

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

- I. Roll Call
- II. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes of the July 5, 2005 Regular Meeting (#1-8)
  - B. Bills and Payroll
  - C. Receipts
  - D. Communications (#47-50)
- III. Public Forum
  - A. Review 2004 Audit Report \*
- IV. Committee and Staff Reports
  - A. Mayor's Report
    - 1. Street Assessment Policy (#9)
    - 2. EDA Appointment (#10) \*
  - B. City Administrator's Report
    - 1. Request for Information (#11-12)
  - C. Director of Public Works Report
    - 1. Speed Limit Sign on Mineral Avenue and Greenwood Lane (#13)
    - 2. Class Five Quotes (#14)
  - D. Director of Parks and Recreations Report
    - 1. Operation Welcome Home Project (#15-16)
  - E. City Attorney's Report
  - F. City Engineers Report
    - 1. Pay Request Number 1 – Heather Avenue (#17)
  - G. Planning and Zoning Commission
    - 1. Conditional Use Permit (#18-24)
  - H. Liaison Reports
- V. Unfinished Business
  - A. Property Purchase from USS (#25-31)
  - B. Request to St. Louis County for Property (#32-33)
  - C. Resolution Number 17-05 Accepting Work (#34-39)
  - D. CDBG Application (#40)
  - E. Community Center Wall Crack (#41)
  - F. Ann's Acres Mowing (#42)
  - G. P&H Situation (#43)
- VI. New Business
  - A. MS Society Request (#44)
  - B. USS Insurance Requirements (#45)
  - C. Christmas Decorations (#46) \*
  - D. Communications (#47-50)
- VII. Open Discussion
- VIII. Announcements \* Enclosed in packet
- IX. Adjourn # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 5, 2005

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

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

1. Add the following items to the agenda:
  - IV. A. 2. Nordlund Property
  3. Riccio Family Medical Leave
  - VI. H. Speed Limit Request – Ann’s Acres Area
  - I. South Grove Lot Sale RequestMoved to:
  - III. 1. Ann’s Acres Street Lighting
  2. Mountain Timber Development Agreement
  3. Resolution Number 16-05 Bonding Request
  - VI. J. Communications
2. Approve the minutes of the June 20, 2005, City Council meeting as submitted.
3. That the communications be accepted, placed on file, and those requiring further action by the City Council be acted upon during their proper sequence on the agenda.
4. To acknowledge the receipts for the period June 16-30, 2005, totaling \$143,795.32, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
5. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period June 16-30, 2005, totaling \$175,894.13, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

During the public forum, Robert Voss, 8397 Tamarack Drive, Ann’s Acres, address the Council regarding the proposed Ann’s Acres lighting project. He submitted a petition with 17 signatures from the residents affected by the proposed lighting project on Aspen Lane stating that they do not want lighting erected in this area.

The Mayor updated the audience regarding the Mountain Timber Project. The audience asked questions regarding JOBZ credits, traffic issues, tax payments, noise issues, and job created for the project.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to approve the Mountain Timber Development Agreement as presented. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Irish, no; Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes; and Skalko, yes.

At 8:20 p.m., the Mayor recessed the meeting.

At 8:27 p.m., the Mayor reconvened the meeting with Councilor Prebeg absent.

At 8:28 p.m., Councilor Prebeg entered the meeting.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to adopt Resolution Number 16-05, preliminary capital bonding request of the State of Minnesota 2006 legislative session, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes), contingent on the legality of the motion being reviewed by the City Attorney. The motion carried with Councilors Roskoski and Irish voting no.

During the Mayor's report, the Mayor thanked the Recreation Director and his Staff for a job well done at the July 4th celebration.

The Mayor thanked Commissioner Nelson for assisting in the appropriation of an additional \$170,000 to complete the overlay of Mineral Avenue from the Highway 169 Bridge to Mud Lake Road in South Grove. The Mayor said that this portion of the road was not originally slated for an overlay.

The Mayor requested that Community Development Block Grant be put on the July 18<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda. He said that a developer was looking into constructing townhouses in Mountain Iron.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to direct the Blight Officer and/or the Zoning Administrator to contact the City Attorney and request, in writing, the procedure for taking care of the blight/zoning problems on the Nordlund property at 5619 Nichols Avenue. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to grant a Family Medical Leave to Dennis Riccio as requested. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to accept the resignation of Jeanne Schechinger from the Utility Advisory Board (UAB), direct City Staff to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Schechinger for her years of services, and direct City Staff to advertise for the open UAB position in the Mesabi Daily News over the next two weeks and appoint someone to the position at the August 1<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting. The motion carried.

The Council discussed the crack in the brick on the front of the Community Center. It was the consensus of the Council to have the City Administrator obtain quotes to have it repaired and have this on the July 18<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Irish to authorize Petersen Well Drilling to complete the abandonment of the two wells contained inside the Ann's Acres water company building for their low quote of \$4,900.00. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to award the contract for the ventilation of the campground bathrooms to NorTemp for their low quoted price of \$1,998.00. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to direct City Staff and Benchmark Engineering to halt any further work on the Ann's Acres Lighting Project. The motion carried with Councilor Roskoski abstaining.

During the Liaison reports, Councilor Roskoski reported that the Street and Alley Committee met and discussed the 2005 Street Improvement Projects. It was the consensus of the Committee that there was not sufficient time to complete the street improvement projects this year and to have Staff complete work for January, 2006 on the proposed projects and let bids in March, 2006. Councilor Roskoski also said that the Committee is still working on the different assessment rates for streets, but they were not categorized yet.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to direct City Staff to notify Northwest Asphalt Maintenance, by letter, requesting that they come back to the City of Mountain Iron and complete the newly paved City streets that were not crack sealed when they were initially here. The motion carried with Nelson voting no.

At 9:29 p.m. Councilor Prebeg left the meeting.

At 9:31 p.m., Councilor Prebeg returned to the meeting.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to direct City Staff to review the land records and determine who owns the property around and near the old Ann's Acres Water Company to make sure the property is properly maintained as per the mowing policy. The motion carried.

At 9:41 p.m., Mayor Skalko left the meeting.

At 9:42 p.m., Mayor Skalko returned to the meeting.

It was moved Skalko to approve Resolution Number 17-05, accepting work, contingent on the North Court area problems being corrected. After further discussion, Mayor Skalko withdrew his motion.

It was moved Skalko and supported by Nelson to have Benchmark Engineering speak with the Contractor regarding the North Court Project and seek deductions for the items not used in the North Court Project. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to create a Labor/Management Committee with the Committee being composed of the Mayor, one Councilor (on a rotating basis), two Management Employees and two Union Employees. And further, unless a problem or emergency arises, the Committee will meet quarterly and will be chaired by the Mayor. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to amend the Street Lighting Policy to include that for all street lights provided for street traffic safety (public safety) that no special assessments shall be given the property owners for the cost and installation of a wooden light pole. However, in residential areas, if the property owners request an ornamental/metal type of light pole, the cost and installation of this type of pole will be assessed to the property owners within a 100 foot radius from the erected pole for the difference in cost between the ornamental/metal type and the cost of a wooden light pole. In non-residential areas, for example along Highway 169, the type of light pole erected will be at the discretion of the City Council. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Irish, yes; Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes; Nelson, yes; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to authorize the purchase of property from U. S. Steel Corporation as submitted at a cost of \$42,574. The **motion failed** on the following roll call vote: Roskoski, no; Prebeg, no; Nelson, yes; Irish, no; Skalko, yes.

The Mayor requested that the property request with the Range Retriever Club be put on the July 18<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda because the Range Retriever Club is meeting to further discuss the issue.

The Council discussed the P & H operations in the Merritt Industrial Park with regard to noise in the area. City Staff had contacted P & H and they indicated that they would make every effort to limit noise levels prior to 8:00 a.m. The Council took no formal action.

The Council discussed the speed limit sign on the north end of Mineral Avenue in South Grove. The Mayor stated that he would contact Commissioner Nelson with regard to having the 45 mile per hour sign moved further north on Mineral Avenue pasted the residential area in South Grove.

