

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the April 19, 2008, Board of Review Meeting (#1-2)
 - B. Minutes of the April 19, 2008, Regular Meeting (#1-11)
 - C. Communications (#35-38)
 - D. Receipts
 - E. Bills and Payroll
 - III. Public Forum
 - A. Public Hearing (#12)
 - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - 1. CDBG Priorities (#13-15)
 - 2. Mesabi Trail Advertisement (#16-18)
 - C. Director of Public Works Report
 - D. Sheriff's Department Report
 - E. City Engineer's Report
 - F. Street Committee
 - 1. Hydrology Study on Unity Drive Corridor (#19)
 - 2. Right-of-Way Determination on Giorgi Road (#20)
 - G. Liaison Reports
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Resolution 20-08 Grant Application (#21-23)
 - B. Resolution 21-08 Feasibility Report (#24-27)
 - C. Resolution 22-08 Ordering Bids (#28-29)
 - D. Resolution 23-08 Authorizing Plans (#30-31)
 - E. Care Partners Request (#32)
 - F. Peddlers Licenses (#33)
 - G. City Council Meeting Agendas on PACT (#34)
 - H. Communications (#35-38)
 - VII. Open Discussion on City Business
 - VIII. Announcements
 - IX. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 21, 2008

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Tony Zupancich, Alan Stanaway, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Anderson, Municipal Services Secretary; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Sam Aluni, City Attorney; John Backman, Sergeant; John Jokinen, Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County; and Rod Flannigan, City Engineering (entering at 6:35 p.m.)

At 6:31 p.m., it was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Prebeg to recess the regular meeting and reconvene the Board of Review meeting from April 8, 2008. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Prebeg to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and lower the building valuation on **Wayne Pohia's property at 8754 Unity Drive, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0070-01487** to \$212,400 for a total property valuation of \$235,700. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Prebeg to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and make no change to the valuation of **Mel Anderson's property at 4971 Highway 7, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0071-03798** with the total valuation remaining at \$200,900. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Skalko to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and lower the building valuation on **Mary Jo Miettunen's property at 8739 Fairview Lane, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0055-01450** to \$56,400 for a total property valuation of \$73,700. The motion carried.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Zupancich to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and make no change to the valuation of **Glen Avikainen's property at 8750 Fairview Lane, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0055-00300** with the total valuation remaining at \$75,500. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Prebeg to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and make no change to the valuation of **Matthew Kishel's property at 5483 Bluebell Avenue, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0013-00170**, with the total valuation remaining at \$80,000. The motion carried with Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Skalko to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and lower the building valuation on **Crystal Yernatich's property at 8750 Unity Drive, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0070-01484** to \$150,100 for a total property valuation of \$173,300. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Stanaway to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and lower the building valuation on **Ryan Perpich's property at 8367 Spruce Drive, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0012-00210** to \$151,400 for a total property valuation of \$169,100. The motion carried with Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Skalko to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and make no change to the valuation of **Harold McGregor's property at 4860 Butler Road, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0071-05023** with the total valuation remaining at \$157,700. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Skalko to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and lower the building valuation on **Ted Erchul's property at 8762 Unity Drive, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0070-01488** to \$166,100 for a total property valuation of \$189,400. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Stanaway to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and lower the building valuation on **Thomas Nikolanci's property at 5482 Park Drive, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0070-01325** to \$198,900 for a total property valuation of \$244,000. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Stanaway to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and lower the building valuation on **Getnet Aberra's property at 5472 Park Drive, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0055-02682** to \$173,500 for a total property valuation of \$191,200. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich to accept the recommendation of the Residential Appraiser for Saint Louis County and lower the building valuation on **Marcalene Lenka's property on Park Drive, Mountain Iron, Parcel Code 175-0055-02705** to \$24,600 for a total property valuation of \$30,300. The motion carried.

At 6:44 p.m., it was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Prebeg to adjourn the Board of Review meeting and reconvene the regular City Council meeting. The motion carried.

