

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2004 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the May 17, 2004 Regular Meeting (#1-10)
 - B. Bills and Payroll
 - C. Receipts
 - D. Communications (#41-44)
 - III. Public Forum
 - A. Public Hearing – JOBZ Business Subsidy Policy
 - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor’s Report
 - B. City Administrator’s Report (#11-12)
 - C. Director of Public Work’s Report
 - 1. Crack Sealing Quotes (#13)
 - 2. Bike Race (#14)
 - D. Director of Parks and Recreation’s Report
 - 1. Merritt Days/July 4th (#16)
 - E. City Engineer’s Report
 - 1. Spruce Drive (#17)
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Resolution 25-04 Approving JOBZ Business Subsidy Policy (#18-24)
 - B. Building Usage (#25)
 - C. EDA Appointments (#26)
 - D. Library Tuck Pointing Quotes (#27)
 - E. Heather Avenue (#28-30)
 - F. State Library Grant (#31)
 - G. Downtown Sliding Hill (#34)
 - H. Old Town Industrial Park (#35)
 - I. Mowing Guide (#36)
 - J. Highway Sign (#37)
 - K. Spring Park Road (#38)
 - L. 16th Avenue (#39)
 - M. County Road 761 (#40)
 - N. Communications (#41-44)
 - VII. Open Discussion
 - VIII. Announcements
 - IX. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
MAY 17, 2004

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: Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Larry Nanti, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Sam Aluni, City Attorney.

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

1. Approve the minutes of the May 3, 2004, City Council meeting as submitted.
2. 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.
3. To acknowledge the receipts for the period May 1-15, 2004, totaling \$211,055.64, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
4. To authorize the payment of the bills and payroll for the period May 1-15, 2004, totaling \$223,896.55, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

At 6:32 p.m., it was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing on the Spring Park Road proposed improvements. The motion carried.

At 6:34 p.m., Rod Flannigan, City Engineer, entered the meeting.

The City Engineer outlined the Spring Park Road proposed improvement projects to the public. The Engineer stated that the City was looking at Option D for a sanitary sewer extension.

The Mayor explained to the public that the reason the City Council was going through this public hearing was because of a petition received from the property owners on Spring Park Road.

Tom and Kim Baczewski, 8551 Spring Park Road, spoke and stated that they have ten acres further to the east of Spring Park Road and their assessment would be 90% at a cost of approximately \$28,000. Mr. Baczewski said that this assessment does not have any benefit to him and he is totally against the project.

At 6:42 p.m., Craig Wainio, City Administrator, entered the meeting.

Norville Petersen, 8554 Spring Park Road, questioned whether the assessment was based on property value or front footage. The City Administrator stated that it was based on property area. Mr. Petersen stated that he bought property many years ago adjacent to the Spring Park Road with no intention of developing the lots. Mr. Petersen asked whether there was a classification difference between residential and commercial. The City Administrator said they were treated the same. Mr. Petersen asked what would determine whether this project goes forward or not. The Mayor stated that it would be determined by what the property owners would want. Mr. Petersen asked whether the City would have a water and/or sewer connection in the new commercial development adjacent to Spring Park Road. Councilor Prebeg advised Mr. Petersen that the extension in the Commercial area has not been completed for the entire area at this time and is only available near Highway 169.

Bill Tuomela, said that he would like to see the Spring Park Road area developed for future housing.

Kevin Elsner, 8571 Spring Park Road, questioned the need for getting your septic system upgraded to obtain a building permit.

Sue Tuomela, 8573 Spring Park Road, said that the reason she signed the petition was to have a sewer extension to Spring Park Road and to have the road upgraded. She said that she was not interested in having a water line extension completed.

Dave Debevec, 8576 Spring Park Road, said that he just moved in to the Spring Park area and his septic system needs to be upgraded in the next year and would like to know what the City would be doing before he has any work completed. Mr. Debevec said that he would like to see Spring Park Road upgraded.

At 7:26 p.m., it was moved by Prebeg and supported by Irish to close the public hearing on the Spring Park Road improvements and reconvene the regular meeting. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to direct City Staff to have all of the information that was supplied to the City Council, on pages 17-30 of the May 17th City Council packet, be mailed to all of the Spring Park Road property owners. The motion carried.

During the public forum, Wilbert Johnson, 5621 Nichols Avenue, said that his neighbor's truck is un-tarped again and he wondered if he would need to sign another complaint. The Blight Officer said that he would have to sign another complaint. Mr. Johnson provided the Blight Officer with another complaint.

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

At 7:31 p.m., Councilor Roskoski returned to the meeting.

Also during the public forum, Dan Prebeg questioned the City Council resolution regarding the hiring of the Summer Part-time Staff. The Mayor said that there are currently five job openings for part-time work on the City crew and there are five applicants that are over the age of 18. Mr. Prebeg said that his son would be over 18 this summer and he would like to see him get hired again because it was a good experience for him.

Also during the public forum, Alan Stanaway, 5152 Spirit Lake Road, said that there was a near accident by his house and he would like the City to contact the County to add signage regarding a blind driveway and/or reduced speed limit. The Director of Public Works said that the City could request signage to the County on Mr. Stanaway's behalf. It was the consensus of the Council to have the Director of Public Works look into the matter.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to waive the Community Center fees for the rental of the building on June 23rd and 24th, 2004, for the Jeremy Carpenter Memorial Scholarship Committee fund raiser. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to refund the Community Center fees for the rental of the building for the Mountain Iron-Buhl Volleyball fund raiser banquet held on May 5, 2004. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to have the Director of Public Works contact the DM & IR/Canadian National Railroad regarding painting their bridge abutments from the street to the steel girders that are up above and have the lights that are hanging out on the bridge repaired. The motion carried.

The Council reviewed the mining effects reports and budgets.

At 8:05 p.m., Councilor Roskoski left the meeting.

At 8:06 p.m., Councilor Roskoski returned to the meeting.