Councilor Roskoski said that he was contacted by the adjacent property owners to the South Grove Park entrance and they expressed interested in purchasing a portion of the lot. Councilor Prebeg stated that the Parks and Recreation Board had discussed this several years ago and the consensus of the Board was to have the City continue to own and maintain the entrance to the South Grove Park.

At 10:38 p.m., it was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA  
Municipal Services Secretary

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#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding the June 24, 2005 Friday Fax.

## Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
MISCELLANEOUS	BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FEES	500.00
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	475.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	425.00
UTILITY	UTILITY	93,744.94
PERMITS	BUILDING	200.65
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	30.00
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	4,625.00
LICENSES	ANIMAL	15.00
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	SPECIAL ASSESS.-BOND MONEY	3,486.77
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	INTEREST-SP.ASSESS.-BONDS ISSU	1,952.57
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	29,806.62
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	700.00
FINES	CRIMINAL	792.70
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	15.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	10.00
PERMITS	VENDOR	50.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ELECTRICAL INSPEC FORMS	1.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	FEDERAL GRANT-FIRE DEPT-EQUIP.	5,133.00
PERMITS	CONDITIONAL USE	150.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	ELECTRIC-CHG FOR SERVICES	1,111.50
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	570.57
Summary Totals:		<u>143,795.32</u>

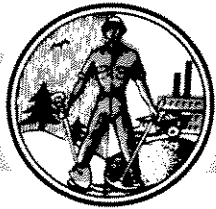
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07/05	07/07/2005	31856	60003	FIVE SEASONS SPORTS CENTER	002-20200	24.48
07/05	07/07/2005	31857	5007	FORTIS BENEFITS	002-20200	951.90
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07/05	07/07/2005	31880	160002	PETTY CASH FUND	002-20200	111.30
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07/05	07/07/2005	31890	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS, BELLEVUE	002-20200	16.03
07/05	07/07/2005	31891	220009	VERNS GREENHOUSE	002-20200	882.94
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07/05	07/12/2005	31899	190039	ST LOUIS COUNTY RECORDERS OFFC	002-20200	34.50
Totals:						100,947.40
Payroll-PP Ending 7/1/05						<u>74,946.73</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES						<u>\$175,894.13</u>





# CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-05

### PRELIMINARY CAPITAL BONDING REQUEST OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**WHEREAS**, the State of Minnesota invites proposals for capital budget requests from local governments and political subdivisions of the State for the Legislative Session 2006; and

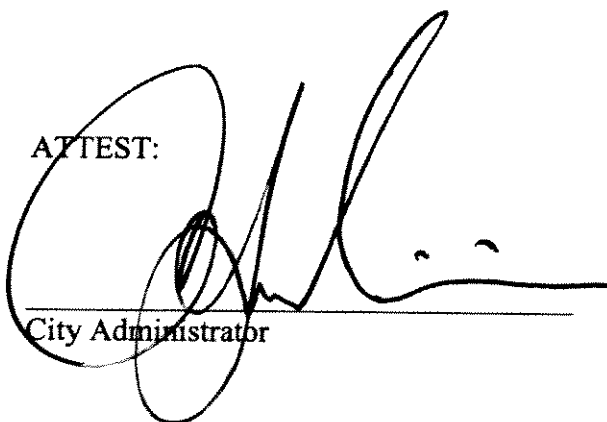
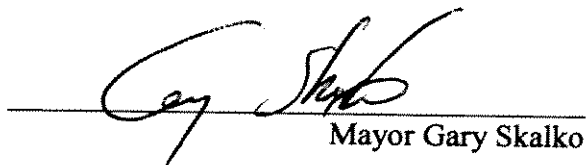
**WHEREAS**, the renewable and sustainable business park will benefit not only Mountain Iron but the region and State of Minnesota by attracting private sector businesses that specialize in renewable energy systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mountain Iron requests that the State of Minnesota participate in the construction of a renewable and sustainable energy park for the benefit of the State of Minnesota and the Mountain Iron area.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA** that it supports a request of \$500,000 of funding from the 2006 State of Minnesota Legislative Session for the construction of a renewable and sustainable energy park.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2005.**

ATTEST:

  
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City Administrator  
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Mayor Gary Skalko

**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-IVA1**

**MAYOR SKALKO**

**STREET ASSESSMENT POLICY**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Mayor Skalko requested this item be placed on the agenda. No further background information was provided.

**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-IVA2**

**MAYOR SKALKO**

**EDA APPOINTMENT**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Mayor Skalko requested this item be placed on the agenda.

Appoint Andrea Wilson to serve on the EDA, term to expire 12/31/09.

**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-IVB1**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Dale Irish submitted the enclosed request for information concerning the assessments on Grant Street. Due to the nature of the request, the situation concerning the proposed assessment as discussed at the last meeting, and the amount of time that would be required to complete, the request is being submitted to the City Council for direction. If the Council directs staff to complete the request it will be completed. If the City Council does not direct staff to complete the request, Councilor Irish may still request the information however he will be charged for all expenses incurred by the City as would any other citizen.

7-7-05

Dear Craig,

Please, give a complete answer to the following questions pertaining to the Grant Street Railway. Also include supporting documentation. Provide in writing by 7-14-05.

Thank You,  
Dale Arish

- 1) Who or what party requested the initial construction of Grant Street.
- 2) For what purpose was Grant Street first paved.
- 3) What was the classification, delimitation, and assessment rate to the abutting property owners at time of construction & pavement.
- 4) When and who made changes to reflect an 75% assessment rate and at a residential rating.
- 5) Provide documentation of Sludge truck routes, schedule of times and dates of services, and receipts of payments.
- 6) At the time of last assessment rate which reflects a residential rate of 75% was a public hearing held and was a special certification adopted by council.

**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-IVC1**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**MINERAL AVENUE SPEED SIGN**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Don Kleinschmidt  
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Saint Louis County was contacted about moving the 45 mph speed sign north of its present location Mineral Avenue and Greenwood Lane. The County will not move the sign unless a traffic study is conducted. If the City Council has any questions on this matter, the Saint Louis County contact is Mr. Russell Dall at 218-742-9812.

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

Update the entire Council on any and all progress on the South Grove/Mineral Avenue request.

**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-IVC2**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**CLASS 5 QUOTES**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005  
**FROM:** Don Kleinschmidt  
Director of Public Works  
  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Quotes were opened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 for 2,000 yards of class 5 gravel. The quotes are as follows:

	<u>Option #1</u>	<u>Option #2</u>	<u>Option #3</u>
Ulland Brothers	\$6.50	\$5.00	\$3.50
Jola & Sopp	\$7.00	\$4.75	no quote
Mesabi Bituminous	\$9.85	\$4.85	\$4.50
Seppi Bros.	\$10.80	\$4.79	\$4.53
Economy Ready Mix	\$11.00	\$6.00	\$5.50

- Option #1: Delivered to City stock pile, per cubic yard.
- Option #2: Class 5 loaded on City truck, per cubic yard.
- Option #3: Class 5 loaded on City truck by City loader, per cubic yard.

Staff recommends purchase of 2,000 cubic yards of Class 5 gravel from Ulland Brothers Inc. at their low quoted price of \$6.50 per cubic yard delivered to the City stock pile.

**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-IVD1**

**MTN IRON VFW**

**OPERATION WELCOME HOME  
NATIONAL PROJECT**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Bruce Cook

Mayor Skalko

Larry Nanti  
Director of Parks & Recreation

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Mr. Bruce Cook is requesting that the City of Mountain Iron authorize the Mountain Iron VFW Post 5258 to appoint two Vietnam Veterans as City Ambassadors to attend the ceremonies in Las Vegas on November 10-13<sup>th</sup>, 2005. (See attached)

There is no cost to the City and the appointed veterans will carry our local post flag and represent the City at this tribute to veterans.