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

1. Add the following items to the agenda:
 - VI. F. Cable for County Road 7 and Voss Road
 - X. Approve Employment Agreement with Michael Downs
2. Approve the minutes of the April 7, 2008, City Council meeting as submitted.
3. Approve the minutes of the April 8, 2008, Board of Review meeting as submitted.
4. 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.
5. To acknowledge the receipts for the period April 1-15, 2008, totaling \$106,289.94, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

6. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period April 1-15, 2008, totaling \$286,766.33, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

No one spoke during the public forum.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich to authorize a contribution to the Mountain Iron-Buhl Archery Team for \$200 for Jordan Tawyea and Jared Schultz to attend the National Archery tournament in Louisville, Kentucky on May 10, 2008, with the funding expended from the Charitable Gambling Fund. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to authorize a \$400 contribution to Iron Range Youth in Action to partner with them to go to New Orleans to help build homes for those who lost theirs in the wake of Hurricane Katrina with the funding expended from the Charitable Gambling Fund. After further discussion, Skalko amended his motion to increase the donation to \$1,000. Zupancich accepted the amendment. The amended motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Mayor asked Brianna Forseen, Iron Range Youth in Action Representative, to report back to the Council on the project after their trip.

The City Administrator reported to the Council that the new limit for contribution to cemeteries was increased to \$10,000.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to authorize the additional contribution of \$500 to the Calvary Cemetery Association, making the total 2008 contribution \$3,000. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Mayor updated the Council on the following items:

- Planning and Zoning-Building Permit Letter. He said that the Planning and Zoning Commission is reviewing the ordinance for possible ordinance revisions to allow a little more flexibility for the residents with regard to the necessity of completing building permit applications.
- Board of Review. He advised the public that all property values in Mountain Iron were increased for 2009 by 6%.
- Recycling Center. He said that there has been problems in the recycling center. He said that there is a lot of garbage being placed at the Center. He advised the public that the Sheriff's Department will be watching the area for violators. He also said that the City provides this recycling center as a service to the residents and if garbage is continually found there the City Council may close the center.
- SWOP Meetings. He said that the next meeting is May 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the Buhl Public Library. Councilor Prebeg volunteered to attend the next meeting.

- IRR Community Finance & Technical Resource Workshop. He suggested that Council and Staff try to attend the meeting on May 21, 2008. Mayor Skalko, Councilor Roskoski, Councilor Stanaway, and the City Administrator indicated that they would attend.

The City Administrator updated the Council on the following:

- Library Pictures. He said that he has e-mailed copies of the pictures to a couple of College Art Professors to see if there was any value in the pictures.
- Baseball programs. He said that applications to sign up for baseball and softball are available at the City Hall and at the Mountain Iron-Buhl School.
- West Two Rivers Campground. Will be opening before the Fishing opener. Call the City Hall for Campground reservations. The City is also taking applications for the caretaker position to work at the Campground.
- Archery Range. The range should be in place soon and the grant funding expires on June 30, 2008.

Councilor Roskoski questioned why a questionnaire was sent to all Mountain Iron Fire Fighters and the First Responders to respond how the organization is handled. He wondered who authorize the questionnaire to be sent out since the City Council never authorized. The Mayor advised Councilor Roskoski that he had authorized the questionnaire. Councilor Stanaway said that he spoke with the City Administrator regarding the questionnaire and it was completed to get feedback from the Fire Department and the First Responders Members. Councilor Prebeg said that he thought it was a really good idea.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich to authorize City Staff to purchase one (1) front mount John Deere mower 1435 for use in the Recreation Department from Five Seasons Sports at the State discount price of \$13,212.00. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Prebeg, yes; Zupancich, yes; Stanaway, yes; Roskoski, no; and Skalko, yes.

The Council reviewed the Sheriff's Department report for March 2008.

The Sergeant advised the Council that beginning in 2008, the forfeiture income would be returned to the Mountain Iron budget.

Councilor Prebeg questioned the Sergeant on the possible arson fire recently on Mud Lake Road. The Sergeant advised the Council that the matter was currently under investigation with the Fire Marshall.

Councilor Roskoski questioned the City Attorney regarding a previous contribution of two nights Campground for the YMCA Healthy Kids Auction. The City Attorney said that this is a basic bookkeeping transfer from the Charitable Gambling Fund.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Zupancich to authorize Change Order Number One (1) to Utility Systems of America Incorporated for the Unity Addition Phase II Residential Development in the amount of \$14,870.00. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Roskoski to accept the recommendation of the Cable Commission and approve and execute the Franchise Agreement with Mediacom, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

The following reports were made during the Liaison Reports:

- Economic Development Authority. Councilor Zupancich said that the EDA is waiting for the development agreement from Lake Country Power.
- Personnel Committee. Councilor Prebeg updated the Council regarding the request from the Municipal Services Secretary to attend several conferences.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and authorize the Municipal Services Secretary as follows:

- Authorize her to attend the IIMC conference from May 19-23, 2008, on City time.
- To allow the City Administrator to review the agenda's for the six regional meetings and authorize her to attend on City time at his discretion.