Councilor Roskoski questioned the Director of Public Works regarding contacting P & H MinePro regarding the use of Jasmine Street (9th Street). Councilor Roskoski said that on May 13, 2004, loaded on a Kirscher Transport low boy, in the Merritt Industrial Park was a 28 yard shovel bucket that was there at 9:00 p.m. and at 7:00 a.m. on May 14, 2004 the truck was gone. The City Attorney said that Sergeant Stewart should talk to them regarding hauling. The City Administrator said that the road they are using is a designated truck hauling route. The Director of Public Works said that he would contact them and ask for the weight tickets.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to authorize the Director of Public Works to call for quotes on crack sealing on an amount up to \$10,000. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Irish, yes; Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes; and Skalko, yes.

The Council discussed the water main situation with the Virginia Department of Public Utilities from 8 ½ Street in Virginia to Unity Drive in Mountain Iron.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to approve the following items for the Merritt Days Celebration:

- 1) Approve closing the Downtown area, as was done during the past celebrations, starting on Thursday, June 24th and ending on Sunday, June 27th. The complete blocking plan is not complete until the carnival has set-up. The committee will work with local law enforcement to assure routes are acceptable.
- 2) Release City funds in the amount of \$2,000.
- 3) Authorize City work as needed for clean-up and set-up.
- 4) Approve workers and funds to get the carnival set-up. The may include purchase of electrical load center and wiring needed for six 240 volt 30-50 amp circuits. Estimated cost is \$1,500.00.

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to authorize City Staff to seek quotes for the backwash water storage reservoir for the Water Treatment Plant. The motion carried.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Irish to authorize pay request number one to Jola and Sopp for the Eagle Avenue Sanitary Sewer project in the amount of \$16,900.50. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Roskoski asked the City Engineer if they had looked into the intersection of Spruce and Aspen in Ann's Acres to develop a crown for the water to flow properly. The City Engineer said they have looked into the situation. He said that an overlay would not work and they would have to do some milling work in there and repaved. He said that no design or cost estimate had been completed.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to accept the recommendation of the City Attorney and accept the deed to the Bon Air property in settlement of the claim that the City of Mountain Iron has against Harry's Bon Air, Incorporated, but still retain the right to collect any amount of restitution from the arson. The motion carried.

At 8:37 p.m., Councilor Prebeg left the meeting.

At 8:39 p.m., Councilor Prebeg returned to the meeting.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to adopt the Guideline for City Mowing, with the guideline taking effect May 17, 2004, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Councilor Prebeg and Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Irish to adopt Resolution 24-04, authorizing the sale of land to adjoining property owners. After further discussion Councilor Irish withdrew his support. The **motion died** for lack of support.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to direct the City Engineer to prepare descriptions for the property recently acquired from the Regional Rail Authority in the Parkville area with the City maintaining ownership of 25 feet on each side of said Railway Company's Main Track. The motion carried with Councilor Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to contribute \$2,500 to the Greenwood Cemetery Association with the funds to come out of the 2004 mining effects funds. The **motion failed** on the following roll call vote: Prebeg, no; Nelson, no; Irish, no; Roskoski, yes; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to contribute \$1,250 to the Greenwood Cemetery Association with the funds to come out of the 2004 mining effects funds. The **motion failed** on the following roll call vote: Nelson, no; Irish, no; Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, no; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to table the Fire Truck Bids and to direct City Staff to submit the bids to the Fire Department to review and make a recommendation. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to refund Sherry Wiitala \$55.88 from her \$100 Community Center deposit because of the call out to open the doors, and to direct Staff to send a letter to her explaining how the refund was calculated. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Council discussed previous trades and land exchanges completed in the past with U.S. Steel Corporation.

The Council discussed the Parkville Bon Fires. The Mayor said that he spoke with Sergeant Stewart, Fire Chief Cvar, and Tom Nikolanci of the DNR regarding the matter and they said that a burning permit is required.

During the open discussion, Councilor Nelson clarified that when he states "he calls for the question" that it is not to get the meeting over sooner as implied earlier by other Councilors, but he considers that the discussion is drawing on and not going anywhere.

Also during the open discussion, Councilor Irish said that the Planning and Zoning Commission would like to have a new zoning map prepared and an aerial map of

Mountain Iron displayed on the wall in the Mountain Iron Room of the Community Center.

Also during the open discussion, Councilor Prebeg said that he has been approached by Bruce Kniivila at U. S. Steel and he wanted the City to have an aerial photo that he had prepared.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to accept the aerial photo/map and to have the photo/map framed and hung in the Community Center and to direct City Staff to write a letter to Bruce Kniivila thanking him for the photo/map. The motion carried.

Councilor Prebeg also informed the Council that U. S. Steel Corporation would supply two drill bits and to have the City Crew take them off of U. S. Steel property. He also said that a dipper tooth should not be a problem. Councilor Prebeg said that a formal request would need to come from City Staff for the shovel bucket.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to direct City Staff to contact Saint Louis County regarding U. S. Steel Corporation not mining in the County Road 102 (Old Highway 169) area to request that this road be upgraded. The motion carried.

At 9:32 p.m., it was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ron Dicklich, RAMS, forwarding a legislative update.
2. MIB Class of 2004, forwarding a thank you for the donation.
3. Mediacom, forwarding the May 2004 newsletter.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	87,897.01
PERMITS	BUILDING	1,017.50
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	600.00
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	550.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	210.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	55.00
MISCELLANEOUS	DONATIONS FOR DOWNTOWN PARK	455.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	3,535.36
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	2,949.83
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	818.84
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	613.74
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	790.67
MISCELLANEOUS	BAD DEBT PYMT-GARBAGE	65.00
LICENSES	ANIMAL	30.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FEES	315.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	ELECTRIC-CHG FOR SERVICES	1,186.50
MISCELLANEOUS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS	540.47
MISCELLANEOUS	FAX CHARGES	-
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	239.02
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 103	1,557.38
PERMITS	VENDOR	50.00
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	SPECIAL ASSESS.-BOND MONEY	90.68
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	INTEREST-SP.ASSESS.-BONDS ISSU	9.32
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	40.00
CD INTEREST	SMITH BARNEY CASH CD/FUND 101	26,000.00
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	180.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ELECTRICAL INSPEC FORMS	1.00
MISCELLANEOUS	CABLE TV FRANCHISE FEE	5,709.83
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	75.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ELECTRIC RECONNECT FEE	50.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	FEDERAL GRANT-FIRE TRUCK	75,264.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REFUNDS/ REIMBURSEMENTS	100.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 604	59.49
Summary Totals:		<u>211,055.64</u>

