Edward T. Nichols, which Trust is commonly known as Great Northern Iron Ore Properties, owns the surface and minerals in all of the plat of Parkville Second and Third Additions; and

WHEREAS, Great Northern Iron Ore Properties does seek the vacation all of North Street in Parkville Second Addition; all of North Street in Parkville Third Addition; all of Third Avenue in Parkville Third Addition; and Center Street from Second Avenue to Third Avenue in Parkville Third Addition all in the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, none of the streets or avenues which Great Northern Iron Ore Properties seeks to vacate were ever developed or built; and

WHEREAS, no one resides near or is served by any of the streets or avenues which Great Northern Iron Ore Properties seeks to vacate; and

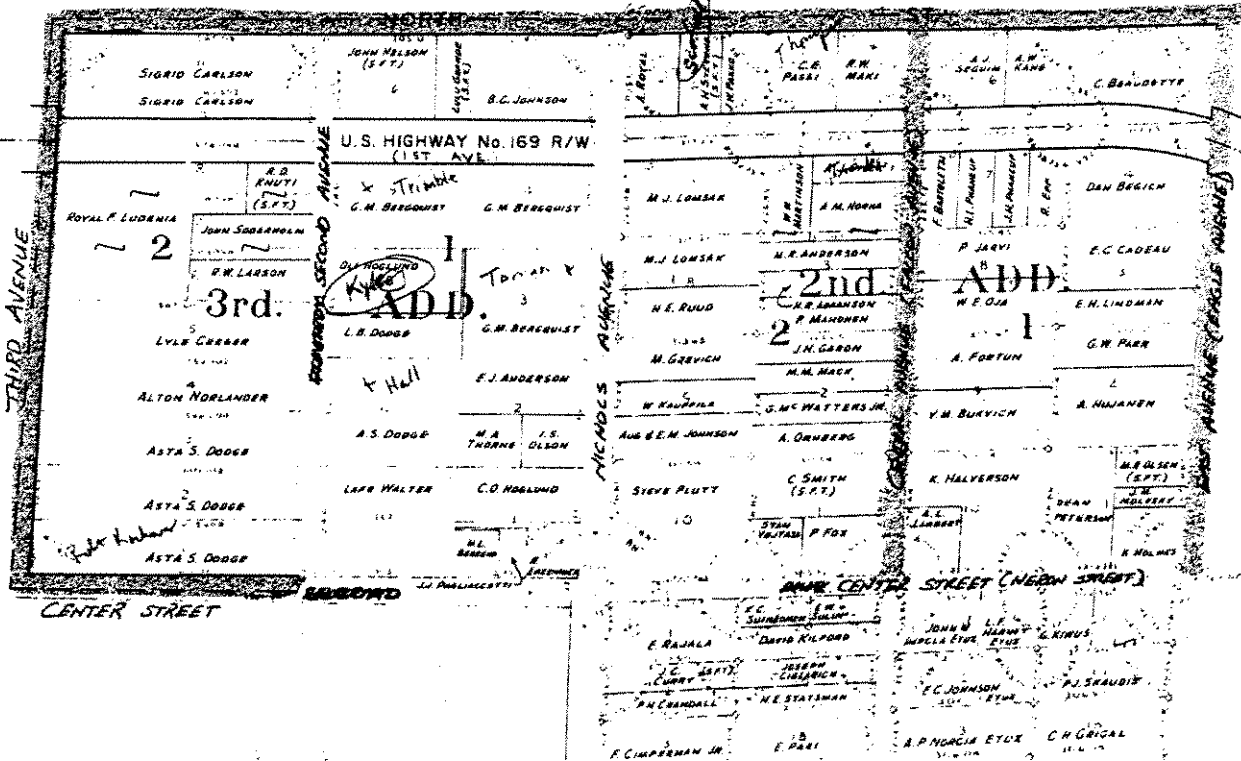
WHEREAS, Great Northern Iron Ore Properties desires to use the aforesaid lands for the purpose and in a manner inconsistent with the continuance of the aforesaid public streets and avenues thereon.



in the Office of the Register of Deeds  
Duluth, Minn.

Resolution Number 21-01 8/6/01

Resolution Number 28-05 9/6/05  
Proposed Vacation





**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-IVB1**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**CDBG**

**DATE:** April 26, 2005  
**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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As presented at the last regular meeting, staff is requesting a short list of possible projects that may qualify for CDBG funding. The maximum funding is \$50,000 and must benefit low and moderate income families. Upon agreement of projects by the City Council, a pre-application will be submitted prior to the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Any grant funding will require a City match.

## ST. LOUIS COUNTY

# 2007 Community Development Block Grant FUNDING TIME LINE

- Jan 1 to July 30** Communities to hold public hearings on community needs and priorities
- April 11 & 12** CDBG FY 2007 Kick-Off and public hearing on program accomplishments  
Tuesday, April 11 - Proctor City Hall - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Wednesday, April 12 - Mt. Iron Community Center - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- May 15** FY 2007 CDBG **Pre-Application** due in Virginia office by 4:30 PM
- August 1** FY 2007 CDBG **Final Application** due in Virginia office by 4:30 PM
- August 23** CDBG Advisory Committee meeting. Distribute application manuals.  
Virginia City Hall Club Room - Lower Level at 10:00 AM
- August 30** CDBG Advisory Committee meeting  
Applicant presentations at the Mt. Iron Community Center - 9:00 AM to Noon
- Sept 18 & 19** CDBG Advisory Committee subcommittee interviews at the Mt. Iron Community Center.  
Applicant interviews to be individually scheduled.
- ❖ September 18 - Public Service Subcommittee - starting at 9:00 AM
  - ❖ September 18 - Economic Development Subcommittee - starting at 1:30 PM
  - ❖ September 18 - Housing Subcommittee - starting at 2:00 PM
  - ❖ September 19 - Physical Improvement Subcommittee - starting at 9:00 AM
- September 21** Advisory Committee receives subcommittees' reports and develops its *Initial FY 2007 Funding Recommendations*. Virginia City Hall Club Room - Lower Level 9:00 AM
- September 28** CDBG Advisory Committee public hearing on *Initial Recommendation* and setting of *Final FY 2007 Funding Recommendation* to be sent to the County Board of Commissioners. Mt. Iron Community Center - 11:00 AM. CDBG Advisory Committee Recognition Lunch to follow
- November 7** St. Louis County Board public hearing on FY 2007 Action Plan funding. County Board will set final funding levels for FY 2007 funds. Duluth Courthouse - 9:35 AM
- November 15** Submit FY 2007 Action Plan covering use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds to the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)



**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-IVC1**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**GENERATOR**

**DATE:** April 26, 2005

**FROM:** Donald V. Kleinschmidt  
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Staff is requesting City Council authorization to seek quotes for the replacement of one 85 Kw standby emergency generator to be installed at the mud lake lift station.

Currently a standby generator exists at the lift station that is need of replacement. The generator was installed in 1976 and has surpassed its useful in service life. A standby generator is needed at this critical and key lift station.

**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-IVD1**

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**WEST TWO CAMPGROUND DOCKS**

**DATE:** April 26, 2006

**FROM:** Larry Nanti  
Director of Parks & Recreation

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The Parks & Recreation Board is seeking approval to get quotes for new docks at the West Two Rivers Campground.

Funding for the docks would come from the 2005 Mineland Reclamation Grant.

Staff has applied for a grant from the DNR, but the City was not awarded a grant this year.

**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-IVD2**  
**PARKS & RECREATION**  
**SOUTH GROVE IMPROVEMENT**  
**INFORMATION**

**DATE:** April 26, 2006  
**FROM:** Larry Nanti  
Director of Parks & Recreation  
  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The playground equipment arrived in late February and is in storage. I have contacted the South Grove group to set a date for installation. The tentative date of the first week of June is being considered. The Parks and Recreation Board hopes to review the final plans in mid-May.

**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-IVG1**

**LIBRARY**

**ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN**

**DATE:** April 26, 2006  
**FROM:** Sally Peterangelo  
Library Director  
  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The Library Board recommends that the City Council approve the hiring of Ms. Laura Nieters for the position of Assistant Librarian.

Laura "Laurie" Nieters has been working as a substitute Library Clerk for the Mt. Iron Public Library since April 8, 2002.