The motion carried with Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to have the Renewable and Sustainable Energy Park as the number one choice for the grant application for the IRR Program. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Skalko to have the South Grove Housing Project (Morgan Park) as the number two choice for the grant application in the amount of \$200,000 from the IRR Program. The motion carried with Roskoski and Prebeg voting no.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Prebeg to accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and repair the spalling of the roof of the intake room and the fiberglass dome structure at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Stanaway to adopt Resolution Number 18-08, to accept the report and order a hearing for the proposed improvement of Unity Drive, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Roskoski abstaining.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Skalko to adopt Resolution Number 19-08, accepting bids for the South Grove Tennis Court Reconstruction Project, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Zupancich to approve the Mountain Iron Comprehensive Plan, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

The City Council thanked the Boards, Commissions and City Staff who worked on the Comprehensive Plan.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Skalko to forward the request for cable television access on County Road 7 and Voss Road to the Cable Commission for review and possible implementation. After further discussion, Councilor Roskoski amended the motion to include the Wolf area on County Highway 101 and Butler Road. Skalko supported the amendment. The amended motion carried.

During the open discussion the following items were discussed:

- City Equipment. Councilor Roskoski commented that the City's snow removal equipment worked very well during the recent snow storm.
- Parkville School. Allen Nelson informed the Council about a passenger bus being parked in front of the Parkville School.

At 7:52 p.m., it was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Skalko to recess the regular meeting and go into a closed meeting to discuss the employment agreement with Michael Downs. The motion carried.

At 8:00 p.m., the closed meeting was convened with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Tony Zupancich, Alan Stanaway, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; and Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works.

The Council discussed the proposed employment agreement for Michael Downs.

At 8:17 p.m., it was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Zupancich to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the regular meeting. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich to offer the proposed employment agreement, as agreed to by the City Council, to Michael Downs. The motion carried with Councilor Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich that when the employment agreement with Michael Downs is accepted, that the additional compensation for the City Administrator and the Director of Public Works would cease. The motion carried.

At 8:21 p.m., it was moved by Skalko and seconded by Prebeg that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Submitted by:



Jill M. Anderson, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	98,678.22
PERMITS	BUILDING	21.50
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	2,275.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	128.74
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	189.44
LICENSES	ANIMAL	20.00
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	650.00
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	600.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	75.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	1,405.20
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	731.12
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	90.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	546.66
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	134.26
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	163.03
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 604	9.64
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	40.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	375.00
MISCELLANEOUS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS	127.13
MISCELLANEOUS	BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FEES	30.00
Summary Totals:		<u>106,289.94</u>

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Check Issue Date(s): 04/12/2008 - 04/28/2008

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
04/08	04/15/2008	136294	130011	MOUNTAIN IRON POSTMASTER	602-20200	332.95
04/08	04/18/2008	136295	130011	MOUNTAIN IRON POSTMASTER	604-20200	438.26
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04/08	04/22/2008	136297	4026	ALBERTA RAATI	101-20200	100.00
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04/08	04/22/2008	136310	120032	LAKE COUNTRY POWER	101-20200	162.00
04/08	04/22/2008	136311	4034	LARS ANDERSON	101-20200	20.00
04/08	04/22/2008	136312	120005	LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INS TRUST	101-20200	6,552.00
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04/08	04/22/2008	136314	130030	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	101-20200	329.35
04/08	04/22/2008	136315	4031	MARY POL	604-20200	101.70
04/08	04/22/2008	136316	130141	MIB ARCHERY	230-20200	200.00
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04/08	04/22/2008	136318	140026	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	101-20200	5,312.43
04/08	04/22/2008	136319	130074	MINNESOTA FIRE SERVICE	101-20200	45.00
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04/08	04/22/2008	136322	130015	MOUNTAIN IRON PUBLIC UTILITIES	101-20200	13,460.39
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04/08	04/22/2008	136331	180017	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	603-20200	167.90
04/08	04/22/2008	136332	4030	RICK HALLAN	604-20200	21.24
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04/08	04/22/2008	136334	4028	SONS OF NORWAY	101-20200	200.00
04/08	04/22/2008	136335	190024	ST LOUIS CO SHERIFF LITMAN	101-20200	35,833.00
04/08	04/22/2008	136336	190016	ST LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	101-20200	1.65
04/08	04/22/2008	136337	190039	ST LOUIS COUNTY RECORDERS OFFC	101-20200	46.00
04/08	04/22/2008	136338	6095	SUMMER WORK OUTREACH PROJECT	101-20200	250.00
04/08	04/22/2008	136339	200003	TACONITE TIRE SERVICE	101-20200	166.96
04/08	04/22/2008	136340	220014	VIKING INDUSTRIAL NORTH	101-20200	42.03
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04/08	04/24/2008	136343	30032	COURT ADMIN.-CONCILIATION	604-20200	65.00
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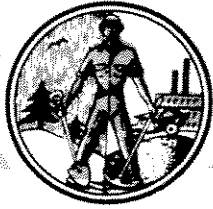
Totals:

188,019.00

Payroll-PP Ending 4/18/08	88,841.30
Electronic Trans.-Sales Tax 4/18/08	9,906.03
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$286,766.33

**DUE TO THE LENGTH
OF THE
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
AND
THE MOUNTAIN IRON
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
IT WILL NOT BE
COPIED AGAIN
TO BE SUBMITTED
FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**

**COPIES ARE AVAILABLE UPON
REQUEST.
THE COUNCIL RECEIVED THE
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT IN
THE APRIL 21, 2008
CITY COUNCIL PACKET
AND THE “DRAFT”
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WAS DISTRIBUTED
AT THE APRIL 7, 2008, CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-08

RECEIVING REPORT AND CALLING HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Number 15-08 of the City Council adopted April 7, 2008, a report has been prepared by Benchmark Engineering with reference to the improvement of Unity Drive between the Northwest corner of Section 14 to approximately 250 feet east of the Northwest corner of Section 14, T58M, R18W by construction and this report was received by the City Council on April 21, 2008, and

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

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

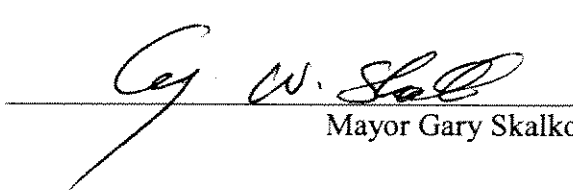
1. The City Council will consider the improvement of such streets in accordance with the report and the assessment of abutting property for all or a portion of the cost of the improvement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429 at an estimated total cost of the improvement of \$15,000.
2. A public hearing shall be held on such proposed improvement on the 5th day of May, 2008, in the Mountain Iron Room of the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. and the City Administrator shall give mailed and published notice of such hearing and improvement as required by law.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2008.

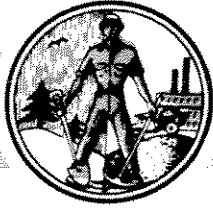
ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-08

ACCEPTING BID

WHEREAS, pursuant to an advertisement for bids for the improvement of the South Grove Tennis by reconstruction, bids were received, opened and tabulated according to law, and the following bids were received complying with the advertisement:

Mesabi Bituminous	\$98,717.50
C & C Winger	\$112,608.25
SK Excavating	\$114,028.40
Bougalis Construction	\$119,607.38
Louis Luestek	\$123,923.75
Nels Nelson & Sons	\$128,947.55
Veit & Company	\$131,856.00
Ulland Brothers	\$141,262.75

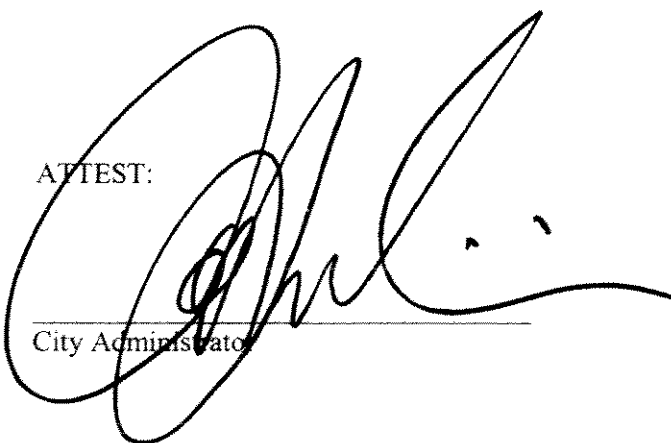
AND WHEREAS, it appears that Mesabi Bituminous of Gilbert, Minnesota is the lowest responsible bidder,

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

1. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to enter into the attached contract with Mesabi Bituminous of Gilbert, Minnesota in the name of the City of Mountain Iron for the South Grove Tennis by reconstruction according to the plans and specifications therefore approved by the City Council and on file in the Office of the City Administrator.
2. The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to return forthwith to all bidders the deposits made with their bids, except that the deposits of the successful bidder and the next lowest bidder shall be retained until a contract has been signed.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2008.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko

Notice of Hearing on Improvement

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Mountain Iron will meet in the Mountain Iron Room of the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on May 5, 2008, to consider the making of Improvement Number MI08-18, an improvement Unity Drive between the Northwest corner of Section 14 to approximately 250 feet east of the Northwest corner of Section 14, T58M, R18W by construction, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 429.011 to 429.111. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$15,000. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.