Check Issue Date(s): 05/09/2004 - 05/24/2004

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
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05/04	05/18/2004	29909	10021	ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM	002-20200	100.00
05/04	05/18/2004	29910	20022	BENCHMARK ENGINEERING INC	002-20200	10,127.60
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05/04	05/18/2004	29913	20007	BP	002-20200	2,304.95
05/04	05/18/2004	29914	538	C.W. & PEARL ARONEN	002-20200	99.27
05/04	05/18/2004	29915	30017	CARQUEST (MOUNTAIN IRON)	002-20200	394.46
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05/04	05/18/2004	29935	120039	LEEF SERVICES	002-20200	43.04
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05/04	05/18/2004	29942	130015	MT IRON WATER AND LIGHT DEPT	002-20200	13,545.01
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05/04	05/18/2004	29962	190024	ST LOUIS CO SHERIFF LITMAN	002-20200	33,334.00

M = Manual Check, V = Void Check

Check Issue Date(s): 05/09/2004 - 05/24/2004

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05/04	05/18/2004	29968	210030	U S BANK TRUST SERVICES	002-20200	19,407.50
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05/04	05/18/2004	29972	230004	WENCK ASSOCIATES INC	002-20200	7,103.30
05/04	05/18/2004	29973	230010	WILBUR & VIOLET BALL	002-20200	1,500.00
05/04	05/18/2004	29974	230028	WISCONSIN ENERGY CONSERVATION	002-20200	20.84

Totals:

173,696.57

Payroll-PP Ending 5/7/04

50,199.98

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$223,896.55

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON GUIDELINES FOR CITY MOWING

CITY RESPONSIBILITY

The City of Mountain Iron will only be responsible for mowing grass along City street right-of-ways and City-owned property.

AMOUNT OF MOWING

Roadways will be mowed at least twice a year.

Parks and other City-owned property will be mowed when grass length is between four and six inches (4-6") in length, cut down to a two inch (2") minimum.

Mowing around Community Center will be as follows:

- Mow to the bottom of the east slope on the east side of the Community Center.
- Mow to the bottom of slope or 12 feet, whichever is less on the south of the building and parking lot.
- Mow to 12 feet north of the north curb line on the north side of the Community Center.

Property owners are responsible for lawn mowing up to the curb/paved or gravel roadways in all platted areas of the City.

Property owners are responsible for lawn mowing any boulevard between the sidewalks and curb/paved or gravel roadway.

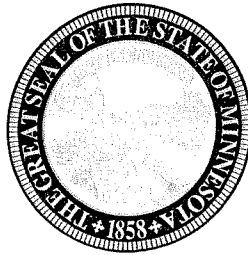
The City will mow, at least twice, the shoulder areas from the paved/gravel portion down to the bottom of any ditch or if no ditch is present, to the width of no more than one pass of the large mower in all non-platted areas of the City.

It will be at the discretion of the Director of Public Works to decide if specific grass trimming and clean-up are required.

All City ball fields will be mowed and cared for at the discretion of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

BRUSH AND HEDGES

All brushes and hedges on City property, easements or right-of-ways will be cut and trimmed at necessary intervals to maintain a level of neatness and to prevent blockage of sight lines for vehicle drivers.



MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE

Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State

June 1, 2004

Craig Wainio
City of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Dr S
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Dear Craig,

Congratulations! I am pleased to announce that you have been selected to be a recipient of the Minnesota portion of the federal Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities grant. There was an excellent response to the grant opportunity: 46 cities and 95 townships from 59 counties.

City of Mountain Iron has been awarded **\$3,500** to be used for polling place accessibility improvements, as were designated on your application. This include:

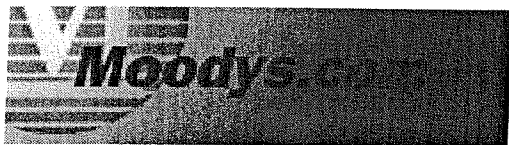
- \$500 - Signs
- \$3,000 - Automatic door opener

Again, congratulations on your grant award. Thank you for your sincere dedication to making Minnesota's polling places accessible for all voters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kiffmeyer".

Mary Kiffmeyer
Secretary of State



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Report Type	Date	Title
Rating Update	28 MAY 2004	MOODY'S UPGRADES UNDERLYING RATING TO Baa1 FROM Baa3 AFFECTING CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON'S (MN) \$3.95 MILLION OF OUTSTANDING GOULT DEBT
New Issue	17 MAR 1998	Mountain Iron (City of), MN

Issuer Details

Sector: Municipality
State: Minnesota (State of)
City/Town:
County:

Outlook: No Outlook, 15 NOV 2003
Watchlist Status: No
Direction:
Date:
Ticker(s):
CUSIP(s): 624131

Current Rating List

3 records

General Obligation

Sale Date: 16 MAR 1998

Sale Amt: 1.02

Underlying	Rating	Rating Action	Rating Date	Watch	Watch Direction/Date
	Baa1	UPGRADED	28 MAY 2004	No	

General Obligation

Sale Date: 13 FEB 1996

Sale Amt: 0.37

Underlying	Rating	Rating Action	Rating Date	Watch	Watch Direction/Date
	Baa1	UPGRADED	28 MAY 2004	No	

General Obligation

Sale Date: 21 NOV 1994

Sale Amt: 0.53

Underlying	Rating	Rating Action	Rating Date	Watch	Watch Direction/Date
	Baa1	UPGRADED	28 MAY 2004	No	

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COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VIC1

PUBLIC WORKS

CRACK SEALING QUOTES

DATE: June 03, 2004

FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Sealed quotes were received for the purchase of Asphaltic Crack Sealing services. The quotes were opened on Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. The quotes are as follows:

Northwest Asphalt Maintenance Inc.	\$00.549 per pound installed
Bergman Companies	\$01.00 per pound installed

Staff recommends award of the crack sealing services to Northwest Asphalt Maintenance Inc. based on their low quote of \$00.549 per pound installed.