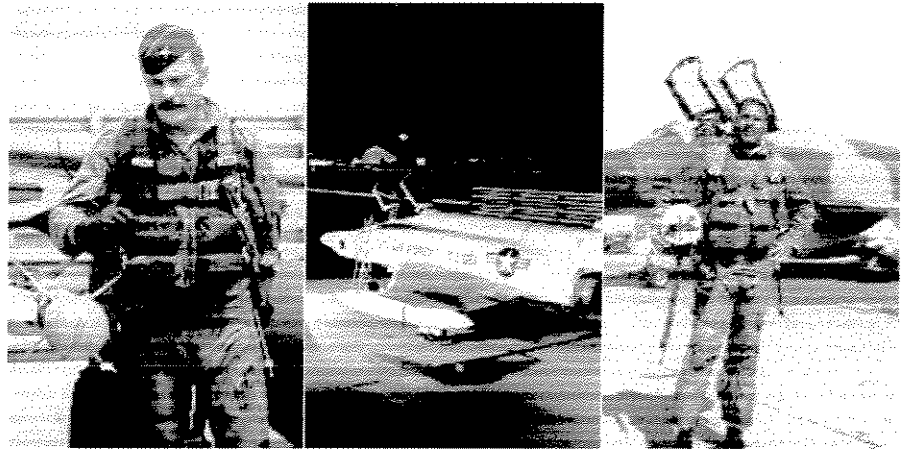




## Operation Welcome Home National Project

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In the coming days and weeks, this site will be populated with details on how every community in the country can participate in this meaningful event. Municipalities are encouraged to pass legislation declaring November 2005 to be "Celebrate Your Vietnam Veteran Month," and to encourage and generate ideas on how to best accomplish just that. Likewise, this site will feature ideas on how to develop your own celebration, while still linking to the Las Vegas event.



Partner communities will be encouraged to appoint two "ambassadors" -- Vietnam vets who will attend the Vegas celebration as honored guests and will ride in the parade. Encourage civic clubs and school groups to raise money in order to send the ambassadors to the main event. Use any additional funds to support parade and celebration plans or to implement a scholarship in your local high school for the children or grandchildren of Vietnam veterans. Develop your own community essay or speech contest that requires students to re-examine the legacy of America's Vietnam veterans by talking to community leaders who served there and writing about their contributions both during and after the conflict. Set up a local photography exhibit featuring the images captured by soldiers in-country.



This site will offer guidelines for all of the above and more. But whatever you do, remember that America's Vietnam veterans were no different than those who are marching off to war today...or those who did so 60 years ago. America was different...the culture was changing and everything was in turmoil...but the young men of the 60s and 70s were carbon copies of those who preceded and followed them: they were anxious, uncertain, awkward, excited, and completely unfamiliar with combat. Those who made it home again wanted what every soldier wants and needs -- to be thanked, to be welcomed and to know their

RECOMMENDATION OF PAYMENT

No. 1 - FINAL

Engineer's Project No. MI05-12

Project: Heather Avenue Class-6 Overlay

CONTRACTOR: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741

For Period Ending June 28, 2005

To City of Mountain Iron  
Owner

Attached hereto is the CONTRACTOR's Application for Payment for Work accomplished under the Contract through the date indicated above. The application meets the requirements of the Contract Documents for the payment or work completed as of the date of this Application.

In accordance with the Contract the undersigned recommends payment to the CONTRACTOR of the amount due as shown below.

BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

Dated June 28, 2005

By Rodney Klanniger

STATEMENT OF WORK

Original Contract Price	\$ <u>5,750.00</u>	Work & Materials to Date	\$ <u>5,750.00</u>
Net Change Orders	\$ <u>0.00</u>	Amount Retained	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Current Contract Price	\$ <u>5,750.00</u>	Subtotal	\$ <u>5,750.00</u>
		Previous Payments	\$ <u>0.00</u>
		<b>Amount Due this Payment</b>	\$ <u><b>5,750.00</b></u>

**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-IVG1**

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Planning and Zoning Commission

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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At their July 11, 2005, regular meeting the Planning and Zoning Commission denied the Conditional Use Permit for Crystal Yernatich. It is recommended that the City Council follow the Planning and Zoning Commissions actions and deny the Conditional Use Permit. If the City Council would like to approve the permit, a 4/5 majority of the Council must vote in favor of the permit application.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA  
JULY 11, 2005

The regular meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Steve Giorgi. Members present were Ray Saari, Steve Skogman, Jim Giorgi, Steve Giorgi, Vicky Juntunen & Barb Fivecoate. Absent was Margaret Soyring. Also present were Zoning Administrator Jerry Kujala & Council Liaison Allen Nelson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Skogman with support from Saari to accept the minutes of the April 25th, 2005 meeting, as written, & passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:05 p.m. S. Giorgi made a motion with support from Fivecoate to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for the Conditional Use Permit for Crystal Yernatich. The motion passed unanimously. No one was there to speak for or against the permit and no communication was received. Discussion was held on the type of building wanting to be constructed & other questions about the location on the property. At 7:15 p.m. a motion was made by Fivecoate with support from S. Giorgi to close the Public Hearing and reopen the regular meeting. It passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

-Zoning Violations-

Zoning Commissioner Jerry Kujala stated that the Nordlund property in Parkville is in violation due to the building of a 100 square foot structure without a building permit. They have been issued two tickets, by Kujala, with no response & Kujala spoke to City Attorney Sam Aluni, who in turn sent a registered letter notifying Nordlunds to remove the structure within 10 days or it will be removed by City forces.

David McGregor, on Mud Lake Road, has been issued a building permit for a house that was moved to the property. His plan is to put a basement under the house & use the current concrete slab for a garage.

Dale Sprague, on Butler Road, is stockpiling on the property. Blight Officer, Larry Nanti, has spoken to Mr. Sprague & issued a ticket for non-compliance. Mr. Sprague said he would continue, as he operated a business there.

John Hanson, is on the road that "T's" into Butler Road & has equipment there. Kujala will talk to him about the issue.

A complaint was received in regard to P&H MinePro and the noise generated from an Air Arc Welder that starts at 5:00 a.m. & goes till 7:00 p.m.---8:00 p.m. & generates a constant loud noise. It is zoned Industrial & current zoning regulations are being met, Fivecoate stated, which was discussed at the July 5th Council meeting. The City Council has sent a letter and will be talking to P&H about the problem.

Michael Pariseau, on Butler Road, has junk piled all around. Kujala will issue a ticket for blight.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Conditional Use Permit--Yernatich

J. Giorgi made a motion to table the permit until such time that Crystal Yernatich come to a P&Z meeting & answer questions about the project. It was withdrawn for lack of support. A motion was made by Fivecoate with support from J. Giorgi to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Crystal Yernatich. Discussion was held about the plans for the building and the motion failed on a 3-3 vote due to applicant failing to appear. Voting "Yes" were Fivecoate, Juntunen & J. Giorgi. Voting "No" were Skogman, S. Giorgi & Saari.

An anonymous letter was received and accepted, with an incorrect address, for a possible zoning violation. If further information is received, the Zoning Administrator Kujala, will check on the problem.

Discussion was held on the Building Permit List that we received. The Commission requested Council Liaison Nelson to have the permits listed on the City of Mountain Iron website for easy access.

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Kujala reported that a request for a variance by Newberg's to construct a 50 X 90 Pole Barn on the old "BON AIR" property in downtown Mt. Iron, which they own. Kujala said a Public Hearing would be held, in two weeks, on July 25th, in regard to the matter. The property is zoned Commercial.

Kujala issued two tickets to Star Homes for not having a permit to post a sign. After the second ticket, the sign was removed.

US Steel has filed application for a new sign ---across from the main gate at Minntac.

Lynn LaPatka inquired about building a bigger building (30' X 40') instead of the 24' X 28' building that they originally requested. Kujala explained the Conditional Use process to her and she said they may put up a 30' X 30' building instead and not have to apply for a Conditional Use Permit.