City Administrator

COUNCIL LETTER 050508-IVB1

ADMINISTRATION

CDBG

DATE: April 30, 2008
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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 15th deadline. Any grant funding will require a City match.

Possible projects could include the Agate Street Storm Sewer, Locomotive Park Improvements or Mountain Timber Wood Products.

General Information

Process Timeline

- January 1 to July 30** Communities hold public hearings on community needs and priorities
- April 8 & 9** CDBG Kick-Off and public hearing on program accomplishments
Tuesday, April 8 -- Proctor City Hall -- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, April 9 -- Mt. Iron Community Center -- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- May 15** FY 2009 CDBG **Pre-Application** due in Community Development Division by 4:30 pm
- August 1** FY 2009 CDBG **Final Application** due in Community Development Division by 4:30
- August 28** CDBG Advisory Committee meeting
Applicant presentations at Mt. Iron Community Center -- 9:00 am to noon
- September 10 & 11** CDBG Advisory Committee subcommittee interviews at Mt. Iron Community Center -- Applicant interviews individually scheduled

September 10 -- Public Service Subcommittee -- 9:00 am
September 10 -- Economic Development Subcommittee -- 1:30 pm
September 10 -- Housing Subcommittee -- 2:00 pm
September 11 -- Physical Improvement Subcommittee -- 9:00 am
- September 12** Advisory Committee receives subcommittees' reports and develops *Initial FY 2009 Funding Recommendations* -- Virginia City Hall Club Room (lower level) -- 9:00 am
- September 18** CDBG Advisory Committee public hearing on initial recommendations and setting of *Final FY 2009 Funding Recommendations* -- Mt. Iron Community Center -- 11:00 am
- October 1 to 31** Public comment period for *FY 2009 Action Plan*
- November 4** St. Louis County Board public hearing on *FY 2009 Action Plan* -- County Board sets final funding level for FY 2009 funds -- Duluth Courthouse -- 9:35 am
- November 14** *FY 2009 Action Plan* submitted to HUD

Pre-Application Instructions

1

BACKGROUND

Use this section to provide basic project, organization and contact information. Note that the contact person can be different than the authorized signatory. For nonprofit organizations that have not previously received funding through St. Louis County programs, please submit a copy of your Articles of Incorporation and your IRS Letter of Tax Exemption.

2

FEDERAL OBJECTIVE

The proposed project must meet one of two indicated federal objectives. Check the one which applies to the project. If "Benefiting low/moderate income persons" is selected be sure to include the percentage of participants who qualify as low/moderate income. In the Statement of Need narrative applicants must briefly describe how their project meets the federal objective indicated. Documented proof of meeting a federal objective must be submitted with the Final Application.

Below are examples of how a project might meet the federal objective requirement:

Benefiting Low and Moderate Income Persons (LMI)

- Jurisdiction-Wide Benefit - At least 47.6% of the jurisdiction's residents or the residents of a defined geographic area must be of low or moderate income (defined as meeting HUD Section 8 income guidelines). Applicants may use the most recent census data or use results from an approved community survey to document LMI benefit.
- Income or Household Direct Benefit - Proposed project must demonstrate direct benefit to low- and moderate-income individuals or households. Funded projects must establish and maintain on file the policies and procedures used in determining income eligibility. Income verification intake forms that include income and family size of program beneficiaries must also be maintained.

Addressing Slum and Blight

- Activities undertaken in support of this objective (e.g., acquisition, demolition, commercial rehabilitation, historic preservation) must be directly related to improving conditions within a specified geographic area and meet the definition of slum, blighted, deteriorated or deteriorating area under state or local law. Documentation must identify how each parcel or structure meets established criteria for slum or blight. The work to be undertaken must address the conditions which contributed to the deterioration of the area or the correction of existing code violations.



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Virginia, MN 55792
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AradyNW@msn.com

April 28, 2008

City of Mt Iron
Don Kleinschmidt
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mt Iron, MN 55768

Dear Don,

For the past three years West Two Rivers Campground has been listed as an advertiser on the Mesabi Trail website and posted on the 18 different kiosks physically on the trail, enclosed is a copy of your current listing.