Specifications called for the amount of work not to exceed \$10,000.00 and to be funded from the 2004 Street Capital Improvement Fund.

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-IVC2

PUBLIC WORKS

BIKE RACE

DATE: June 03, 2004

FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Great River Bike Race Organization is requesting that Main Street be posted NO PARKING on Thursday, June 10, 2004, the day of the race.



Saint Louis County

Public Works Department • Maintenance Division

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

May 26, 2004

Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works
8586 Enterprise Drive South
City of Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Dear Mr. Kleinschmidt:

We have been performing spring maintenance on County 102, patching, spot shouldering, sweeping and checking it on a regular basis. Because of the age of the road we will continue to watch the surface conditions of County 102 on an above average basis. All complaints to this office have been handled promptly.

At this time the engineering department is studying future upgrading of County 102. You will be contacted with any decisions and or plans that arise from this.

If I can be of any help do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely,

Bob Lloyd
Superintendent Div 6

cc:EW

St. Louis County Public Works Department
Division 6
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COUNCIL LETTER 060704-IVD1

PARKS AND RECREATION

AUTHORIZATION

DATE: June 3, 2004

FROM: Larry Nanti
Director of Parks & Recreation

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff would like the City Council to allow the various requests listed:

- Allow advertising for the July 4th celebration.
- Allow advertising for the Merritt Day's celebration.
- Request from the Merritt Day's Committee to hold a Street Dance on Saturday, June 26th, 2004 from 8:00 pm to midnight.
- Request to sell beer at the Merritt Day's Softball Tournament, once the proper license is secured.

Councilor Roskoski also request that Merritt Days be placed on the Agenda with the following background information: Possible extra law enforcement may need to be authorized (budget for).



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May 27, 2004

Honorable Mayor Skalko and Councilors
City Hall
P.O. Box 8260
Mt. Iron, MN 55768-8260

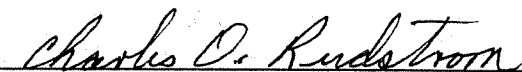
We are pleased to offer our opinion of probable cost to raise the depression on Spruce Drive between Aspen Lane and St. Louis County Highway 7.

Item	Unit	Quant.	Unit Price	Total
Mobilization	Lump Sum	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Traffic Control	Lump Sum	1	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Milling	Sq. Yd.	240	\$ 3.50	\$ 840.00
Adjust Valve Box	Each	1	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Tack Coat	Gallon	12	\$ 1.50	\$ 18.00
Bituminous Leveling	Ton	5	\$ 55.00	\$ 275.00
Bituminous Paving	Ton	25	\$ 48.00	\$ 1,200.00
Total				\$ 3,233.00
Specifications & Quote Forms				\$ 680.00
On-Site Project Representative				\$ 768.00
Project Total				\$ 4,681.00

If this work were done as a change order on your 2004 Overlay Project:

Construction cost	\$ 2,020.00
Engineering	\$ 853.00
Total Change Order	\$ 2,873.00

Sincerely:
Benchmark Engineering, Inc.


Charles O. Rudstrom

RESOLUTION NUMBER -04

BUSINESS SUBSIDY POLICY AND CRITERIA

Policy Number 2004-

Adopted June 7, 2004

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that it shall adopt the following Business Subsidy Policy and Criteria:

Preamble. Whenever the City of Mountain Iron invests public funds or agrees to voluntarily forfeit tax or other revenue that benefit private development projects, those projects should create the greatest number of FTE jobs that pay a living wage possible for the residents of the City of Mountain Iron and the surrounding region. Mountain Iron policy makers and economic development agents must keep the critical need for living wage FTE jobs the priority whenever public dollars are invested in a private business or development project.

Business Subsidy Public Purpose. The public purposes of this policy shall be to accomplish the following on behalf of the City of Mountain Iron:

1. Enhance economic growth in this area
2. Create high quality job growth in this area
3. Retain high quality jobs in this area
4. Stabilize the community

This policy is adopted in compliance with M.S. § 116J.994 Subd. 2. A copy of the policy shall be submitted to the Department of Employment and Economic Development along with the first annual Business Subsidy report.

Principles of Business Subsidy Implementation. The City of Mountain Iron shall target its business subsidy assistance to businesses that demonstrate a clear and ongoing commitment to the community by providing living wage jobs to their employees and to Mountain Iron residents, where applicable, by giving priority to those businesses over businesses that have not traditionally paid living wages.

The City of Mountain Iron shall focus its business subsidy assistance only to businesses which agree to comply with annual business subsidy reporting requirements as required by Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ) statute M.S. §§ 469.310 - 469.320; and/or as required by the Business Subsidy statute M.S. §§ 116J.993 - 116J.995.

All other things being equal and to the extent legally possible, the City of Mountain Iron shall give preferential treatment for business subsidies to business that engage in responsible labor relations defined as neutrality on union organizing.

Although the primary purpose of this policy is the creation of living wage jobs, we cannot achieve our economic development goals without a trained and ready workforce and adequate childcare. The city shall commit to assist businesses to obtain trained and work-ready employees through the DEED Workforce Development Centers; MNSCU and other services; and to facilitate access to childcare.

The City of Mountain Iron agrees to require that a qualified business shall not to compete with or displace local businesses currently operating within the subzone community.

I. DEFINITIONS

“Authorized Business Subsidy Signatory” means the City Council who is authorized by this Policy to execute business subsidy agreements on behalf of the City of Mountain Iron.