Kujala, also, had an inquiry from an original property owner, about a piece of property on Mashkenode Lake. The owner had a problem with the DNR and now would like to split the 8 acres up into lots to sell. The owner has health concerns and would like to sell the property. It is zoned Urban Residential Sewered and would have to be in at least 2 1/2 acre lots.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m. a motion was made by Fivecoate with support from J. Giorgi to adjourn the meeting and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Fivecoate  
Secretary

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION \***

Name of Applicant Crystal Vernatic Signature of Applicant Crystal Vernatic Date of Applications 6-29-05  
PO Box 597, Buhl 258-3446

Legal Description:  
 (Sec) Lot 15 (Twp) Block 58<sup>N</sup> (Rge) Subd 18 Parcel Code # 175-70-148Y

Description of Proposed Use  
Garage and personal storage. 1920 sq.ft.

Statement as to why proposed use will not cause injury to value of adjoining property.  
- will have no adverse affect to neighbors property  
- will not cause increase in traffic.

Statement as to how proposed use is to be designed, arranged and operated in order to permit development and use of neighboring property.  
Back <sup>Right</sup> Corner will be approximately 15 ft. from property line. Front will be approximately 214 ft from road

\* Applicant is required to submit documentation required in Section 22.24, Subd 4 of the Zoning Ordinance along with this application for a Conditional Use Permit. Applicant is also required to submit a Vicinity Map, drawn to scale, showing applicant's and adjoining property including existing and proposed buildings or uses. Use reverse side of this form.

Pd \$150.00 6/29/05  
Rec. 1.016664

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

ITEM	ACTION	DATE	INITIAL
Zoning Administrator Review	Notified by phone	6-29-05	SMF
Public Hearing Set	Sent to JDC	6-30-05	SMF
Hearing Notice Published	Set for 7/11/05 7:05PM	6-29-05	SMF
Planning & Zoning Recommendation	MAN'S	7-1-05	SMF
Council Action			
Filed with County Recorder			

Conditions Attached \_\_\_\_\_

VICINITY MAP TO SCALE - SHOW DIMENSIONS OF LOT AND ALL EXISTING AND PROPOSED STRUCTURES OR DISTANCES FROM FRONT, SIDE AND REAR LOT LINE SETBACKS TO ALL EXISTING AND PROPOSED STRUCTURE SHOW ALLEY AND STREET NAMES ABUTTING LOT.

I/We certify that the proposed construction will conform to the dimensions and uses shown and that no changes will be made without first obtaining approval.

Signature Crystal Yematch

Date 6-29-05

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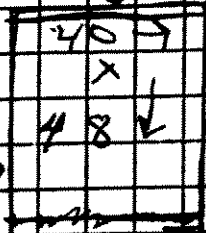
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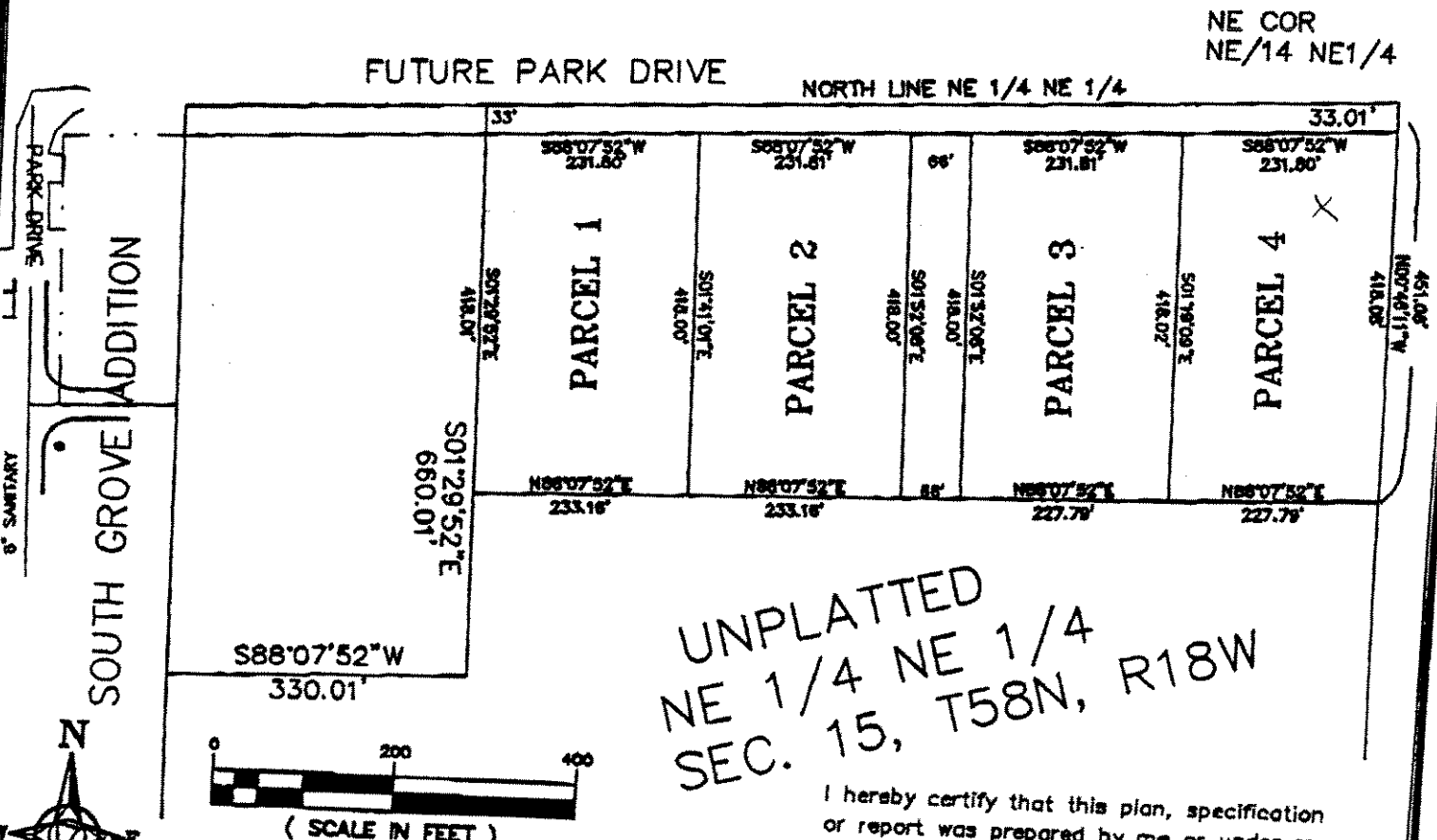
# DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT "A"

*FILE COPY*

## PARCEL 4

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 58 North, Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the City of Mt. Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota described as follows: Beginning at a point on the east line 33.01 feet south of the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes 52 seconds West assigned bearing, parallel to the north line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter 231.80 feet; thence South 01 degree 19 minutes 09 second East 418.02 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07 minutes 52 seconds East 227.79 feet to the east line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 00 degree 46 minutes 11 seconds West 418.08 feet to the point of beginning.

*Cy.*



**UNPLATTED**  
**NE 1/4 NE 1/4**  
**SEC. 15, T58N, R18W**

I hereby certify that this plan, specification or report was prepared by me or under my supervision and that I am a duly registered LAND SURVEYOR under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA.

*Rodney Skarnzi*

Date: 11-08-02 Reg. No. 19792

**Benchmark ENGINEERING, INC.**

8878 Main Street Post Office Box 261  
 Mountain Iron, Minnesota 55768  
 Phone 218/735-8914

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Mountain Iron will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 11, 2005 at 7:05 p.m. in the Mountain Iron Room of the Mountain Iron Community Center.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a request made by Crystal Yernatich for a Conditional Use Permit as required by the Zoning Ordinance to construct an accessory building that would be in excess of 900 square feet. The property is legally described as follows:

Section 15, Township 58 North, Range 18 West

Part of Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) commencing at a point on the East line 33.01 feet South of the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 07' 52" West assigned bearing parallel to the North line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter 231.80 feet; thence South 01 degrees 19' 09" East 418.02 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07' 52" East 227.79 feet to the east line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 46' 11" West 418.08 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel Code 175-0070-01484

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

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

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**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-VA**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**PROPERTY PURCHASE**

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

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Staff was contacted by USS Lands and Minerals to meet concerning the purchase of certain property currently leased by the City and the purchase of some divided interest in some properties where the City currently owns another portion of the divided interest. These discussions were prompted by an upcoming requirement that the City have \$5,000,000 worth of liability insurance for all parcels currently leased by the City from USS, and the desire of USS to “clean-up” certain divided interests in parcels with the City.