Laurie is very experienced with the Horizon automated library computer system. She has handled both reference and interlibrary loan requests and does well with online searching for patrons. Laurie is very familiar with library policies and procedures and has proven to be an outstanding employee these past four years.

Laurie provides top notch customer service to all our patrons and she is a very professional and dedicated employee.

Besides her experience at the Mt. Iron Public Library, Laurie has also worked at the Virginia Public Library and she was a volunteer for several years at the Merritt Elementary Library. Laurie attended college in Bemidji, MN.



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April 23, 2006



Mr. Gary Skalko  
8586 Enterprise Drive South  
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

Mt. Iron Library Commission  
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

Dear Mayor Skalko and Library Commission:

The correspondence will serve as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the parties to the Agreement, i.e. City of Mt. Iron, Mt. Iron Library Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and AFSCME Local 453, Council 65, hereinafter referred to as the Union.

WHEREAS, the parties to the Agreement have recognized the need to fill the assistant librarian vacancy created by the promotion of Ms. Peterangelo to Library Director, and;

WHEREAS, the parties are in the process of contract negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement that may very well alter certain terms and conditions, and/or benefits, and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that the position and the work are, and have been bargaining unit work of the Union,

THEREFORE, the parties agree to a temporary position, to last no longer than 60 working shifts, to be paid at the Union wage rate, shall not be entitled to any other contractual benefits during the temporary status, and this time period shall allow the parties to the Agreement to complete their negotiations and ratify a new Agreement.

Once the parties have a new Agreement, this temporary position shall cease, upon written notification by the Union to the Employer, and a permanent part-time vacancy shall be posted and filled. The parties may agree to allow consideration for seniority credit for the employee who filled the temporary vacancy, if that person becomes the permanent employee.

This arrangement shall not establish a precedent between the parties in regards to temporary positions.

On behalf of the City,

On behalf of the Library Commission,

On behalf of the Union,

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Mayor Skalko

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President / Library Commission

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
AFSCME Business Agent

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-IVH1**

**STREET COMMITTEE**

**CALL FOR QUOTES**

**DATE:** April 26, 2006

**FROM:** Street Committee

Don Kleinschmidt  
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The Street Committee is recommending to the Mountain Iron City Council to approve calling for quotes on Asphaulic Crack Sealing for 2006 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-IVH2**

**STREET COMMITTEE**

**BITUMINOUS OVERLAY**

**DATE:** April 26, 2006  
**FROM:** Street Committee  
Don Kleinschmidt  
Director of Public Works  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The Street Committee is recommending the following streets be considered for bituminous overlay in 2006:

Heather Avenue  
Coral Street  
Granite Street  
West end of Centennial Drive  
Tamarack Drive  
West end of Locomotive Street  
Portions of Slate Street including City garage parking lot  
Enterprise Drive North  
Unity Drive from Mud Lake Road to Diamond Lane and from County Road 7 to the railroad crossing.

Please refer to Resolution Number 13-06 for further information. And to order a feasibility report of the street in question.

STREET COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY APRIL 18, 2006  
4:00 PM CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Roskoski, Dale Irish, Eric Fallstrom Craig Wainio, Don Kleinschmidt, Wade Rasch

Additions to the agenda

8. Kangas Road

9. Unity Drive

10. Heather Avenue Overlay Request

11. North Parkville Road

Discussion occurred on the north Parkville Road. Irish and Roskoski had some safety questions and concerns on the curbing between the road and bike trail. Rasch and Kleinschmidt commented that they could not identify any safety concerns in the area. Irish was going to check with Bob Manzoline, of the Mesabi trail, about the trail design.

Signage on County Road 102 identifying the Parkville Road entrance were discussed.

The street light installation at Eagle and Huron street was discussed. Rasch commented that the traffic in the area did not warrant a light and he did not see a safety issue in the area.

The entrance off of Unity Drive into the Diamond Willow project was discussed. An anonymous letter concerning this driveway was also discussed. Fallstrom informed the committee that the entrance was designed correctly.

Heather Avenue street overlay project was discussed. Mr. William Luzovich was present to request the overlay project and if the whole street could not be done that the southern portion be done. He also complained that the City of Mountain Iron turned a good dirt road into an unacceptable road with the past improvements. Extension of the water from Centennial Avenue to the south was discussed.

Options for the Unity Drive sidewalk extension over the railroad crossing were discussed.

A map of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue identifying the property owners was presented as requested from the last meeting.

Discussion of the City of Mountain Iron street assessment policy was to go back to the City attorney, Sam Aluni, for clarification.

The following Streets were discussed for a bituminous overlay in 2006:

Heather Avenue

Slate Street City Garage Parking Lot

Coral Street

Enterprise Drive North

Granite Street  
West End Centennial Street  
West End of Locomotive Street

Unity Drive  
Tamarack Street

Discussion occurred on crack sealing for 2006. A request for quotes for crack sealing in the amount of \$10,000.00 will be requested from the City Council.

The entrance into the Walgreen's development area off of 13 streets was discussed.

A request to put class 5 on the roadway at 5428 Garden Drive South for Paul Kangas was discussed.

**STREET MAINTENANCE RECORDS (BITUMINOUS STREETS)**  
**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**  
**PROJECT NO: M104-29**