“JOBZ Business Subsidy” means tax exemptions or tax credits available to a qualified business located in a job zone under the Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ) statute M.S. §§ 469.310 - 469.320. JOBZ Business Subsidies shall include:

1. Exemption from individual income taxes as provided under M.S. § 469.316; and
2. Exemption from corporate franchise taxes as provided under M.S. § 469.317; and
3. Exemption from the state sales and use tax and any local sales and use taxes on qualifying purchases as provided in M.S. § 297A.68, subdivision 37; and
4. Exemption from the state sales tax on motor vehicles and any local sales tax on motor vehicles as provided under M.S. § 297B.03; and
5. Exemption from the property tax as provided in M.S. § 272.02, subdivision 64; and
6. Exemption from the wind energy production tax under M.S. § 272.029, subdivision 7; and
7. The jobs credit allowed under M.S. § 469.318.

“Business Subsidy” means a state or local government agency grant, contribution of personal property, real property, infrastructure, the principal amount of a loan at rates below those commercially available to the recipient, any reduction or deferral of any tax or any fee, any guarantee of any payment under any loan, lease, or other obligation, or any preferential use of government facilities given to a business, and as defined by the Business Subsidy statute M.S. §§ 116J.993 - 116J.995. Business subsidies shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Loan
2. Grant
3. Tax abatement
4. TIF or other tax reduction or deferral
5. Guarantee of payment

6. Contribution of property or infrastructure
7. Preferential use of governmental facilities
8. Land contribution
9. Other specified subsidy.

Business subsidies do not include the following:

1. Assistance of less than \$25,000.
2. assistance that is generally available to all businesses or to a general class of similar businesses, such as a line of businesses, size, location or similar general criteria;
3. public improvements to buildings or lands owned by the City of Mountain Iron that serve a public purpose and do not principally benefit a single business or defined group of businesses at the time the improvements are made;
4. Property polluted by contaminants being redeveloped as defined in M.S. § 116J.552, subd. 3.
5. assistance provided for the sole purpose of renovating old or decaying building stock or brining it up to code and assistance to designated historic preservation sites or districts, provided that the assistance is equal to or less than 50% of the total cost of the development;
6. assistance to provide job readiness and training services;
7. assistance for housing;
8. assistance for pollution control or abatement, including assistance from a TIF hazardous substances subdistrict;
9. assistance for energy conservation;
10. tax reductions resulting from conformity with federal tax law;
11. workers compensation and unemployment compensation;
12. benefits derived from regulation;
13. indirect benefits derived from assistance to educational institutions;
14. funds from bonds allocated under M.S., Chapter 47A refunding bonds and 501(c)(3) bonds;
15. assistance for collaboration between a Minnesota higher education institution and a business;
16. assistance fro a tax increment financing soils condition district as defined under M.S.469.174, subd.19;
17. redevelopment when the Recipients or Qualified Business' investment in the purchase of the site and in site preparation is 70 percent or more of the assessor's current years estimated market value;
18. general changes in tax increment financing law and other general tax law changes of a principally technical nature;
19. federal assistance until the assistance has been repaid to and reinvested by the local governmental unit;
20. funds from dock or wharf bonds issued by a seaway port authority;
21. business loans or loan guarantees of \$75,000 or less; and
22. Federal loan funds provided through the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

“Business Subsidy Report” means the annual reports submitted each year for each business receiving a business subsidy in the community. The report is submitted by the LGU in order to comply with M.S. § 116J.994 Subd. 7. (b).

“Criteria” means the equitably applied, uniform standards by which the Economic Development Agency and /or the City bases its decision to award any business subsidy to a private business or development project establishing a business and creating jobs in the City of Mountain Iron.

“DEED” means Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

“Economic Development Agent” means the city department, local or regional economic development agency or other authorized entity that is empowered to solicit, negotiate and form business subsidy agreements on behalf of the City of Mountain Iron. The Economic Development Agent for the City of Mountain Iron shall be the City Council, hereinafter “Agent”.

“Health Insurance” means basic health insurance which shall include: employer 100% premium payment for individual coverage or 80% premium payment for family coverage; employer minimum payment for 80% of office visits, emergency care, surgery and prescriptions; a maximum yearly deduction of \$1,000, and maternity coverage.

“Living Wage Job” shall mean a job which pays wages and health benefits that total at least the rate of 110% of the current poverty level for a family of four.

“Local Governmental Unit” hereinafter LGU, means the statutory or home rule charter city, county, town, iron range resources and rehabilitation agency, regional development commission.

“Operation Start Date” shall mean the date by which the business begins its operations in the zone as evidenced by constructing a facility or relocating to an existing building in a facility and beginning revenue generating operations and/or hiring employees.

“Qualified Business” means a person that carries on a trade or business at a place of business located within a Job Opportunity Building Zone as referenced in M.S. § 469.310 Subd. 11; and complies with the reporting requirements specified by M.S. § 469.313 Subd. 2. (5); and shall comply with the criteria in Section II.C. of this agreement; and shall also mean “Recipient” as defined by Business Subsidy law. A qualified business shall not include a retail business, a low-wage service business, an agricultural production business, or a business that pays less than the living wage defined in this agreement.

“Recipient” means any business entity that receives a business subsidy as defined by M.S. § 116J.993 and that has signed a Business Subsidy Agreement with a city.

“Relocating Business” A business relocating from another Minnesota non-JOB Zone location.

“Relocation Agreement” means a binding written agreement between a relocating qualified business and the commissioner of DEED pledging that the qualified business shall either: (a)

increase full-time for full-time equivalent employment in the first full year of operation within the job opportunity building zone by at least 20 percent, or (b) make a capital investment on the property equivalent to 10% of the gross revenues of operation that was relocated in the immediately preceding taxable year; and provides for repayment of all tax benefits if the requirements of (a) or (b) are not met.

“Subzone” means the parcel or parcel of land designated by the Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development within a Job Opportunity Building Zone within the boundaries of Mountain Iron to receive certain tax credits and exemptions specified under M.S. § 469.310-469.320.

“Zone” means a Job Opportunity Building Zone or an Agricultural Processing Facility Zone designated by the commissioner of Employment and Economic Development under M.S. § 469.314.