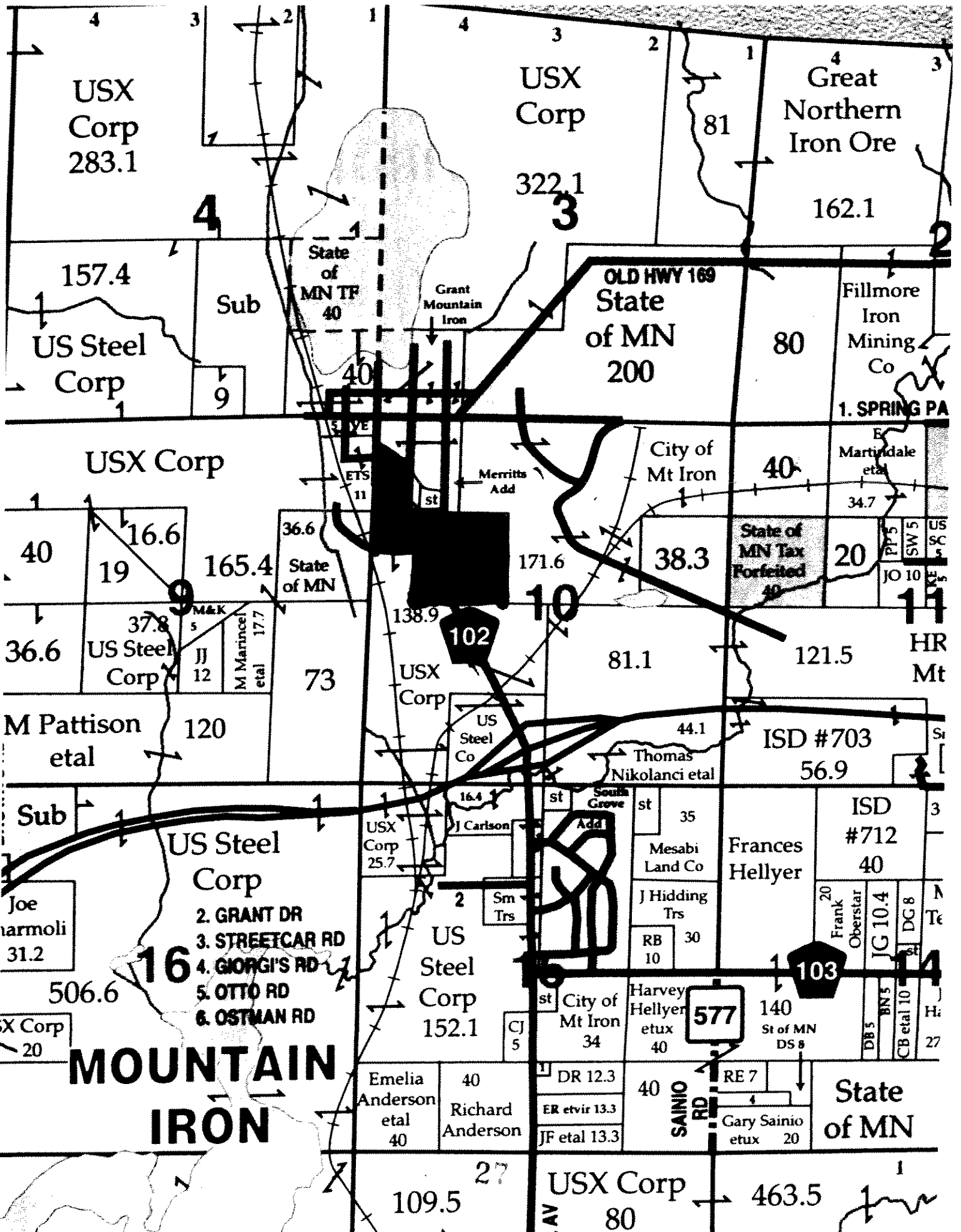
The properties include the purchase of the Locomotive Park, a portion on Marble Avenue and a portion of Locomotive Street. This proposal also includes the purchase of USS interests in some property by Mountain Manor and the City Garage.

It is recommended that the City authorize the purchase of certain properties from USS.

Mayor Skalko also requested this be placed on the agenda.

## Sale And Purchase of Land with Mt. Iron

Description	Acres	Value
Pt SW 10-58-18	13.48	5,856
Pt NW 10-58-18	29.68	18,887
Pt NW 10-58-18	11.7	13,763
		38,506
<b>Asking Price</b>		<b>40,860</b>
<b>Marble Ave. and Locomotive Street</b>		
Marble Ave. USS Assessment		1,413
Locomotive St. USS Assessment		2,888
		4,301
USS Already Paid \$514 In Assessments On Marble Ave.		
<b>USS Refund</b>		<b>514</b>
<b>City of Mt. Iron Observation Stand, Truck Tire, Locomotive etc</b>		
Pt SW-SW 3-58-18	0.8	2,000
<b>Purchase from Mt. Iron Pt of Great Northern Railway Right of Way in NW1/4, Sec. 12, 58-18</b>		
Vacated R/O/W So of Lot 1 Blk 1 Parkville		400
Vacated R/O/W No of Lot 8 Blk 4 Parkville		400
<b>Total Purchase Amount</b>		<b>(800)</b>
<b>Total Due USS</b>		<b>42,574</b>