☐ DENOTES STREETS WITH LAST KNOWN WORK PRIOR TO 1990

STREET	LOCATION	YEAR	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	2000 to 2004 CONSTRUCTION	LOCATION MAP REFERENCE
<b>DOWNTOWN</b>					
OLD HIGHWAY #169	90° BEND (TOP OF HILL) SOUTH TO END OF CURB&GUTTER	1984	OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2000	
MAIN STREET	MESABI AVENUE TO MINERAL AVENUE	1984 - 1985	OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2000	
MESABI AVENUE	LOCOMOTIVE STREET TO SOUTH	1978	OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2000	
MOUNTAIN AVENUE	LOCOMOTIVE STREET TO SOUTH	1984	OVERLAY		A
MARBLE AVENUE	LOCOMOTIVE STREET TO QUARTZ STREET		OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2001	
MINERAL AVENUE	LOCOMOTIVE STREET TO SOUTH				
LOCOMOTIVE STREET	MESABI AVENUE TO MOUNTAIN AVENUE	1983	OVERLAY		B
LOCOMOTIVE STREET	MOUNTAIN AVENUE TO MARBLE AVENUE	1983	OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2004	
AGATE STREET	MESABI AVENUE TO MOUNTAIN AVENUE	1996	NEW		
CORAL STREET	MOUNTAIN AVENUE TO MARBLE AVENUE				C
FLINT STREET	MARBLE AVENUE TO MINERAL AVENUE	1996	NEW		
GRANITE STREET	MARBLE AVENUE TO MINERAL AVENUE				D
<b>SOUTH GROVE</b>					
GARDEN DRIVE	GREENWOOD LANE TO PARK DRIVE	2000	RECONSTRUCT	RECONSTRUCT-2000	
GARDEN DRIVE	FAIRVIEW LANE TO ARBOR LANE	1983	NEW		E
MERRITT PLACE	GREENWOOD LANE TO PARK DRIVE	1978	OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2000	
PARK DRIVE	MUD LAKE ROAD TO GARDEN DRIVE	1978	OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2004	
GREENWOOD LANE	MINERAL AVENUE TO FAIRVIEW LANE	1978	OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2000	
ARBOR LANE	MINERAL AVENUE TO GREENWOOD LANE	1983	OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2004	
FAIRVIEW LANE	MINERAL DRIVE TO PARK DRIVE	1978	NEW		F
FAIRVIEW LANE	PARK DRIVE TO GREENWOOD LANE	1987	OVERLAY		F
GRANT STREET	MINERAL DRIVE TO WEST		OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2004	
<b>PARKVILLE</b>					
PARKVILLE ROAD	CO. RD. 109 (3RD STREET) TO CITY RECONSTRUCTED SEGMENT	1975	OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2004	
PARKVILLE ROAD	CITY RECONSTRUCTED SEGMENT TO OLD HWY #169	1994	RECONSTRUCT	OVERLAY-2004	
FALCON AVENUE	RAILROAD GRADE TO PARKVILLE ROAD			OVERLAY-2000	
FALCON AVENUE	CORNER OF CARDINAL STREET TO RAILROAD GRADE	1996	OVERLAY		
SPRING PARK ROAD	COUNTY ROAD 109 TO WEST (PAVED SEGMENT)	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2004	
ORIOLE AVENUE	SPRING PARK ROAD TO CARDINAL STREET	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2004	
CARDINAL STREET	ORIOLE AVENUE TO COUNTY ROAD 109 (NICHOLS AVENUE)	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2004	
CARDINAL STREET	COUNTY ROAD 109 TO FALCON AVENUE		OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2000	
EAGLE AVENUE	PARKVILLE ROAD TO SOUTH	1985	NEW	OVERLAY-2004	
<b>LAMBERT ADDITION</b>					
MARION DRIVE	UNITY DRIVE TO CUL-DU-SAC	1983	NEW	RCLM/OVERLAY-2004	
UNITY DRIVE	EAST ENTRANCE OF SOUTH ENTERPRISE DRIVE TO CO. RD. 7	1991	RECONSTRUCT	OVERLAY-2002	
UNITY DRIVE	MUD LAKE ROAD TO EAST ENTRANCE OF SOUTH ENTERPRISE DRIVE		OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2002	
NORTH ENTERPRISE DRIVE	COUNTY ROAD 109 TO MONSON TRUCKING	1984	NEW		G
SOUTH ENTERPRISE DRIVE	MUD LAKE ROAD TO UNITY DRIVE	1985	NEW		H
NE ENTERPRISE DRIVE	MONSON TRUCKING TO UNITED ELECTRIC	1997	NEW		
<b>STONY BROOK</b>					
CENTENNIAL DRIVE	COUNTY ROAD 7 TO 200 FEET WEST	1998	RECONSTRUCT		
CENTENNIAL DRIVE	200 FEET WEST OF CO. RD. 7 TO 450 FEET EAST OF HEATHER AVENUE	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2000	
CENTENNIAL DRIVE	450 FEET EAST OF HEATHER AVENUE TO HEATHER AVENUE	1993	NEW		I
DOTTIE LANE	FROM 90° BEND IN CENTENNIAL DR. TO CUL-DU-SAC	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2000	
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>					
UNITY DRIVE	COUNTY ROAD 7 EAST TO RAILROAD TRACKS	1993	RECONSTRUCT		
JASMINE STREET	COUNTY ROAD 7 TO ASTER AVENUE	1983	OVERLAY	OVERLAY-2002	
DAFFODIL AVENUE	UNITY DRIVE TO JASMINE STREET	1988	OVERLAY		J
CARNATION AVENUE	UNITY DRIVE TO JASMINE STREET	1976	NEW	OVERLAY-2000	
BLUEBELL AVENUE	UNITY DRIVE TO JASMINE STREET	1987	OVERLAY		K
ASTER AVENUE	UNITY DRIVE TO JASMINE STREET	1984	NEW	OVERLAY-2002	
MOUNTAIN IRON DRIVE	UNITY DRIVE TO STATE HIGHWAY 53	1995	RECONSTRUCT		
MOUNTAIN IRON DRIVE	MT. IRON FRONTAGE ROAD	1998	RECONSTRUCT		
<b>WEST GATE</b>					
DAISY AVENUE	MARIGOLD STREET TO GARDENIA STREET	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2002	
DAFFODIL AVENUE	MARIGOLD STREET TO GARDENIA STREET	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2002	
CARNATION AVENUE	MARIGOLD STREET TO GARDENIA STREET	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2002	
BLUEBELL AVENUE	MARIGOLD STREET TO GARDENIA STREET	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2002	
MARIGOLD STREET	COUNTY ROAD 7 TO BLUEBELL AVENUE	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2002	
GARDENIA STREET	COUNTY ROAD 7 TO BLUEBELL AVENUE	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2002	
<b>ANNES ACRES</b>					
SPRUCE DRIVE	COUNTY ROAD 7 TO NORTH COURT	1973	NEW	OVERLAY-2000	
SPRUCE DRIVE	NORTH COURT TO END OF ROAD SOUTH OF TAMARACK DRIVE	1977	NEW	OVERLAY-2000	
ASPEN LANE	TAMARACK DRIVE TO SPRUCE DRIVE	1977	NEW	OVERLAY-2000	
BALSAM DRIVE	ASPEN LANE TO SPRUCE DRIVE	1977	NEW	OVERLAY-2000	
NORTH COURT	SPRUCE DRIVE TO CUL-DU-SAC	1983	NEW		L
NORTH COURT	CUL-DU-SAC	1983	NEW	OVERLAY-2004	
SOUTH COURT	BALSAM DRIVE TO CUL-DU-SAC	1983	NEW		M
TAMARACK DRIVE	COUNTY ROAD 7 TO WEST SIDE OF SWAMP (END OF CURB&GUTTER)	1977	NEW		N
TAMARACK DRIVE	THROUGH SWAMP AREA (BETWEEN CURB&GUTTER SECTIONS)	1988	NEW		N
TAMARACK DRIVE	EAST SIDE OF SWAMP (START OF CURB&GUTTER) TO SPRUCE DRIVE	1997	RECONSTRUCT		
<b>MERRITT SCHOOL AREA</b>					
UNITY DRIVE	MUD LAKE ROAD TO WEST OF DIAMOND LANE	1984	NEW		O
UNITY DRIVE	EMERALD AVENUE TO WEST OF DIAMOND LANE	2001	NEW		
EMERALD AVENUE	UNITY DRIVE TO STATE HIGHWAY 169	2001	NEW		
SOUTH ENTERPRISE DRIVE	EMERALD AVENUE TO CITY HALL	1999	NEW		
<b>UNITY ADDITION</b>					
DIAMOND LANE	UNITY DRIVE TO SOUTH	1999	NEW		
CORAL LANE	UNITY DRIVE TO CAMBO LANE	1999	NEW		
CAMBO LANE	UNITY DRIVE TO SOUTH	1999	NEW		

**COUNCIL LETTER 041706-VA**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**CEMETERY FUNDING**

**DATE:** April 12, 2006

**FROM:** City Council

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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As requested by the City Council at its last regular meeting, this item is being placed on the agenda.

**COUNCIL LETTER 041706-VB**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**LAND EXCHANGE**

**DATE:** April 12, 2006  
**FROM:** City Council  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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As requested by the City Council at its last regular meeting, this item is being placed on the agenda with the following background information as request by Mayor Skalko:

16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Area Tax Information:

Market Value	\$637,600
Tax Capacity	\$10,534
Total Taxes	\$14,908
City Portion of Taxes	\$5,449

Briarwood Area Tax Information:

Market Value	\$903,700
Tax Capacity	\$9,791
Total Taxes	\$13,856
City Portion of Taxes	\$5,064

Also enclosed please find the feasibility study for the reconstruction on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.