Your ad is up for renewal and will expire on June 9th, we hope that you are interested in listing with us again for the very reasonable rate of \$100 for the next year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

Ardy Nurmi-Wilberg
Mesabi Trail Advertising Representative



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COUNCIL LETTER 050508-IVF1

STREET COMMITTEE

HYDROLOGY STUDY

DATE: April 30, 2008

FROM: Street Committee

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Street Committee is recommending that the City Council authorize Benchmark Engineering to perform a drainage study on the Unity Drive corridor between Unity Second Addition and South Grove. This study will be used in the planning for a possible new road connection through that area.

COUNCIL LETTER 050508-IVF2

STREET COMMITTEE

ROW DETERMINATION

DATE: April 30, 2008

FROM: Street Committee

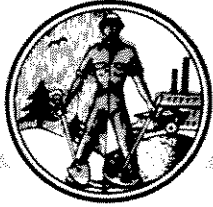
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Street Committee is recommending that the City Council authorize Benchmark Engineering and the Trenti Law Firm to explore the ownership and right-of-way situations along Giorgi's Road in Kinross. In order for future maintenance to take place, including ditching, the City needs to determine the extent of the right-of-way and the adjoining property ownership along that stretch of road.

**COUNCIL LETTER 050508-VIA
ADMINISTRATION
RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-08**

DATE: April 30, 2008
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 20-08 Authorizing a Grant Application is for an application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development's Contamination Investigation and RAP Development Grant Program to be used for the further investigation of the dump site adjacent to the City sub-station. The grant application is for \$50,000 with a match up to \$24,000 for the investigation and development of the Remedial Action Plan. It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution Number 28-08 Authorizing Application.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-08

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, this site is a underutilized tract of land in the City that has remained vacant due to the conditions affecting the site; and,

WHEREAS, the Mountain Iron Comprehensive Plan which was approved by the City Council indicates this site to be developed for industrial use due to its location major highways and direct access to rail road service; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron is in need of financial assistance from DEED to undertake the development of this site; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, has approved the Contamination Cleanup grant application submitted to the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) on April 21, 2008, by the City of Mountain Iron for the Mountain Iron Dump site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the City of Mountain Iron act as the legal sponsor for project(s) contained in the Contamination Cleanup Grant Program to be submitted on April 21, 2008 and that City Administrator is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for funding of this project on behalf of the City of Mountain Iron.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the City of Mountain Iron has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the sources and amounts of the local match identified in the application are committed to the project identified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the City of Mountain Iron has not violated any Federal, State or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that upon approval of its application by the State, City Mountain Iron, Minnesota may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above-referenced project, and that the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota certified that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulation as stated in all contract agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the Mayor and City Administrator of the City of Mountain Iron are hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2008.

Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

City Administrator

COUNCIL LETTER 050508-VIB

STREET COMMITTEE

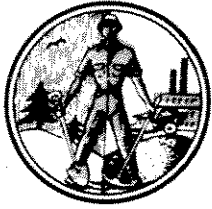
RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-08

DATE: April 30, 2008

FROM: Street Committee

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 21-08 Authorizing a Feasibility Report is to explore the possible options in dealing with deteriorated storm sewer situation along Agate Street. This storm sewer main is one of the most vital links in the old town system and may cause significant property damage if not repaired. Benchmark will prepare a report outlining the current situation and corrective measures along with cost estimates. It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution Number 21-08 Ordering Report.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-08

ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, it is proposed to improve the storm sewer along the entire length of Agate Street.

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 5th DAY OF MAY, 2008.

Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

City Administrator



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February 8, 2008

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

Re: Agate Street Storm Sewer Evaluation
City of Mountain Iron
MI08-4

Dear Mr. Wainio

As requested by the Street Committee, Benchmark Engineering, Inc. has investigated the Storm Sewer Interceptor located along Agate Street.

On February 7, 2008, Bougalis Construction, Inc. assisted Benchmark Engineering in televising the 42" Corrugated Metal Pipe located generally south of Agate Street. These sections of the storm sewer were then assessed regarding condition and possible rehabilitation options. The 42" CMP was found to contain a fair amount of debris and sand in the bottom. Several areas of the pipe were also eroded severely or completely through.

The following is a summary of the findings (see the enclosed General Location Map for additional details and location of each section):

Section 1

The section crossing Mountain Avenue is concrete in good condition, but has 6"-12" sand in the bottom which should be removed to increase the capacity of the storm interceptor line. This section was only televised approximately 20 linear feet.

Section 2

This section was televised from Mountain Avenue west to Mill Avenue. The pipe contained 6"-12" of sand in the bottom and is in fair condition. This segment should be cleaned and re-evaluated for possible replacement.