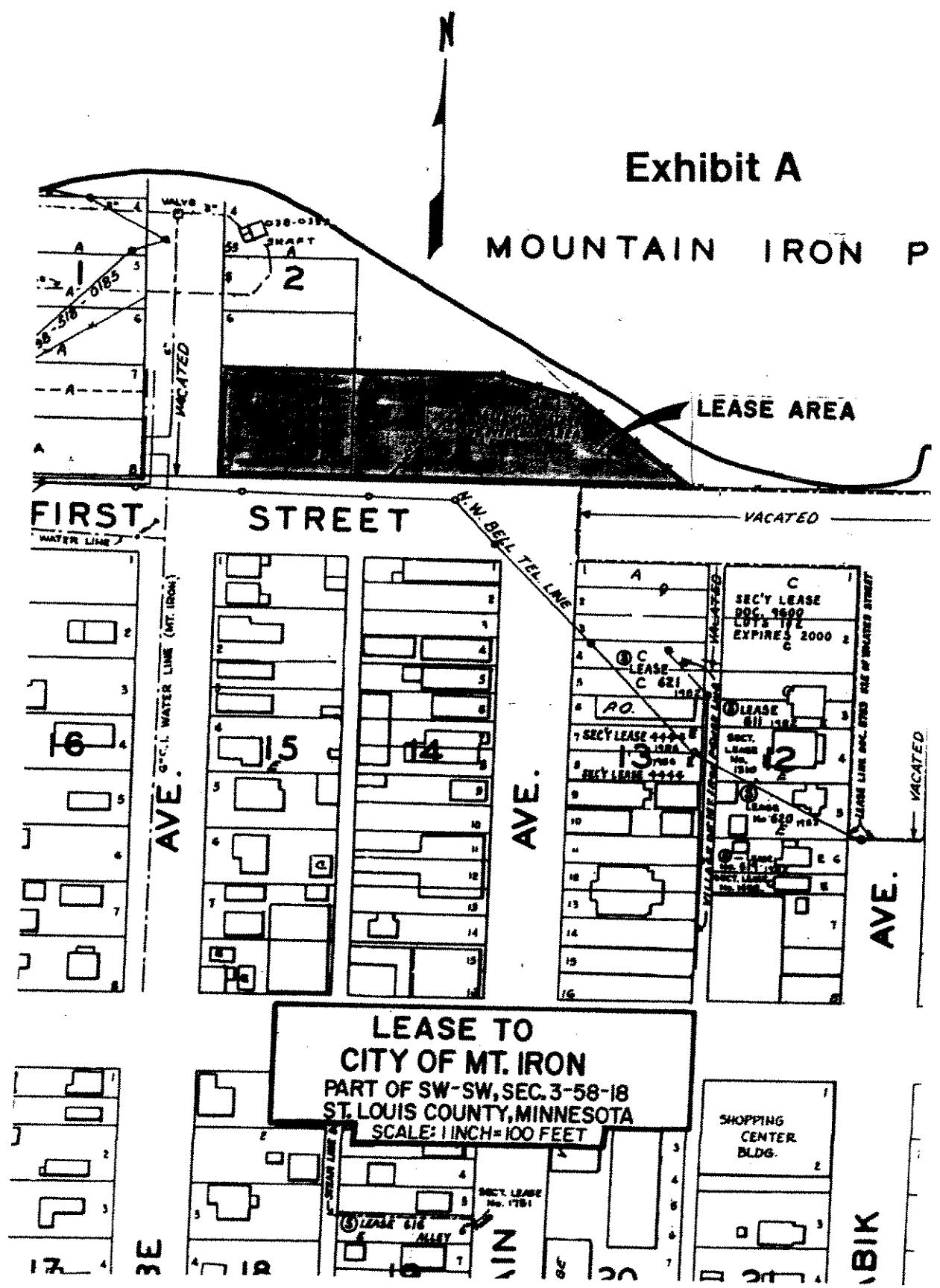
**MOUNTAIN IRON**

- 2. GRANT DR
- 3. STREETCAR RD
- 4. GIORGI'S RD
- 5. OTTO RD
- 6. OSTMAN RD

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 USX Corp 322.1  
 Great Northern Iron Ore 162.1  
 US Steel Corp 157.4  
 State of MN 40  
 Grant Mountain Iron  
 State of MN 200  
 Fillmore Iron Mining Co  
 1. SPRING PA  
 City of Mt Iron  
 State of MN Tax Forfeited 40  
 US Steel Corp 165.4  
 State of MN 36.6  
 US Steel Corp 37.8  
 M&K 5  
 JJ 12  
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 Joe Carmoli 31.2  
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 J Carlson  
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 City of Mt Iron 34  
 Harvey Hellyer et ux 40  
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 Emelia Anderson et al 40  
 Richard Anderson  
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 Gary Sainio et ux 20  
 State of MN  
 USX Corp 109.5  
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# Exhibit A

## MOUNTAIN IRON P



**LEASE TO  
CITY OF MT. IRON**  
PART OF SW-SW, SEC. 3-58-18  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
SCALE: 1 INCH = 100 FEET