**BENCHMARK  
ENGINEERING, INC.**

**FEASIBILITY REPORT  
16<sup>th</sup> AVENUE WEST  
(8<sup>th</sup> STREET SOUTH TO 13<sup>th</sup> STREET SOUTH)**

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON  
&  
CITY OF VIRGINIA**

**BENCHMARK PROJECT NO.: MI04-26**

**PREPARED BY:**

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UTILITY COST ESTIMATE

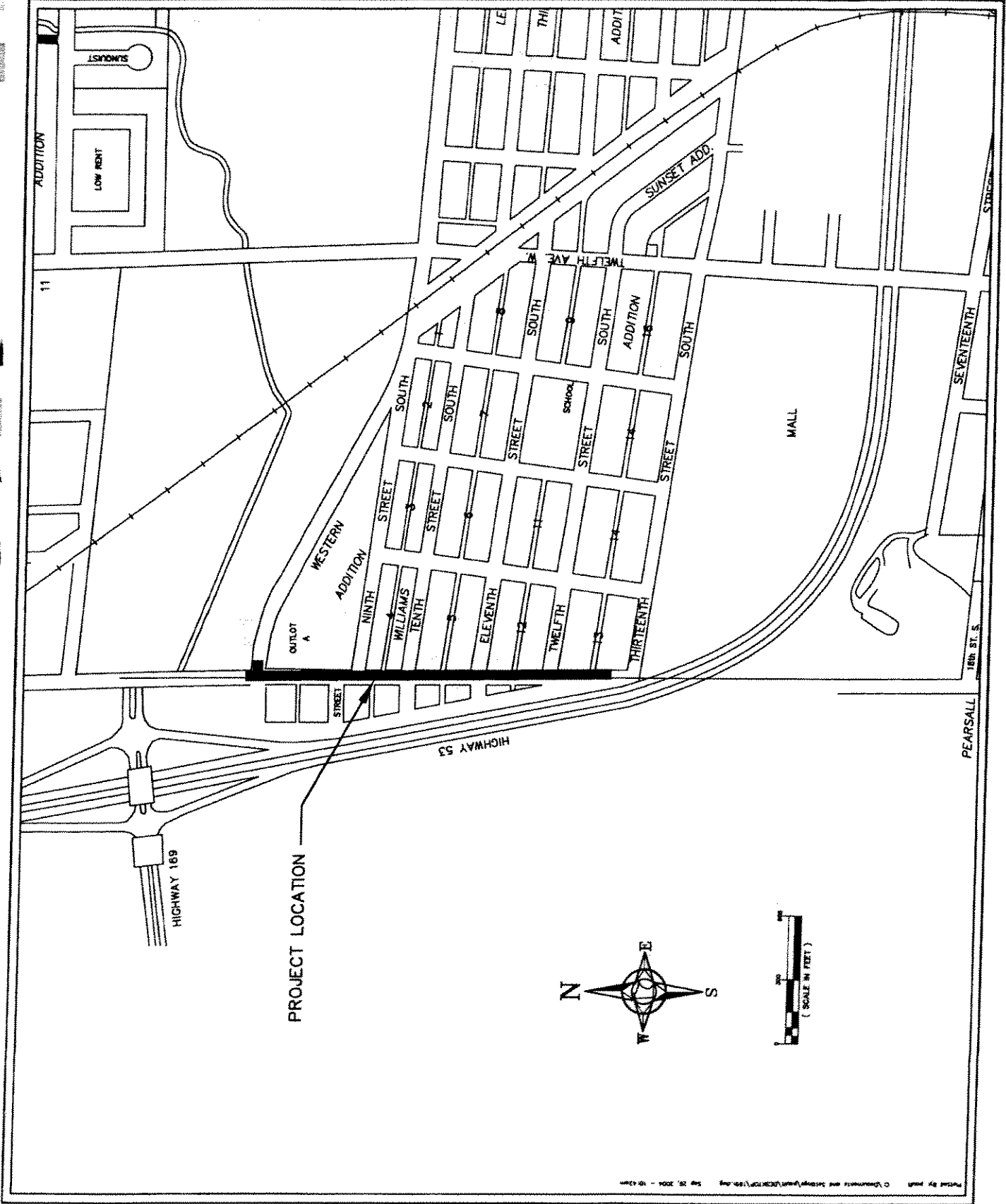
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LOCATION MAP  
16TH AVENUE WEST  
MOUNTAIN IRON/VIRGINIA

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# 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West (8<sup>th</sup> St. South to 13<sup>th</sup> St. South)

## Feasibility Report

MI04-26

### Background

The City of Mountain Iron requested a feasibility study and associated recommendations for 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. It is the understanding of Benchmark Engineering, Inc. that this project may be a joint effort between the City of Mountain Iron & the City of Virginia. The purpose of this report is to assess the feasibility of the reconstruction of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, located on the municipal boundary of Mountain Iron and Virginia, Minnesota.

### Existing Conditions

Currently, 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West contains numerous potholes and bumps resulting in a rough driving surface. This appears to be the result of frost heave of the existing storm sewer and roadway. Numerous storm sewer catch basins and manholes protrude above the existing pavement surface and their present conditions make them virtually ineffective.

Many catch basins hold water and are not adequately conveying storm drainage away from the site and into the City of Virginia municipal storm sewer system. In some locations, ponding of water occurs around the storm sewer catch basins and manholes. The curb and gutter on the west side of the avenue is filled with debris and soil. Vegetation, including some brush, was observed growing in or through the curb and gutter.

Utility maps indicate that an existing 6" watermain runs beneath the roadway from 8<sup>th</sup> Street South, on the north side of the proposed project area, to the alley between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets South. This watermain is tied to existing 6" watermain running down each alley along 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. Two sanitary sewer mains service the existing structures located on the west side of the avenue.

### Recommended Street and Storm Sewer Repairs

Benchmark Engineering, Inc. recommends that a total reconstruction of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West be completed to alleviate the current drainage and roadway concerns. The project area would include the reconstruction of 4.5 blocks, from the 8<sup>th</sup> Street South intersection to the alley between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Street South. Due to the significant storm sewer heaving, curb & gutter disrepair, and overall street section inconsistency, pavement rehabilitation is not recommended. It is our opinion that this would not adequately address or alleviate the current concerns with this roadway section.

It is our recommendation that a geotechnical engineering consultant provide soil borings and pavement recommendations prior to reconstruction of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. It is our understanding that this roadway section currently has an unknown depth of tailings placed beneath. This section should also be evaluated by the geotechnical engineering consultant for recommendations of options prior to reconstruction.

The attached construction cost estimate assumes that a 32-foot wide street with curb and gutter would be reconstructed. A 2-foot roadway subcut would be utilized to remove the existing section that is susceptible to the frost heaving. The proposed street cross section would be reconstructed with a layer of geotextile fabric for separation of materials, 4" HDPE drain tile adjacent to the curb lines, 11" of select granular material, 8" of Class V, and 5" of bituminous surfacing.

It is assumed that existing storm sewer main within 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West is reinforced concrete pipe (RCP). Benchmark Engineering attempted to verify this by removing covers and examining in storm sewer catch basins and manholes, however, most manholes had storm water ponding to a depth that made it unable to verify pipe types. This is most likely due to the excessive storm sewer main heaving as evidenced by the pavement surface.

For the aforementioned reasons, it is recommended that a complete storm sewer reconstruction be performed along with the roadway reconstruction. This would involve all catch basins and storm sewer main along the east side of the road from 9<sup>th</sup> Street South to the south end of the project area. In addition, the catch basins and connecting pipes in the 8<sup>th</sup> Street South intersection should also be reconstructed. The storm sewer replacement would include approximately 9 manholes, 20 catch basins, and 1,660 feet of storm sewer pipe (RCP). Please refer to the enclosed cost estimate.

### **Recommended Utility Repairs**

It is Benchmark Engineering, Inc.'s opinion that the Virginia Public Utilities be made aware of this proposed project, in order for them to substantially evaluate their public utilities located within the roadway section. Based upon City of Virginia utility maps, it appears that there is a 6" watermain along the entire length of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. The age of this watermain or the type of material is unknown. If so desired by the Virginia Public Utilities, the watermain replacement would amount to approximately 1,690 feet of 6" ductile iron pipe.

In addition, the City of Virginia should also consider replacement of the two sanitary sewer main crossings located within the scope of this project. Upon initial evaluation, it appears that some of the sanitary main is PVC, while another portion of it may be a clay tile main. At a minimum it would be our recommendation that the clay tile mains be reconstructed and the PVC mains be evaluated further (i.e. video tape if available). The sanitary sewer crossings vary in length with one being a 4" service line and the other an 8" main line.

## Summary

It is the opinion of Benchmark Engineering, Inc. that a total reconstruction of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West is the preferred corrective action. Included with this reconstruction would be the complete replacement and enhancement of the entire municipal storm sewer system within the limits of the project. The proposed reconstruction consists of a 32' foot wide street section with curb and gutter. The cost of this complete reconstruction would be approximately \$350,000.

If so desired by the City of Virginia and the Virginia Public Utilities, the water and sanitary sewer main could also be added to the scope of the work for the project. At this time further analysis, evaluation and discussion with the VPU would be required prior to making a recommendation regarding these utilities. An additional cost of approximately \$80,000 would be needed for the replacement of these public mains.



**ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES AND OPINION OF COST**  
**16th AVENUE FEASIBILITY STUDY - STREET AND STORM SEWER RECONSTRUCTION**  
**MOUNTAIN IRON & VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA**  
**PROJECT NO: MI04-26**

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	ITEM COST	PROJECT QUANTITIES	TOTAL AMOUNT
2101.511	CLEARING & GRUBBING	ACRE	\$2,000.00	0.3	\$600.00
2104.501	REMOVE CONC. CURB & GUTTER	LIN. FT.	\$2.00	3,500.0	\$7,000.00
2104.501	REMOVE PIPE SEWERS	LIN. FT.	\$6.00	1,660.0	\$9,960.00
2104.503	REMOVE CONCRETE SIDEWALK	SQ. FT.	\$1.25	180.0	\$225.00
2104.505	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	\$2.00	6,500.0	\$13,000.00
2104.505	REMOVE MANHOLE OR CATCH BASIN	EACH	\$150.00	29.0	\$4,350.00
2104.513	SAW PAVEMENT - FULL DEPTH	LIN. FT.	\$3.50	650.0	\$2,275.00
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION (CV)	CU. YD.	\$6.00	3,800.0	\$22,800.00
2105.522	SELECT GRANULAR BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	\$7.00	2,300.0	\$16,100.00
2105.525	TOPSOIL BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	\$15.00	90.0	\$1,350.00
2105.604	GEOTEXTILE FABRIC	SQ. YD.	\$1.60	7,400.0	\$11,840.00
2211.503	AGG. BASE CL. 5 (CV)	CU. YD.	\$12.00	1,650.0	\$19,800.00
2350.501	TYPE LV 4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (A)	TON	\$36.00	900.0	\$32,400.00
2350.502	TYPE LV 3 NON WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (A)	TON	\$34.00	1,350.0	\$45,900.00
2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	\$1.50	310.0	\$465.00
2502.541	4" PERFORATED P.E. PIPE DRAIN	LIN. FT.	\$5.00	3,500.0	\$17,500.00
2503.541	15" RC PIPE SEWER CLASS III	LIN. FT.	\$32.00	470.0	\$15,040.00
2503.541	18" RC PIPE SEWER CLASS III	LIN. FT.	\$34.00	220.0	\$7,480.00
2503.541	24" RC PIPE SEWER CLASS III	LIN. FT.	\$42.00	665.0	\$27,930.00
2503.541	30" RC PIPE SEWER CLASS III	LIN. FT.	\$54.00	300.0	\$16,200.00
2503.602	CONNECT TO EXISTING STORM SEWER	EACH	\$250.00	6.0	\$1,500.00
2506.501	CONST DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DES 48-4020	LIN. FT.	\$250.00	26.0	\$6,500.00
2506.501	CONST DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DES 60-4020	LIN. FT.	\$350.00	13.5	\$4,725.00
2506.501	CONST. DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DES. G	LIN. FT.	\$210.00	85.0	\$17,850.00
2506.602	CONNECT TO EXISTING STORM MANHOLE	EACH	\$1,000.00	1.0	\$1,000.00
2506.516	CASTING ASSEMBLY	EACH	\$350.00	29.0	\$10,150.00
2506.522	ADJUST FRAME AND RING CASTINGS	EACH	\$250.00	3.0	\$750.00
2521.501	4" CONCRETE WALK	SQ. FT.	\$2.00	180.0	\$360.00
2531.507	7" CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	\$35.00	35.0	\$1,225.00
2575.505	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER-DES. B618	LIN. FT.	\$9.00	3,500.0	\$31,500.00
2575.505	SODDING LAWN TYPE	SQ. YD.	\$4.00	1,035.0	\$4,140.00
2563.601	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	\$2,500.00	1.0	\$2,500.00

**SUBTOTAL: \$317,005.00**  
**CONTINGENCIES: \$31,700.50**  
**DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING: \$60,230.95**

**ESTIMATED ROADWAY & STORM SEWER CONSTRUCTION COST: \$408,936.45**

**NOTES:**

1. Estimate includes 33' wide bituminous street with curb & gutter, 2' subcut.
2. Street sub-cut includes: 11" select material w/fabric, 8" CL. 5 and 5" bituminous paving.

*[Signature]*  
 BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

September 28, 2004



**ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES AND OPINION OF COST**  
**16th AVENUE FEASIBILITY STUDY - UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION**  
**MOUNTAIN IRON & VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA**  
**PROJECT NO: MI04-26**

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	ITEM COST	PROJECT QUANTITIES	TOTAL AMOUNT
2503.511	4" PVC PIPE SEWER - SDR 35	LIN. FT.	\$25.00	50.0	\$1,250.00
2503.511	8" PVC PIPE SEWER - SDR 35	LIN. FT.	\$30.00	65.0	\$1,950.00
2503.602	CONNECT TO EXISTING SANITARY SEWER	EACH	\$250.00	4.0	\$1,000.00
2503.602	8" X 6" SEWER WYE	EACH	\$200.00	2.0	\$400.00
2504.602	8" WATERMAIN DUCTIL IRON CL. 52	LIN. FT.	\$26.00	2,000.0	\$52,000.00
2504.602	0.75" TYPE "K" COPPER PIPE	LIN. FT.	\$20.00	320.0	\$6,400.00
2504.602	1.5" CURB STOP & BOX	EACH	\$150.00	8.0	\$1,200.00
2504.602	0.75" CORP. STOP	EACH	\$110.00	8.0	\$880.00
2504.602	F. & I. HYDRANT AND VALVE	EACH	\$2,750.00	2.0	\$5,500.00
2504.602	F. & I. 8" GATE VALVE & BOX	EACH	\$850.00	5.0	\$4,250.00
2504.608	WATERMAIN FITTINGS	POUND	\$2.00	500.0	\$1,000.00

**SUBTOTAL: \$75,830.00**  
**CONTINGENCIES: \$7,583.00**  
**DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING: \$14,407.70**

**ESTIMATED WATER & SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION COST: \$97,820.70**

**NOTES:**

1. Actual number of water & sewer services is unknown.
2. Assumes reconstruction of existing water and sanitary sewer main within the project area.

  
 BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-VC**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**16<sup>th</sup> AVENUE**

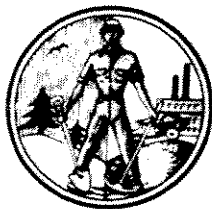
**DATE:** April 26, 2006  
**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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

The City Council should research all positives of that area.





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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-06

### VACATING STREETS IN PARKVILLE 2<sup>nd</sup> AND 3<sup>rd</sup> ADDITIONS

**WHEREAS**, the majority of the owners abutting all of North Street in the Parkville Second Addition; all of North Street in Parkville Third Addition; all of Third Avenue in Parkville Third Addition; and Center Street from the center line of Second Avenue to the center line of Third Avenue in Parkville Third Addition, City of Mountain Iron, have requested the City Council in a petition dated March 20, 2006, to vacate such streets according to law; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on May 1, 2006, before the City Council in the Community Center on such petition after due published and posted notice has been given by the City Administrator on April 4, 2006, a reasonable attempt was made to give personal notice to affected property owners, and all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard; and,

**WHEREAS**, any person, corporation or City owning or controlling easements contained upon the property vacated, reserves the right to continue maintaining the same or to enter upon such way or portion thereof vacated to maintain, repair, replace, remove or otherwise attend thereto; and,

**WHEREAS**, it appears that it will be in the best interest of the City to approve such petition.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**, that such petition is hereby granted and the streets described as follows are hereby vacated:

All of North Street in the Parkville Second Addition; all of North Street in Parkville Third Addition; all of Third Avenue in Parkville Third Addition; and Center Street from the center line of Second Avenue to the center line of Third Avenue in Parkville Third Addition all in the City of Mountain Iron, St Louis County, Minnesota.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2006.**

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

ATTEST:

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

**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-VIB**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-06**

**DATE:** April 26, 2005  
**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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As part of the Local Improvement Policy, this resolution has been developed as the first step in the 2006 Street overlay program. The City Council needs to determine a priority list of street improvements and insert that list as Exhibit A in this Resolution. Once adopted, the City Engineer shall prepare a feasibility report on those improvements. Upon completion of the report, the City Council would adopt the report and order a public hearing.

Included in the Resolution are a couple of road construction project that may or may not take place, however for timing reasons, staff feels it is vital to get the process started for these projects. They include the Park Ridge Drive through the Parkville Industrial Park that may be a part of the development of Park Ridge and the Unity Drive extension which may be a part of Unity Second Addition.

Upon establishment of a priority list, it is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 13-06 Ordering a Report.