II. BUSINESS SUBSIDY REQUIREMENTS

A. Business Subsidy Policies. The City of Mountain Iron adopts the following:

1. Any time the City of Mountain Iron provides a business subsidy to a Qualified Business or Recipient that business is subject to the wage levels, job creation and other criteria set forth in this policy and specified in the Business Subsidy Agreement made with the LGU. In the event of a conflict between the requirements of the Business Subsidy statute M.S. §§ 116J.993 - 116J.995 and the JOBZ statute M.S. §§ 469.310 - 469.320, the JOBZ statute shall supersede.
2. The City of Mountain Iron requires that all FTE within a JOBZ area shall be compensated at not less than 110% of the federal poverty rate for a family of four. Compensation shall include wages and benefits.
3. The City of Mountain Iron requires that businesses meeting and maintaining business subsidy agreement requirements shall do so through December 31, 2015.
4. The qualified business shall be identified in the Business Subsidy Agreement as a:
 - a. Trade or business located in and operating in a JOBZ or APF Zone at the time of Zone designation; OR
 - b. New trade or business start-up located within the subzone; OR
 - c. Business expanding in the subzone which is a business that maintains its current operations in its current location and is expanding its operations and its payroll within the City of Mountain Iron subzone; OR
 - d. A business relocating from another state; OR
 - e. A business relocating from another Minnesota non-Zone location specifying the City.
5. The City of Mountain Iron may deviate from wage and job criteria in Section II, by documenting the reason in writing for the deviation and attaching a copy of this reason to the next annual Business Subsidy Report submitted to DEED.

6. The City of Mountain Iron shall have an overall goal of creating jobs under this policy shall be held by Mountain Iron residents. It is expected that all qualified businesses or recipients shall have a quantified target for the number of residents to be hired.
7. The City of Mountain Iron authorizes the Mayor as representative of the city to act as its Authorized Business Subsidy Signatory to execute business subsidy agreements on behalf of the City of Mountain Iron.
8. The City of Mountain Iron authorizes the Mountain Iron EDA to act as its Economic Development Agent for purposes of marketing and initiating and negotiating Business Subsidy Agreements on its behalf.
9. Requirements of businesses. The City of Mountain Iron shall require all businesses receiving a business subsidy to comply with the following:
 - a. The business shall attend a properly noticed public hearing shall be held by the City of Mountain Iron as provided by M.S. § 116J.994, when the value of the subsidy does or is expected to exceed \$100,000 from local sources. The purpose of the hearing shall be held to identify define the criteria that the qualified business or recipient shall meet in order to be eligible to receive a business subsidy or become a qualified business for purposes of the JOBZ statute. The hearing shall specify the subsidy provided, public purpose(s) that shall be achieved by offering the subsidy, and shall specify the measurable, specific, and tangible goals committed to by the qualified business. As provided by M.S. 116J.994, Subd. 5., a public notice shall be published in print and if possible, on the internet, at least 10 days prior to the hearing, identifying the location, date time and place of the hearing; and providing information about the business subsidy proposed, including a summary of the terms of the subsidy.
 - b. If the business is qualified to receive JOBZ tax benefits, that business shall agree to continue to operations in the jurisdiction where the subsidy is used (the subzone) for the duration of the job zone term.
 - c. If the qualified business or recipient is a relocating business under the definition in this agreement, the business shall be required to enter into a binding written "Relocation Agreement between the qualified business and the commissioner of DEED pledging that the qualified relocating business shall:
 - (1) Commit to signing a Relocation Agreement with DEED; and CHOOSE ONE from 2 or 3:
 - (2) Cease one or more operations or functions at a non-Zone location and begin performing substantially the same functions inside the Mountain Iron Zone; or
 - (3) Reduce employment at the non-Zone location starting one year before and ending one year after beginning operations in the Zone where its employees in the Zone are engaged in the same line of business as the employees at the location where it reduced

employment; and CHOOSE ONE (or BOTH, if applicable) from 4 and 5:

- (4) Increase full time employment by 20% (measured relative to the operations that were relocated) within the first full taxable year of operation within the Zone and maintains the required level of employment during each year of zone designation; or
- (5) Make a capital investment in the Zone equivalent to at least 10% of gross revenues for the taxable year immediately preceding relocation to the Zone.

d. The business shall identify an operation start date when business operations for the proposed qualified business are planned to begin in the zone. The date when business operations begin is called the "operation start date".

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VIB

ADMINISTRATION

BUILDING USAGE

DATE: June 3, 2004

FROM: Larry Nanti
Director of Parks & Recreation

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff would like to recommend that the use the Community Center for rummage sales and flea markets be stopped and the building policy changed to reflect such.

The reason for this request is that the Community Center is a building that should be above this type of activity. The smell of items, brought in for sale, lingers in the big hall are similar to old basements when wet. Tables are used to display items that may be moldy or have mildew on them. The items not sold are put into the trash dumpster (this is not considered household garbage).

We have had requests for the building usage that would be more appropriate.

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VIC

MAYOR SKALKO

EDA APPOINTMENTS

DATE: June 3, 2004

FROM: Mayor Gary Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Include applications of individuals who applied.

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VID

MAYOR SKALKO

LIBRARY TUCK POINTING QUOTES

DATE: June 3, 2004

FROM: Mayor Gary Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Have our architect, Mr. Eric Wedge, finalize local quotes for our June 21, 2004 meeting.

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VIE

MAYOR SKALKO

HEATHER AVENUE

DATE: June 3, 2004
FROM: Mayor Gary Skalko
Councilor Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

- Have staff and engineering firm obtain quotes on above for our June 21, 2004 meeting.
- Have Benchmark Engineering work with Staff seeking possible grants for drainage assistance.

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

- Why the lack of hearing materials when there was a specific Council motion to provide a packet of information to all the property owners involved ahead of time?
- Authorization should be given to hire Benchmark/Scott Dane to seek grants from any source for the Heather Avenue/Unity Drive area storm water drainage project.
- Over the years, the use of "Class Five" in our community for road/street surfaces has been pretty much a disaster. The Council should look at other options, ie. pit run gravel, taconite tailings, mill feed, or other granular mixes for road/street surfaces.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Roskoski to appoint Walker Giroux and Hahne for the 2003 audit and to implement GASB 34. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, yes; Nelson, no; Irish, yes; and Skalko, yes.