# MOUNTAIN IRON PIT

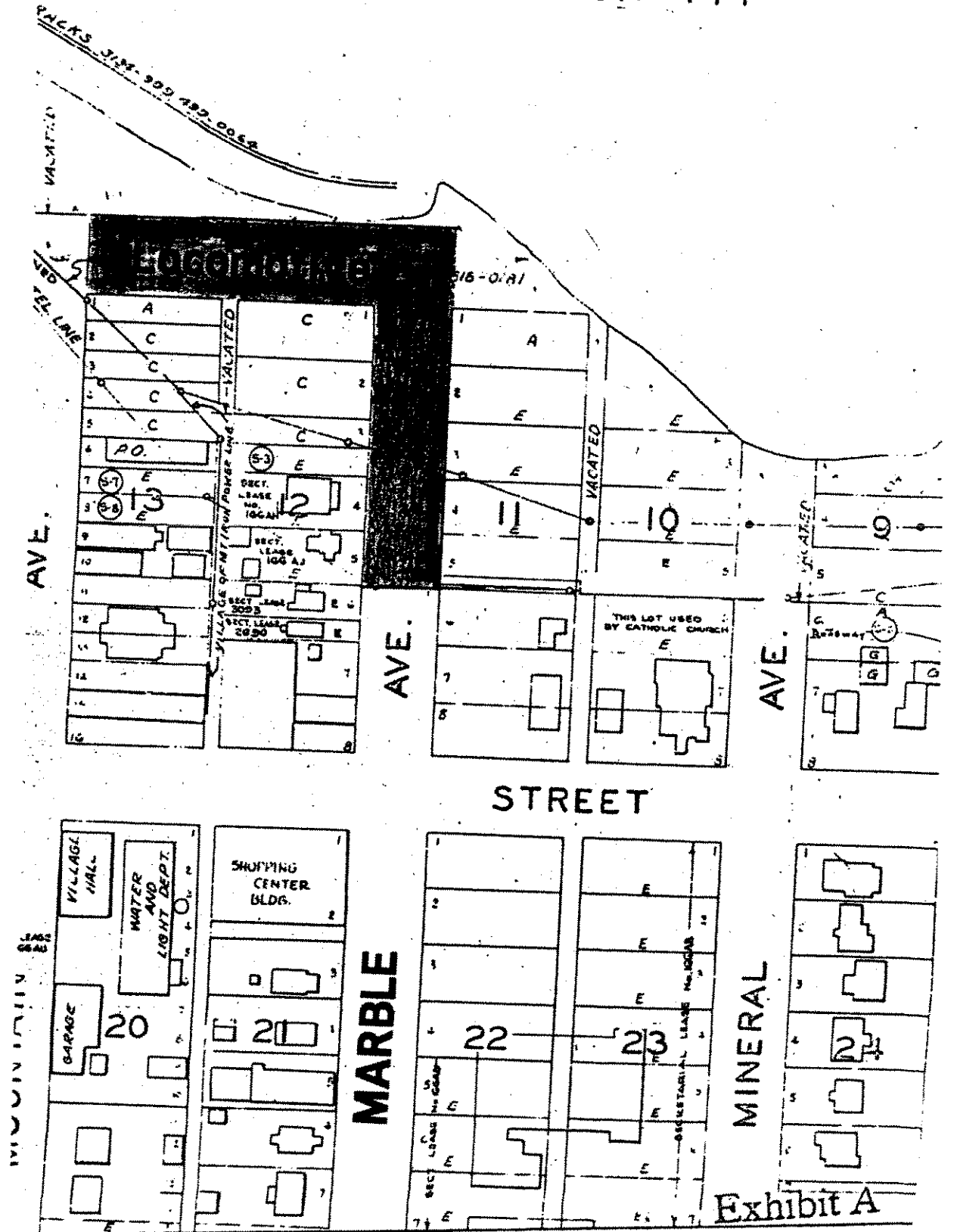


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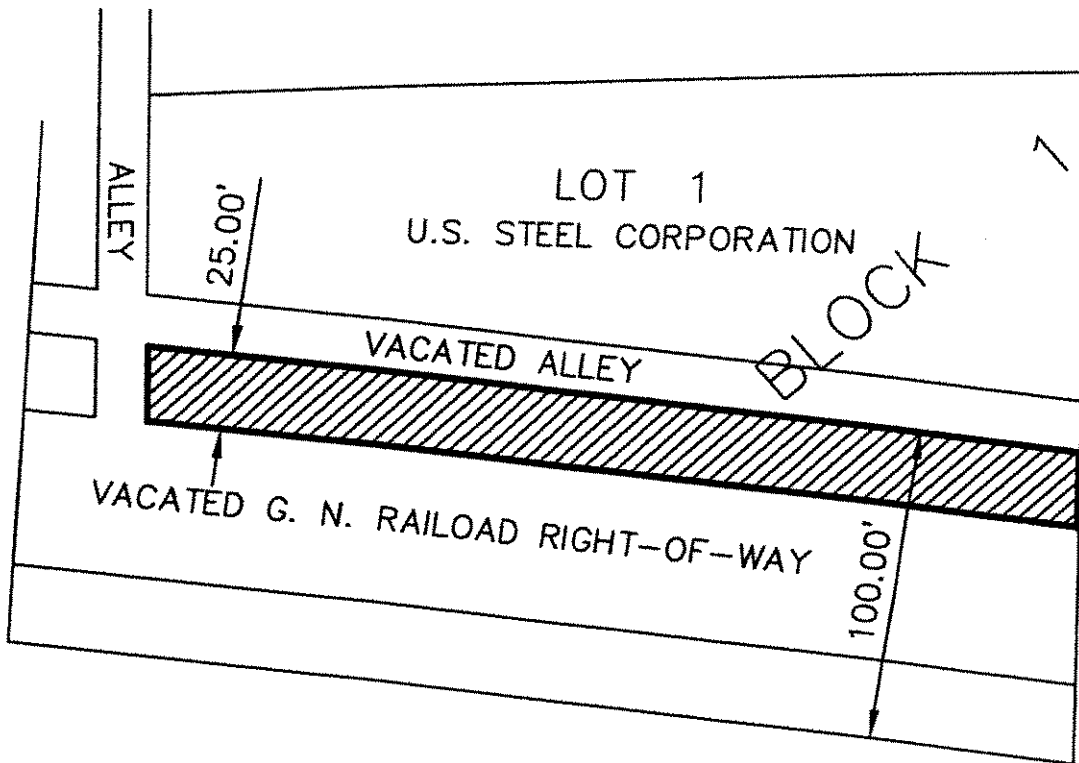
PLAT OF TOWN OF GRANT (SW-SW 3-58-18)

# LEGAL DESCRIPTION

CITY OF MT. IRON TO U.S. STEEL CORPORATION

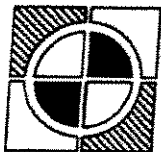
That part of the vacated Great Northern Railway right-of-way located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 58 North, Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, described as follows:

The North 25.00 feet of said right-of-way, bordered on the west by the southerly extension of the west line of Lot 1, Block 1 and bordered on the east by the southerly extension of the east line of Lot 1, Block 1, plat of PARKVILLE according to the recorded plat thereof on file at the St. Louis County Recorder's Office.



( SCALE IN FEET )

1" = 60'



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I hereby certify that this plan, specification or report was prepared by me or under my supervision and that I am a duly registered LAND SURVEYOR under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA

*Rodney Blinnigan*

Date: 7-6-04 Reg. No. 19792

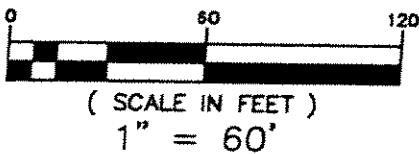
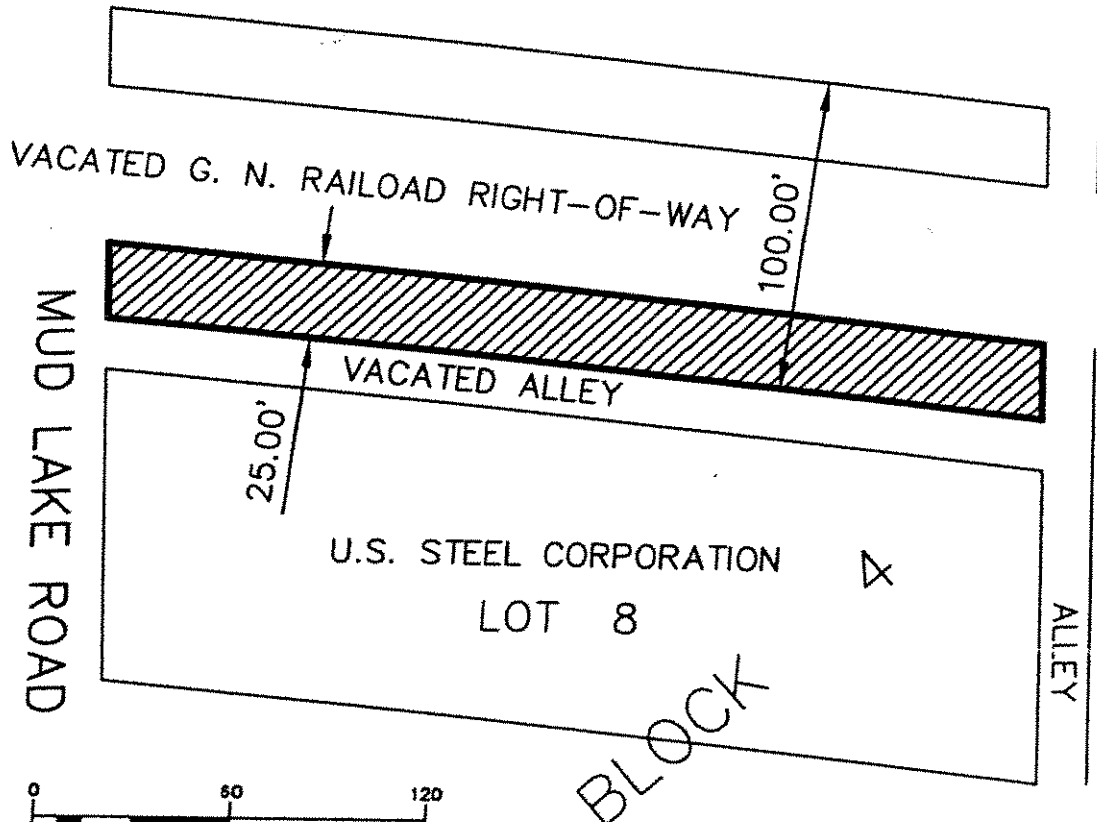
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# LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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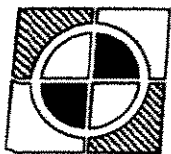
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I hereby certify that this plan, specification or report was prepared by me or under my supervision and that I am a duly registered LAND SURVEYOR under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA

*Rodney Hennings*

31 Date: 7-6-04 Reg. No. 19792



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**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-VB**

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY**

**PROPERTY REQUEST**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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As part of the arrangement with the Retriever Club, the City needs to request the purchase of certain properties from St. Louis County. The City is acting as a pass through where we acquire the property from St. Louis County and sell the property to the Retriever Club. In order to possibly lower the purchase price it is recommended that the City request this property with the intention of maintaining a 50 foot easement for future use.

It is recommended that the City Council request to purchase the subject property from St. Louis County with the stipulation that the City will maintain a 50 foot easement across the property.