Mr. Craig Wainio
February 8, 2008
Page 2 of 2

Section 3

This section was televised from Missabe Avenue east to Mill Avenue. The pipe contained 6"-12" of sand in the bottom. Several areas in this segment were severely eroded and in need of replacement. This section of pipe is in poor condition.

Section 4

This section of pipe was televised from Missabe Avenue to the west approximately 55 linear feet. The pipe contained 6"-12" of sand/large debris/clay tile pieces and was severely eroded in places and contained holes. This section is in poor condition and in need of replacement.

Section 5

This section of pipe is located west of Missabe Avenue and was unable to be televised due to a larger amount of debris/sand in the pipe. The exact location of the outlet was not verified due to field conditions; however, it is assumed that the outlet is located in a small ditch to the west of Missabe Avenue and south of Agate Street. Based upon the condition of Section 4, the pipe in this area is likely in poor condition and in need of replacement.

The storm sewer located in Missabe Avenue and Mill Avenue that connects to this interceptor line was replaced in 1995 and is in good condition.

Typically storm sewer mains that contain sand or other smaller materials can be jetted and vacuumed to removed debris, however, larger materials (as observed in sections 4 & 5) cannot always be removed. The cleaning of this existing storm sewer interceptor will increase the capacity, however the replacement of this storm sewer main is recommended due to the deteriorated condition of the pipe.

Possible replacement options include Corrugated Metal Pipe, Dual Wall Polyethylene Pipe or Reinforced Concrete Pipe. An estimated reconstruction cost estimate can be prepared upon request.

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

Sincerely,
Benchmark Engineering, Inc.



Eric E. Fallstrom, P.E.

Enclosures

COUNCIL LETTER 050508-VIC

ORDERING BIDS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-08

DATE: April 30, 2008

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 22-08 Ordering Bids is for the City to advertise and receive bids for infrastructure for the Morgan Park housing development located adjacent to South Grove. The project is being partially funded through the IRR. It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution Number 22-08.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-08

APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Resolution Number 10-08 passed by the City Council February 20, 2008, the city engineer has prepared plans and specifications the improvement of Morgan Park Drive between east line of Mineral Avenue and the end of Morgan Park Drive by tarvia surfacing, installation of curbs and gutters, the construction of storm water systems and the construction of water and waste water mains and has presented such plans and specifications to the City Council for approval;

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

1. Such plans and specifications, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby approved.
2. The City Administrator shall prepare and cause to be inserted in the official paper an advertisement for bids upon the making of such improvement under such approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published for two days, shall specify the work to be done, shall state that bids will be received by the City Administrator until 10:00 a.m. on May 28, 2008, at which time they will be publicly opened in the City Council chambers of the City Hall by the City Administrator and engineer, will then be tabulated, and will be considered by the City Council at 6:30 p.m. on June 2, 2008, in the City Council chambers of the City Hall. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned during consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the City Council on the issue of responsibility. No bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the City Administrator and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond or certified check payable to the City of Mountain Iron for ten (10%) percent of the amount of such bid.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2008.

Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

City Administrator

COUNCIL LETTER 050508-VID

ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-08

DATE: April 30, 2008
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 23-08, Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans relates to the proposed extension of Unity Drive based upon a petition filed by Mr. Len Roskoski. Once the Public Hearing is completed, the City Council needs to determine whether or not to move ahead with the project. Once the City Council makes a determination to move ahead, it should pass Resolution Number 13-08, Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-08

ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS

WHEREAS, Resolution Number 18-08 of the City Council adopted the 21st day of April, 2008, fixed a date for a Council hearing on the proposed improvement of Unity Drive between the Northwest corner of Section 14 to approximately 250 feet east of the Northwest corner of Section 14, T58M, R18W by construction, and

WHEREAS, ten days' mailed notice and two weeks' published notice of the hearing was given, and the hearing was held thereon on the 5th day of May, 2008, at which all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard thereon.

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

1. Such improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible as detailed in the feasibility report.
2. Such improvement is hereby ordered as proposed in the Council Resolution adopted 21st day of April, 2008.
3. Benchmark Engineering is hereby designated as the engineer for this improvement. The engineer shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such improvement.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2008.

Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

City Administrator

March 11, 2008
Mayor Gary Skalko
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

Dear Mayor Gary Skalko & Honorable Council Members:

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review the enclosed information about Care Partners.

Care Partners is a local non-profit dedicated to helping our friends & neighbors facing cancer or a life-limiting illness. Our assistance is primarily financial.