The Mayor reported to the Council regarding an article that was in the Duluth newspaper regarding proposals to lower the mining production tax. He emphasized that if the proposal does become law, the city would lose a significant amount of funding.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to set a public hearing for March 1, 2004 at 6:30 for the Floodplain Ordinance Amendment and the Shoreland Ordinance Amendment. The motion carried.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Irish to approve the off-site gambling application for March 11, 2004, at the Mountain Iron Community Center for Chicagami. The motion carried.

The Administrator advised the Council that the Personnel Committee had a brief meeting tonight to discuss the early retirement buyout with the union. He said that a proposal should be submitted at the next regular meeting.

The Administrator said that a meeting with the Mountain Iron-Buhl School District, to discuss the land, would be set.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to authorize the Director of Public Works to forward the notice of violation reply letter, as presented to the City Council, to the appropriate authority. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to direct Benchmark Engineering to prepare a roster of grants available for the Heather Avenue Drainage Project. The motion carried.

Councilor Nelson asked if the Utility Advisory Board had met yet to discuss the recycling situation by the Nichols Hall. The Director of Public Works said that the Utility Advisory Board would be meeting next Tuesday and on the agenda would be options for the brush pile by the City Garage and the recycling situation by Nichols Hall. Following their meeting, it would be on the second City Council meeting agenda in February.

Councilor Roskoski asked the Director of Public Works if he had spoken with the City of Virginia regarding the plowing arrangements at the Cemetery. The Director of Public Works said that he would contact the City of Virginia.

Councilor Roskoski asked the Director of Public Works what the cause of the waterline break in the Centennial area was. The Director of Public Works stated that it was a frozen hydrant.

The Council discussed the negotiations regarding the land exchange with the Mountain Iron-Buhl School District. The City Administrator said that he contacted Mr. Techar to set up a meeting. Councilor Prebeg said that the Council needs to obtain cost estimates for the proposed improvements prior to the meeting being set.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to direct City Staff to set a public hearing for the Heather Avenue drainage area for Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m., sending information and costs estimates to the residents in the affected area before the public hearing. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to authorize the purchase of 10 transformers from WESCO, Inc. at their low quoted price of \$4,776.00. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Roskoski ask the Director of Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Director if there was a policy for hiring Summer Labor positions. Staff stated that there was no official policy, just a review of the applications and choosing the best applicants. The Recreation Director stated that his department conducts interviews also.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to authorize the purchase of the heavy weight fencing system for the Wacootah Overlook from Iron Oak Fencing at a cost of \$4,697.00. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to authorize the West Two Rivers Caretaker agreement with Wilbur and Violette Ball, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to adopt the Plan of Action, Clean-up Schedule policy as drafted by City Staff regarding the parks, playgrounds, and public spaces as printed effective June 1st through Labor of each year and be in effect until rescinded by specific council motion, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to direct the Street and Alley Committee to meet with the Administrative Staff to develop a City wide grass cutting policy and make a recommendation to the City Council. The motion carried with Councilor Prebeg and Nelson voting no.

At 9:07 p.m., Councilor Prebeg left the meeting.

Councilor Irish said that contacted Dave Owens regarding the bench to be installed by Nichols Town Hall. He also said that he contacted Sullivan Supply and the Card Club has 16 members and they need four tables and sixteen chairs to be purchased for the Nichols Town Hall from the Community Club remaining funds. Councilor Irish asked the City Council if the City would pay the balance if they go over the funds allotted on the Nichols Town Hall items. Councilor Irish said he would bring the request back to the Council if the items do go over the allotted amount.

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VIF

MAYOR SKALKO

STATE LIBRARY GRANT

DATE: June 3, 2004
FROM: Mayor Gary Skalko
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Enclosed.

Minnesota
Department
of Education

THE STATE LIBRARY AGENCY

Phone: 651-582-8890
Fax: 651-582-8874
Email: bruce.pomerantz@state.mn.us

May 24, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Governor Tim Pawlenty on May 10 instructed all Departments to temporarily suspend processing all discretionary grants. He took the action as one component to balance the FY2004-05 biennial budget. Because of the indeterminate length of the suspension, the advisory public library accessibility grant review committee decided to review the City of Mountain Iron grant proposal as previously scheduled on May 14.

The committee commends the Mountain Iron City Council and Library Board for persistence in obtaining public library accessibility for city residents. The committee expresses disappointment by the decision not to renovate the staff kitchen so that it complies with accessibility guidelines. No state money is eligible for renovation if the kitchenette remains available only for staff use. However, the decision not to renovate makes the assumption that none of the current staff will ever have a disability that would require accessible fixtures. Secondly, a delay in renovation either discourages job applicants with disabilities or unnecessarily forces such individuals to require adjustments. The committee strongly recommends reconsidering the decision concerning the staff kitchenette.

With major issues from the previous two applications resolved, the committee reviewed the site plans. As noted by a resident who viewed the plans before submission, the on-street parking stall had been located in the wrong position relative to the proposed curb cut. More problematically, the accessible parking in front of the building, according to the submitted schematic, has a four-foot elevation. This makes the slope of the street too steep for accessible parking. Persons with mobility issues using a wheel chair or walker would have difficulty keeping these from sliding uncontrollably while exiting or entering a vehicle. The slope cannot be more than 1:50 (one-quarter inch per foot) in any direction. The committee recommends a level van accessible parking pad with an eight-foot wide accessible aisle adjacent to the alley in the back of the building. The area must be lighted and prominent directional signage about the accessible parking must be placed in front of the building.

If the City of Mountain Iron agrees to add the parking pad to the grant proposal, the advisory public library accessibility grant review committee will recommend a matching state grant of up to the maximum of \$150,000 when grants can again be issued. To expedite processing the grant when funds become available, the City of Mountain Iron officials need to take the following actions: (1) Write a letter that states the City of Mountain Iron will provide the parking pad, lighting and signage, (2) provide a revised budget (the lighting is ineligible for matching funds) and (3) pass a new or amended city council resolution that includes the increased grant request and City match.