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-06

### ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT

**WHEREAS**, it is proposed to improve those Street identified in Exhibit A by construction, reconstruction and/or overlay and to assess the benefited property for all or a portion of the cost of the improvement, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429.

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

That the proposed improvement be referred to Benchmark Engineering for study and that they are instructed to report to the City Council with all convenient speed advising the City Council in a preliminary way as to whether the proposed improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible and as to whether it should best be made as proposed or in connection with some other improvement, and the estimated cost of the improvement as recommended.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 1st DAY OF MAY, 2006.**

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

ATTEST:

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

**EXHIBIT A**

Heather Avenue from Centennial Drive to South End of Road  
Heather Avenue from Centennial Drive to Unity Drive  
Slate Street from Mineral Avenue to approximately 500 feet west of Mineral Avenue  
City Garage Parking Lot  
Coral Street from Marble Avenue to Mountain Avenue  
Enterprise Drive North from Nichols Avenue to County Highway 7  
Granite Street from Mineral Avenue to Marble Avenue  
Unity Drive from Mud Lake Road to Diamond Lane  
West End Centennial Street to approximately 400 feet east of Heather Avenue  
Tamarack Street from County Road 7 to approximately 600 feet east of County Road 7  
Locomotive Street from Mountain Avenue to west edge of Town of Grant plat  
Unity Drive from Emerald Avenue to approximately 1320 feet west of Emerald Avenue  
Park Ridge Drive from Nichols Avenue to the east edge of Park Ridge Plat

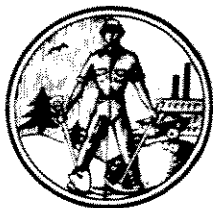
**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-VIC**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-06**

**DATE:** April 26, 2005  
**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Resolution Number 14-06 authorizes the submission of a grant application to the IRR for certain improvements to Unity Drive. The application is submitted using the Diamond Willow project for leverage. This grant funding will assist with the development of Diamond Willow and Unity Second Addition.

It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution Number 14-06 Authorizing Grant Application.



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-06

### APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FOR UNITY DRIVE

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Applicant has a need for a grant for the Unity Drive construction (hereafter called "the Project"); and

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

WHEREAS, the Applicant has determined that it will need a grant from the Agency for \$250,000 in order to complete the Project; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Applicant hereby authorizes and approves making application to the Agency for a grant for \$250,000 to provide funds to do the Project.

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

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

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 1st DAY OF MAY, 2006.**

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

ATTEST:

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

**IRON RANGE RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM  
PROJECT APPLICATION**

Date Submitted: May 1, 2006

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project involves the installation of storm sewer sidewalks and bituminous surfacing along Unity Drive to assist the Diamond Willow project. Diamond Willow is a new for-profit, 20 unit, 14,000 square foot assisted living facility. The Diamond Willow project is to be constructed by Five Star Living.

Applicant's Legal Name: City of Mountain Iron  
Address: 8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mountain Iron MN 55768  
Contact Person: Craig J. Wainio  
Title: City Administrator  
Phone Number: (218) 748-7570  
Fax: (218) 742-9931

Geographic Area Served by Applicant: City of Mountain Iron  
Population Served by Applicant: 3000  
Applicant's Legal Representative: Sam Aluni, Trenti Law Office  
Applicant's Governing Body: Gary Skalko, Mayor  
Joe Prebeg, Councilor  
Edmund Roskoski, Councilor  
Allen Nelson, Councilor  
Dale Irish, Councilor

**SIGNATURES**

I declare that any statement in this application, or information provided herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the following statement:

*"The State of Minnesota and its agents have the right to verify information provided in this application. False information, in addition to disqualifying the applicant from further consideration for financial assistance, may also subject the applicant to the penalty provision of MS. §609645."*

Applicant: City of Mountain Iron

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Mayor Date: May 1, 2006

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: City Administrator Date: May 1, 2006

**JOBS CREATED:** There will be 30 FTE jobs created as a direct result of the Diamond Willow project. There will be 15 nurses aid jobs created at \$10.00 per hour plus benefits. There will be 5 manager jobs created at \$16.00 per hour plus benefits and there will be 10 nursing jobs created at \$22.00 per hour plus benefits.

**LEVERAGE:**

USES	SOURCES			
	City	IRR	Five Star Living	Total
<b>Project Costs</b>				
Diamond Willow			\$1,430,000	\$1,430,000
Construction Costs	\$90,000	\$250,000		\$340,000
Engineering	\$63,000			\$63,000
<b>Total Estimated Project Costs</b>	<b>\$153,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$1,430,000</b>	<b>\$1,833,000</b>

City = \$153,000 8%  
TOTAL = \$1,833,000 100%

IRR = \$250,000 14%  
TOTAL = \$1,833,000 100%

Five Star Living = \$1,430,000 78%  
TOTAL = \$1,833,000 100%

**ESTIMATED TIME TABLE:**

Project Planning: June 2006  
Bidding Phase: July 2006  
Construction: August 2006 – May 2007  
Closeout: June 2007

**IMPACT:**

Economic diversification is achieved through the addition of another entity which is creating new non-mining jobs for the area. The construction of the new facility will broaden the City of Mountain Iron's tax base. The project will have the impact of creating 30 new permanent jobs for the area. Due to the size of the project presented here, the City of Mountain Iron does not have the financial capability to undertake this project without the assistance of the IRR.

**JOB AND POPULATION LOSS:**

In 1980 the population of the City of Mountain Iron was 4,131 in 2004 it is estimated to be 2,922. In 1980 the estimated employment at United State Steel – Minntac was 4,500 currently it is 1,180.



April 25, 2006



**ENGINEER'S PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES AND OPINION OF COST  
UNITY DRIVE**

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	ITEM COST	PROJECT QUANTITIES	TOTAL AMOUNT
2101.511	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	LUMP SUM	\$6,000.00	1.0	\$6,000.00
2104.513	SAW PAVEMENT - FULL DEPTH	LIN. FT.	\$4.00	40.0	\$160.00
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	\$5.00	3,800.0	\$19,000.00
2105.503	ROCK EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	\$80.00	20.0	\$1,600.00
2105.522	SELECT GRANULAR BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	\$14.00	1,745.0	\$24,430.00
2105.525	TOPSOIL BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	\$18.00	230.0	\$4,140.00
2105.604	GEOTEXTILE FABRIC, TYPE V	SQ. YD.	\$2.00	5,445.0	\$10,890.00
2211.503	AGG. BASE PLACED CL. 5 (CV)	CU. YD.	\$18.00	1,265.0	\$22,770.00
2350.501	TYPE LV4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	\$60.00	720.0	\$43,200.00
2350.502	TYPE LV3 NON-WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	\$58.00	1,035.0	\$60,030.00
2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	\$3.50	315.0	\$1,102.50
2501.515	30" RC PIPE APRON	EACH	\$1,200.00	3.0	\$3,600.00
2503.541	12" RC PIPE SEWER CL. III	LIN. FT.	\$35.00	195.0	\$6,825.00
2503.541	18" RC PIPE SEWER CL. III	LIN. FT.	\$45.00	75.0	\$3,375.00
2503.541	30" RC PIPE SEWER CL. III	LIN. FT.	\$70.00	225.0	\$15,750.00
2504.602	ADJUST VALVE BOX - WATER	EACH	\$200.00	3.0	\$600.00
2506.502	CONST. DRAINAGE STRUCTURE (C.B. OR M.H.)	EACH	\$2,000.00	16.0	\$32,000.00
2506.516	CASTING ASSEMBLY	EACH	\$400.00	16.0	\$6,400.00
2506.522	ADJUST FRAME AND RING CASTINGS	EACH	\$300.00	3.0	\$900.00
2521.501	4" CONCRETE WALK	SQ. FT.	\$3.50	12,250.0	\$42,875.00
2531.501	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER - DES. B618	LIN. FT.	\$14.00	2,500.0	\$35,000.00
2575.555	TURF ESTABLISHMENT	ACRE	\$4,000.00	0.3	\$1,200.00

CONSTRUCTION COST: \$341,847.50  
 CONTINGENCIES: \$51,277.13  
 ENGINEERING - DESIGN PHASE: \$30,766.28  
 ENGINEERING - CONSTRUCTION PHASE (estimated): \$33,000.00

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: **\$456,890.90**

**NOTES:**

1. Estimate includes 1225' long by 40' wide street with 24' wide intersection pull outs. Includes 5' wide sidewalk and curb & gutter on both sides.
2. Street subcut includes: Geotextile Fabric, 1" Select Granular, 8" Class V, & 5" Bituminous Surface.
3. No street lighting is included within this estimate.

BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-VID**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**LOCOMOTIVE PARK SIGN**

**DATE:** April 26, 2006  
**FROM:** City Council  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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As requested by the City Council at its last regular meeting, this item is being placed on the agenda.

NORTHLAND  SECURITIES

April 21, 2006

Mr. Craig Wainio, Administrator  
City of Mountain Iron  
8586 Enterprise Drive South  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768-8260

**Re: Unity Second Addition**

Dear Craig:

As per our discussion, the City may be considering the development of the Unity Second Addition. The City owns the land to be developed.


The City has the authority to finance the project through the issuance of General Obligation Improvement Bonds (MN Statutes Ch. 429). This is the same authority that cities commonly use to finance street projects. Bonds issued through Ch. 429 must assess at least 20% of the project to benefiting property owners.

Projects issued under Ch. 429 are generally initiated by Council action, or by a petition of at least 35% of the property owners in the project area. When a petition is signed by 100% of the property owners, the public hearing on the improvement may be waived. The City (as the sole property owner) would initiate this project by petitioning itself for the improvements. Even though the public hearing could be waived, it is recommended that the City still hold the hearing.

The City, as the sole property owner, would assess itself for the project costs. The City would plan on levying for 100% of the debt service on the bonds. As lot sales occur, the City may reduce or cancel the tax levy for a given year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 612-851-5906 or 800-851-2920.

Very Truly Yours,  
NORTHLAND SECURITIES



George D. Eilertson  
Sr. Vice President

cc: Mary Frances Skala – Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick

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**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-VIF**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**DIAL-A-RIDE**

**DATE:** April 26, 2006  
**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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

The City Council should get the latest information as to what it would take to have Dial-A-Ride available to part or all of our City.

**COUNCIL LETTER 050106-VIG**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**PARKVILLE MEETING**

**DATE:** April 26, 2006  
**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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

Now that Minntac has made its long range plans for the Parkville area for the years to 2035 and 2055 available to the public, the Council should put together a neighborhood meeting for the Parkville residents. In attendance should/would/could be representatives from the Minerals Division of the MN DNR, Minntac, and our City government.

**COUNCIL LETTER050106-IX**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**CLOSED MEETING**

**DATE:** April 26, 2006  
**FROM:** City Council  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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

COMMUNICATIONS  
MAY 1, 2006

1. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, forwarding the April 20, 2006 brief.
2. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding the April 21, 2006, Friday Fax.
3. Minnesota Department of Transportation, advising the City that the Mountain Iron-Buhl High School to Merritt Elementary School Trail Project was not recommended for Transportation Enhancement funding for fiscal year 2009.
4. Minnesota Department of Transportation, advising the City that the Merritt Elementary School to the Mesabi Family YMCA and Beyond Trail Project was not recommended for Transportation Enhancement funding for fiscal year 2010.



Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

# CGMC in Brief

April 20, 2006



Contact: Sarah Kleppe  
651.225.8840

## Senate Passes Tax Bill with \$136 million For LGA

The Senate passed the tax bill authored by **Sen. Larry Pogemiller, DFL-Minneapolis**, that provides \$136 million in Local Government Aid to cities and \$60 million in public school funding. The bill was defeated earlier because it would have increased statewide business property taxes by \$140 million; that tax increase was removed before it was adopted by the Senate.

## House, Senate Pick Bonding Conferees

The bonding conference committee is expected to start next week. The following legislators have been announced as conferees:

- Sen. Keith Langseth, DFL-Glyndon;
- Sen. Sandra Pappas, DFL-St. Paul;
- Sen. Jim Metzen, DFL-South St. Paul;
- Sen. Wes Skoglund, DFL-Minneapolis;
- Sen. Paul Koering, R-Fort Ripley;
- Rep. Dan Dorman, R-Albert Lea;
- Rep. Bud Nornes, R-Fergus Falls;
- Rep. Denny McNamara, R-Hastings;
- Rep. Alice Hausman, DFL-St. Paul; and
- Rep. Laura Brod, R-New Prague.

## Rep. Lanning to Offer Measure to Change Transportation Update Amendment

Flaherty & Hood, P.A. staff worked with **Rep. Morrie Lanning, R-Moorhead**, to prepare an amendment to the Omnibus House Transportation Finance Bill, H.F. 3761, that constitutionally commits 60 percent of the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax revenue to highways through the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund. If the constitutional amendment or ballot question is challenged in court, the Supreme Court would have original jurisdiction over the case and would be asked to submit an opinion before the ballots for the November general election at printed.

Flaherty and Hood, P.A. staff will closely monitor the tax committee to see when H.F. 3761 will be heard again.





## **Sen. Fredrickson Tries to Remove CGMC's TMDL Provision from Environment Bill**

**Sen. Dennis Fredrickson, R-New Ulm**, submitted an amendment to remove the CGMC's pre-TMDL trading provision from the Senate Environment Finance bill on Tuesday in the Senate Finance Committee. **Kari Thurlow** testified against the amendment, and **Sens. Dallas Sams, DFL-Staples, and Tom Bakk, DFL-Cook**, also opposed the amendment. On a narrow 11-10 vote, the CGMC's provision was left in the bill. We expect another attempt on the Senate floor to remove the provision.

**Detroit Lakes Mayor Larry Buboltz and Sarah Kleppe, Flaherty & Hood, P.A.**, appeared on *Almanac: At the Capitol's* Minuteman bonding request segment April 12. The 60-second clip is available online at: [www.tpt.org/almanac/capitol/](http://www.tpt.org/almanac/capitol/).

## **Annexation Compromise Reached in House**

The House continued debate on the State Government Finance bill on Tuesday, which includes the annexation compromise. **Rep. Ray Vandev eer, R-Forest Lake**, attempted to amend the annexation article with a provision that would have intervened in a pending contested annexation between Forest Lake and Columbus Township.

The CGMC, along with the Minnesota Association of Small Cities, the League of Minnesota Cities and Association of Metropolitan Municipalities all opposed the amendment, which failed, 71-54. Thanks to **Reps. Joe Atkins, DFL-Inver Grove Heights, and Deb Hilstrom, DFL-Brooklyn Center**, who spoke against the proposed amendment on the House floor.

## **August 2-4 – CGMC Summer Conference in Red Wing**

Mark your calendars! The CGMC's annual summer conference will be held **Aug. 2-4 in Red Wing**. Because it is an election year, the coalition will host candidate forums at the historic Sheldon Theatre.

To reserve a room at the St. James Hotel, please phone 1.800.252.1875 and ask for the CGMC rate.

## **Breckenridge Joins the CGMC**

A very warm welcome to the coalition's newest member, the **City of Breckenridge!**





# -FridayFax-

A weekly legislative update from the League of Minnesota Cities

April 21, 2006

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## Tension rises as Senate introduces supplemental budget bill

As promised, a bill that rolls together all the omnibus supplemental budget bills was introduced in the Senate this week. SF 3781 (Cohen, D-St. Paul) represents the bulk of the work of all the funding divisions of the Finance Committee.

The bill creates procedural dilemmas for the legislature because it does not yet have a companion in the House. The House had intended to process individual state agency supplemental budget bills. Senate leaders have expressed an unwillingness to carve SF 3781 into smaller bills that would line up with existing House legislation.

During this morning's House floor session, an effort by Rep. Jim Knoblach (R-St. Cloud), chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, to begin the process of assembling one omnibus supplemental budget bill sparked a heated debate. The motion drew harsh criticism from Democrats, who accused the Republican majority of failing to collaborate with them on important components of the bill. In a rare move, House Speaker Steve Sviggum (R-Kenyon) left the speaker's desk to participate in the floor debate. Despite being the minority party in the House of Representatives, Democrats apparently had more members present for the floor session than the Republican majority. Knoblach withdrew his motion when it became clear the minority intended to block it.