The Virginia Servicemen's Club is helping Care Partners on Friday, May 16, 2008 by holding a fundraiser. We are having the event at the Mt. Iron Community Center and are hoping the City Council would be willing to waive the user fee of \$200.00. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Tasia Hoag
Coordinator

COUNCIL LETTER 050508-VIF

ED ROSKOSKI

PEDDLERS LICENSE CRITERIA

DATE: April 30, 2008

FROM: Ed Roskoski
City Councilor

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Because of situations that have occurred around our area, we should review our criteria for issuing a peddlers license. One suggestion is to issue an identification tag to all peddlers who plan to go door-to-door. Said tag would be returned by any peddler when they are done. This would be a way to control situations which at times are a nuisance and a safety concern.

COUNCIL LETTER 050508-VIG

ED ROSKOSKI

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ON PACT CHANNELS

DATE: April 30, 2008

FROM: Ed Roskoski
City Councilor

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Eveleth is doing this on our area public access television channels. Their council meeting agendas are posted on the revolving community announcements section. We should also do this to keep our citizens more informed.

COMMUNICATIONS

MAY 5, 2008

1. Minnesota Department of Transportation, a letter advising the City that the grant application for the Mountain Iron-Buhl High School to Merritt Elementary School Trails has not been funded.
2. Silver Creek Liquor Company, a letter thanking the Sheriffs Department for an arrest that was made.



Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Duluth, MN 55811-2798
Office Tel: 218/ 725-2700
Fax: 218/ 725-2800

101 N. Hoover Road
Virginia, MN 55792-3412
Office Tel: 218/ 742-1100
Fax: 218/ 742-1086

April 24, 2008

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

RE: Mt. Iron/Buhl High School to Merritt Elementary School Trails

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Thank you for applying for Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding for fiscal year 2012. The Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) Enhancements Task Force reviewed ten project applications representing approximately \$8,474,053 of construction and improvements. The ATP Enhancements Task Force recommended that five projects be funded for fiscal year 2012 (totaling \$1,916,690 in federal funds). Unfortunately, the Mt. Iron/Buhl High School to Merritt Elementary School Trails 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, appearing to read 'Michael L. Robinson'.

Michael L. Robinson, P.E.
District Engineer

Possible Alternative Funding Sources

Funding sources are continually changing and this list is not considered to be all inclusive.

Local Funding Sources

City, County, and Township Capital Improvement Programs
Trail/Park Dedication Ordinances
Mitigation Fees
Fundraising Organizations

Private Funding Sources

Utility fees from joint use
Adjacent property owner donations
Railroad donations if acquiring an abandoned railroad grade
Charitable foundations
Fund raising events
Volunteers
Snowmobile clubs
Chambers of Commerce
Sportsmen's groups
Small business contributions
Minnesota Park and Trails Council (612/631-2818)
The Nature Conservancy (612/331-0750)
The Trust for Public Land (612/338-8494)
Polaris Industries Grants-In-Aid Program (612/542-0500)

The Trail or Facility

Proceeds from the sale of ballast rails, plates, ties, etc. (if acquiring abandoned railroad grade)
Utility easements
Sale of excess property
Leases
User fees

State Funding Sources

Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (612/296-2406)
Direct Legislative Appropriation (call your local legislator)
Pull Tab/Gambling Control Board (612/639-4000)
Iron Range Resources (218/744-7400)
Minnesota Historical Society (612/296-5434)

Mn/DOT

Federal Transit Administration (612/296-1615)
State Railbanking Program (612/296-1618)
Community Roadside Enhancement Partnership Program (612/296-5772)

DNR

Scientific and Natural Areas (612/297-2357)
Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (612/296-1567)
Trail Grants to Local Units of Government (612/296-4782)

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April 25th, 2008

Sgt. John Backman
Mt. Iron Sheriff Department
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mt. Iron, MN. 55768

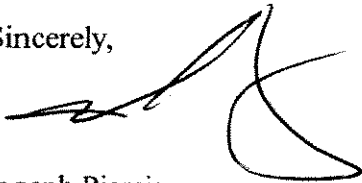
Dear Sgt. Backman,

I would like to thank you for all the effort you had put forth in locating and capturing Olaf Beckmann. Also, I really appreciate that you kept me notified of your progress throughout this ordeal, and stopped a "professional con-artist" from victimizing others.

It is very comforting to know that the citizens and businesses of the City of Mountain Iron are being protected by "one of the finest"!

Again, thank you and congratulations on the apprehension!

Sincerely,



Joseph Piersig

CC: Mayor Skalko, City of Mt. Iron
St. Louis County Sheriff Litman