I do not know how long this suspension of grants will remain in effect. Grants cannot be made retroactively. The City of Mountain Iron will lose the grant opportunity if it proceeds with the project before the grant funds become available. I will notify you when a new development occurs.

1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266 651-582-8200 TTY: 651-582-8201

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6 / 3 / 2004

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CITY COUNCIL

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Pomerantz". The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the text area.

Bruce Pomerantz
Library Development Specialist

Copy: Karen Luoma, Librarian, Mountain Iron Public Library (via email)
Jim Weikum, Director, Arrowhead Library System (via email)

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VIG

MAYOR SKALKO

DOWNTOWN SLIDING HILL

DATE: June 3, 2004

FROM: Mayor Gary Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Background: Have the City Crew install a culvert and brush/clean the sliding area by November 1, 2004.

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VIH
COUNCILOR IRISH
OLD TOWN INDUSTRIAL PARK

DATE: June 3, 2004
FROM: Councilor Irish
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

To direct Staff to obtain appraisals on this land from two area appraisal firms.

Also, a letter should be sent to the MPCA asking what, if anything, has to be done in connection with the clean-up of the old city dumps (three), and if the area in question is not to be developed, then can some of the area can be used for recreational purposes without any clean-up requirements.

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VII

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

MOWING GUIDE

DATE: June 3, 2004

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

There appears to be an infraction east of City Hall.

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VIJ

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

HIGHWAY SIGN

DATE: June 3, 2004

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

The Mountain Iron Recreation Complex signs on Highway 169 should also have "Historic Downtown Mountain Iron" added or something similar.

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VIK

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

SPRING PARK ROAD AREA PUBLIC HEARING (MAY 17TH)

DATE: June 3, 2004
FROM: Councilor Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

There appears to be confusion as to who wants what. The Council should authorize engineering on all needed infrastructure (sewer-water-paving) for the area and then have another public hearing.

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VIL

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

16th AVENUE REPAIRS

DATE: June 3, 2004
FROM: Councilor Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

The north end of 16th Avenue from 9th Street, at least, (shared 50-50 with Virginia) needs an engineering study for possible repair options.

COUNCIL LETTER 060704-VIM

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

NORTH END 761 KINROSS

DATE: June 3, 2004

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

The County should be contacted about overlaying this short section.

COMMUNICATIONS
JUNE 7, 2004

1. City of Aurora, a thank you to the City for offering help and support following their May 5th Wastewater Treatment Facility Explosion.
2. MediaCom, forwarding new digital pricing information.



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May 7, 2004

City of Mt. Iron
8586 South Enterprise Drive
Mt. Iron, Minnesota 55768

RE: Wastewater Treatment Facility Explosion

Dear City Staff:

On May 5, 2004 the City of Aurora experienced a catastrophic property loss that will take a considerable amount of recovery time. Aside from our thankfulness that there were no injuries or loss of life, after the initial shock we saw other reasons to be grateful. We have caring and supportive neighbors who would so quickly come to our aid.

Thank you for offering your help and support during our time of need.

Sincerely,



David Worshek
Mayor
City of Aurora



Theresa Sunde
Community Relations Coordinator

May 25, 2004

Dear Community Leader:

Mediacom is pleased to introduce new Mediacom Digital Star packages that will give customers improved value and flexibility in choosing digital cable services.

The new digital packages are attached for your review. These new digital packages are available to current and new customers as a promotional offer beginning May 21, 2004. The existing digital packages will continue to be sold through June 30, 2004. However, all current digital customers may keep their current level of digital service unless they request a new digital package.

Mediacom remains committed to providing our customers with the finest cable service available. Please contact me directly at (507) 835-2356 if you have any questions or concerns about the new packages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa Sunde".

Theresa Sunde

Mediacom Communications Corporation
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Dear Valued Customer,

We are pleased to introduce the new Mediacom Digital Star Paks. These new packages were created to give our customers greater value and flexibility in choosing digital cable services.

The Digital Star Paks listed below are now available. Current digital packages will no longer be sold after June 30, 2004. Customers who currently subscribe to a digital package are welcome to contact us to switch to one of the new Star Paks or may choose to remain in their current package.

Digital customers will soon receive more information about the new Star Paks including options to convert from their existing level of service.

Thank you for being a valued customer.

New Digital Pricing

Digital Equipment

Digital Converter with Remote (Standard)	\$5.00
Digital Converter with Remote (HDTV/DVR)	\$7.50
Digital Gateway (includes Interactive Guide, Pay-Per-View Access, Music Choice)	\$3.00

Digital Programming (Digital Converter Required)

(Rates do not include the cost of Family Cable)

Digital Plus (Family Cable and Digital Gateway required) <i>Channels formerly known as Digital Special Interest and Digital Variety Pac</i>	\$8.00
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A la carte Premium Services

(Digital Converter and Digital Gateway not included)

HBO	\$13.95
STARZ!	\$8.00
Showtime	\$9.95
Cinemax	\$9.95
Cinemax (when added to Two Star or Three Star Paks)	\$8.00

Digital Star Paks

(Includes Standard Digital Converter and Digital Gateway)

Mediacom One Star (Includes STARZ!)	\$9.95
Mediacom Two Star Showtime (Includes STARZ! and Showtime)	\$17.95
Mediacom Two Star HBO (Includes STARZ! and HBO)	\$21.95
Mediacom Three Star (Includes STARZ!, HBO & Showtime)	\$29.95
Mediacom Four Star (Includes Mediacom Three Star plus Cinemax & Digital Plus)	\$42.95

Advanced Products*

DVR Service	\$4.95
HDTV Tier (Includes HD Net, HD Net Movies, ESPN HD, Bravo HD & Discovery HD)	\$9.95

*Digital Video Recorder (DVR) service and HDTV service (where available) require an HDTV/DVR capable digital converter. Premium HDTV feeds (where available) require an HD capable digital converter and are included in the subscription to each respective premium service.