Today's debate signaled a change in the tone of the 2006 session. The civility that marked the first several weeks appears to have eroded significantly over the past 24 hours. There is some speculation that since leaders want to avoid a messy conclusion to this year's session, they will push essential bills--such as the bonding and

supplemental budget bills, and eminent domain legislation--through the process in the coming days and will then adjourn perhaps as early as May 5. If this scenario materializes, it is likely a number of bills will be abandoned.

The coming week will be hectic, if not interesting, as the legislature tries to avoid another impasse.

Questions? Contact Anne Finn at 651.281.1263 or [afinn@lmnc.org](mailto:afinn@lmnc.org).

## Senate tax bill defeated and then revived

As the session moves into the final weeks, the pace of activity on the major bills has begun to accelerate. This week, the Senate tax bill—currently the only omnibus tax bill before the legislature—was voted on twice. On Wednesday during the Senate floor session, the full Senate defeated the omnibus tax bill (SF 3131) on a 32-35 vote. All of the Republicans, along with six Democrats, voted against the bill based in part on concerns related to a provision that would have increased the statewide business property tax.

According to many long-time observers, the Wednesday defeat of the Senate omnibus tax bill may have been the first defeat of an omnibus tax bill in the last 25 to 30 years. But as with all things legislative, nothing is ever permanent.

During the Thursday afternoon floor session, the Senate voted to reconsider the defeated bill and after the controversial state business property tax provision was removed, the bill was approved on a 37 to 30 vote. The amendment to remove the state business property tax increase was offered by Sen. Dallas Sarns (DFL-Staples), and ultimately supported by the chief author of the bill Sen. Larry Pogemiller (DFL-Minneapolis).



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The bill continues to include a \$16.7 million restoration of the funding of the 2006 market value homestead credit cuts and an additional \$78 million in one-time funding for Local Government Aid (LGA) for the 2006 distribution. The LGA funding is permanently increased by approximately \$58 million beginning with the 2007 distribution.

Passage of this bill keeps property tax relief as one of the key issues and possible bargaining chips going into the final weeks of session. Lawmakers are also trying to balance the competing interests of some supplemental spending, a possible stadium (or 2 or 3), and the probable politics of the bonding bill.

SF 3131 (Pogemiller, DFL-Minneapolis) contains a number of provisions dealing with local government issues. In addition to the LGA and Market Value Homestead Credit (MVHC) funding increases mentioned above, the bill includes:

- \$60 million in county aid for targeted case management.
- Sales tax exemption for voting equipment purchases required under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).
- Local option sales taxes authorizations, or changes of existing authority, for the following cities: Duluth, Hermantown, Proctor, Winona, Worthington, Austin, Baxter, Brainerd, Breezy Point, Cloquet, Ely, Luverne, Medford, North Mankato, Owatonna, and Park Rapids.
- Special TIF laws and changes for Brooklyn Park, Bloomington, Burnsville, Detroit Lakes, Elgin, Eyota, Bryon, Oronoco, Minneapolis, New Brighton, Ramsey, and St. Michael.
- A troublesome TIF provision that states no administrative expenses, or consulting costs incurred before a TIF district is certified

could be paid from the tax increment from the district.

The House has still not unveiled any solid plan for their version of an omnibus tax bill. At this point, it is unclear whether there will be any final tax bill presented to the governor before the end of the session.

Questions? Contact Jennifer O'Rourke at 651.281.1261 or at [jorourke@lmnc.org](mailto:jorourke@lmnc.org)

## Bonding conferees named

Signaling a true sign of spring in a bonding year, bonding conferees were named on Thursday during the floor session. The Senate's conferees are: Sen. Keith Langseth (DFL-Glyndon), Sen. James Metzen (DFL-South Saint Paul), Sen. Sandy Pappas (DFL-Saint Paul), Sen. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Minneapolis), Sen. Paul Koering (R-Fort Ripley). The House has appointed: Rep. Dan Dorman (R-Albert Lea), Rep. Laura Brod (R-New Prague), Rep. Denny McNamara (R-Hastings), Rep. Bud Nornes (R-Fergus Falls), Rep. Alice Hausman (DFL-Saint Paul). They are expected to begin their work next week, on HF 2959\*/SF 2718.

For a link to a bonding comparison spreadsheet listing all the positions of the House and Senate, go to the House fiscal site [www.house.leg.state.mn.us/fiscal/files/bond06.pdf](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/fiscal/files/bond06.pdf). The comparison will also show the governor's recommendations for each project. Anyone needing a fax of this document should contact Lynn Peterson at 651.281.1254.

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## Little action on MVST amendment

On Wednesday the House Tax Committee took up HF 3761, the Omnibus Transportation Funding bill. This bill contains language that would change the transportation funding question that will be on the November 2006 ballot. The bill would also statutorily dedicate the motor vehicle sales tax (MVST) on a 60/40 highway/transit funding split.

During the hearing, two amendments were offered. The first would have constitutionally dedicated the MVST on an 80/20 highway/transit split. This amendment was defeated on an 8-17 roll call vote. The second amendment would have also set the distribution in the Constitution at 80/20 and, in addition, would have reinstated the metropolitan area property tax levy for transit operations. This amendment was also defeated on an 8-17 roll call vote. The committee then recessed before finishing its work on the bill. A hearing has not yet been scheduled to complete work on the bill and pass it to the next committee.

In the Senate, the Finance Committee had planned to take up the Omnibus Transportation Funding bill, SF 3764 (Murphy, D-Red Wing) on Thursday, but the meeting was cancelled. The rescheduled hearing on SF 3764 will be Tuesday of next week.

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## Town hall meetings

Town hall meetings 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 22 in **St. Louis Park** (Harvest Moon Coffee House, 5101 Minnetonka Boulevard, 10:30am) with Rep. Steve Simon

May 6 in **Park Rapids** (Energy Forum at Park Rapids High School Auditorium, 301 Huntsinger Ave, 10am) with Rep. Brita Sailer  
Check your local newspaper or radio station for additional dates. To receive e-mail notice of upcoming town hall meetings near you, subscribe online at

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/maillist/maillinglist.asp> and  
<http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/schedule/listserv.htm>

## Selected meeting notices

### TUESDAY

#### Senate Finance Committee

Chair: Sen. Richard Cohen

11 a.m., Room 123 Capitol

Agenda: SF 3132-Skoglund: Data disclosure regulation.

SF 3764-Murphy: Transportation omnibus bill.

#### Committee: House Taxes

Chair: Rep. Phil Krinkie

10:15 a.m., Room: 200 State Office Building

Agenda: HF 4142 (Krinkie) Property tax rebate provided.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Committee: House Civil Law and Elections

Chair: Rep. Jeff Johnson

12:30 p.m., Room: Basement State Office Building

Agenda: Hilty amendment to HF 3110 (Westrom) Voting system criteria and voting machines operations working group established.

HF 3909 (Simon) City election runoff voting method authorized.



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April 18, 2006

Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator  
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Re: Mountain Iron-Buhl High School to Merritt Elementary School Trail

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Thank you for applying for Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding for fiscal year 2009. The Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) Enhancements Task Force reviewed 17 project applications representing approximately \$6.16 million of construction and improvements. The ATP Enhancements Task Force recommended that six projects be funded for fiscal year 2009 (totaling \$1,682,788 in federal funds). Unfortunately, the Mountain Iron-Buhl High School to Merritt Elementary School Trail Project was not recommended for funding.

We encourage you to seek other funding sources to implement your project. Enclosed is a guide of other funding sources including local, private, state and federal sources. The Arrowhead Regional Development Commission facilitated the ATP Enhancement Task Force which reviewed and prioritized the projects for funding. If you have any questions regarding this process, please call Bryan Anderson, ARDC Planner, at 218-529-7529 or 800-232-0707.

Again, thank you for applying for Transportation Enhancement funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael L. Robinson".

Michael L. Robinson, P.E.  
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Re: Merritt Elementary School to the Mesabi Family YMCA and Beyond Trail

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Thank you for applying for Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding for fiscal year 2010. The Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) Enhancements Task Force reviewed 18 project applications representing approximately \$7.2 million of construction and improvements. The ATP Enhancements Task Force recommended that six projects be funded for fiscal year 2010 (totaling \$1,392,486 in federal funds). Unfortunately, the Merritt Elementary School to the Mesabi Family YMCA and Beyond Trail was not recommended for funding.

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Again, thank you for applying for Transportation Enhancement funds.

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