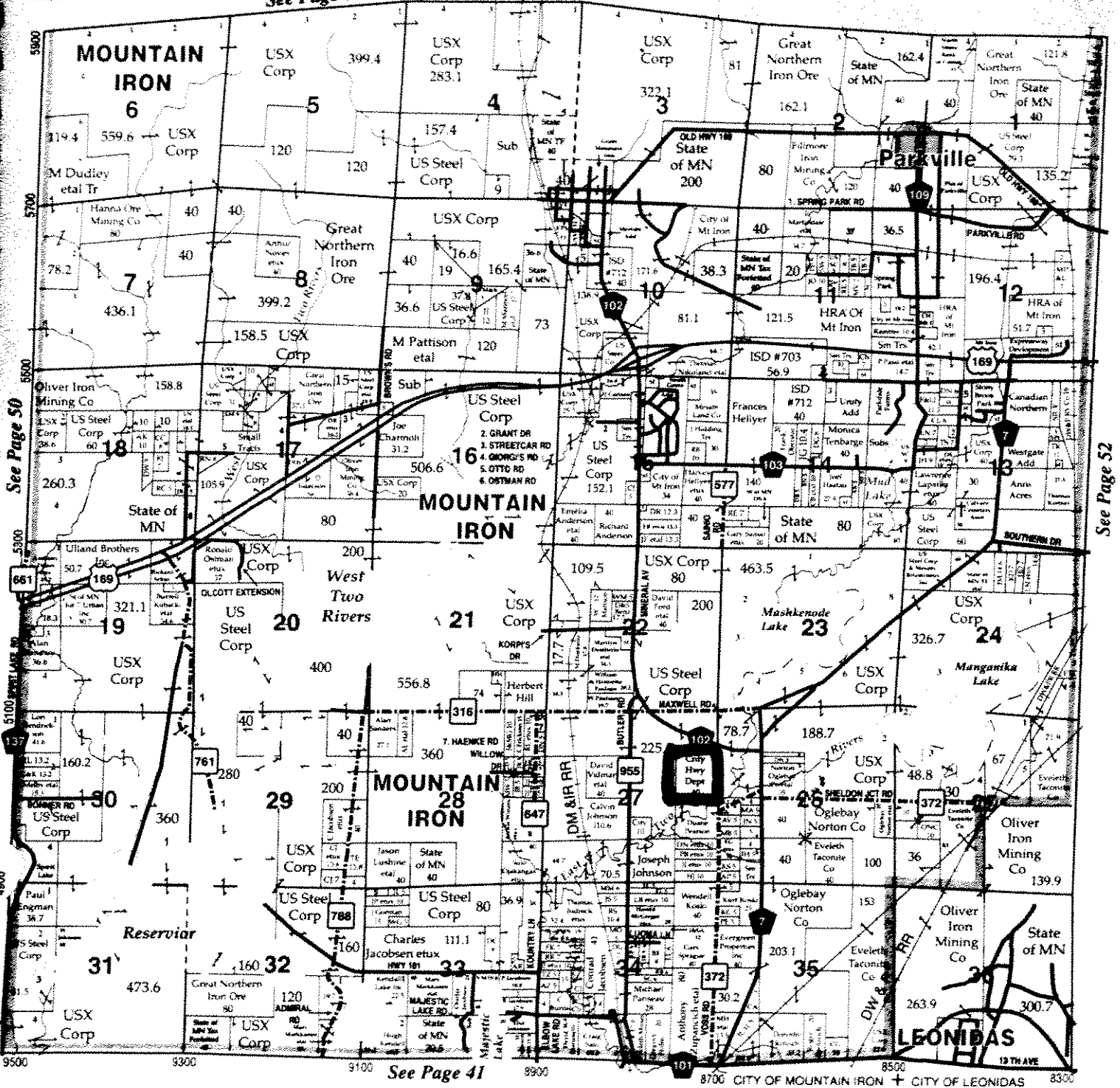
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44. City of Mountain Iron (S), City of Leonidas (N)

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**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-VC**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**RESOLUTION 17-05**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

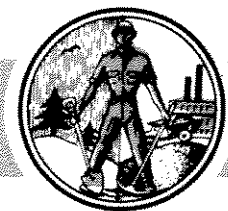
**FROM:** Rod Flannigan  
City Engineer

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Resolution Number 17-04 Accepting Work is to closeout the 2004 overlay project. This project was originally approved in May of 2004 with Hardrives, Inc. performing the work. The project has been satisfactory completed according to the contract.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 17-05 Accepting Work.



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-05

### ACCEPTING WORK

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to an agreement with the City on May 4, 2004, Hardrives, Inc. of Rogers, Minnesota has satisfactorily completed improvement of those streets identified in Exhibit A by reconstruction and/or in accordance with such agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**, that the work completed under said agreement is hereby accepted and approved; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Administrator and Mayor are hereby directed to issue a proper order for the final payment on such agreement, taking the contractor's receipt in full.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2003.**

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

ATTEST:

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

**EXHIBIT A**

Locomotive Street from Mountain Avenue to Marble Avenue  
Park Drive from South of Garden Drive to Mud Lake Road  
Arbor Lane from Mineral Avenue to Greenwood Lane  
Parkville Street from Nichols Avenue to Old Highway 169  
Spring Park Road from Nichols Avenue to end of current bituminous portion  
Oriole Avenue from Spring Park Road to Cardinal Street  
Cardinal Street from Oriole Avenue to Nichols Avenue  
Eagle Avenue from Parkville Street to end of current bituminous portion  
Grant Street from Mineral Avenue to end of current bituminous portion  
Only the Cul-de-sac of North Court  
All of Marion Lane

RECOMMENDATION OF PAYMENT

No. 5 - FINAL

Engineer's Project No. MI03-25

Project: 2004 Street Overlay Project

CONTRACTOR: Hardrives Inc., 14475 Quiram Drive, Rogers, MN 55374

For Period Ending June 6, 2005


To City of Mountain Iron  
Owner

Attached hereto is the CONTRACTOR's Application for Payment for Work accomplished under the Contract through the date indicated above. The application meets the requirements of the Contract Documents for the payment or work completed as of the date of this Application.

In accordance with the Contract the undersigned recommends payment to the CONTRACTOR of the amount due as shown below.

BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

Dated June 24, 2005

By 

STATEMENT OF WORK

Original Contract Price	\$ <u>192,556.72</u>	Work & Materials to Date	\$ <u>193,445.73</u>
Net Change Orders	\$ <u>0.00</u>	Amount Retained	\$ <u>00.00</u>
Current Contract Price	\$ <u>192,556.72</u>	Subtotal	\$ <u>193,445.73</u>
		Previous Payments	\$ <u>183,774.44</u>
		<b>Amount Due this Payment</b>	<b>\$ <u>9,671.29</u></b>



FINAL PAY REQUEST NO. 5  
 2004 STREET OVERLAY PROJECT  
 CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA  
 PROJECT NO: MI03-25

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	PROJECT QUANTITY	ITEM COST	FINAL QUANTITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
2104.501	REMOVE PIPE CULVERT	LIN. FT.	27.0	\$20.00	60.0	\$1,200.00
2104.501	REMOVE CURB & GUTTER	LIN. FT.	154.0	\$4.00	163.0	\$652.00
2104.503	REMOVE CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	105.0	\$10.00	82.1	\$821.00
2104.505	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	33.0	\$4.00	45.3	\$181.20
2104.513	SAWING BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	LIN. FT.	148.0	\$3.50	187.0	\$654.50
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	25.0	\$10.00	29.7	\$297.00
2105.525	TOPSOIL BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	31.0	\$27.00	37.0	\$999.00
2105.604	GEOTEXTILE FABRIC SPECIAL (PAVING)	SQ. YD.	10677.0	\$1.44	10,677.0	\$15,374.88
2211.503	AGGREGATE BASE (CV), CLASS 5	CU. YD.	93.0	\$15.40	35.0	\$539.00
2221.503	AGGREGATE SHOULDERING (CV), CLASS 1	CU. YD.	253.0	\$15.40	306.0	\$4,712.40
2331.604	BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT RECLAMATION (6")	SQ. YD.	2150.0	\$1.65	2,545.6	\$4,200.24
2350.501	TYPE LV 4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (B)	TON	4183.0	\$30.00	4,300.4	\$129,012.00
2350.502	TYPE LV 3 NON WEAR COURSE MIXTURE (B)	TON	364.0	\$32.00	259.0	\$8,288.00
2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	2002.0	\$1.17	2,333.0	\$2,729.61
2501.511	8" CMP PIPE CULVERT	LIN. FT.	55.0	\$55.00	60.0	\$3,300.00
2503.541	8" CMP PIPE APRON	EACH	2.0	\$190.00	2.0	\$380.00
2504.602	ADJUST VALVE BOX - WATER	EACH	1.0	\$125.00	0.0	\$0.00
2506.522	ADJUST FRAME AND RING CASTING	EACH	25.0	\$190.00	25.0	\$4,750.00
2531.501	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER - DES. B618	LIN. FT.	154.0	\$20.00	163.0	\$3,260.00
2531.507	7" CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	112.0	\$43.00	82.1	\$3,530.30
2563.601	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$1,500.00	1.0	\$1,500.00
2564.603	4" DOUBLE SOLID LINE YELLOW - EPOXY	LIN. FT.	4268.0	\$0.95	4,268.0	\$4,054.60
2564.603	4" SOLID LINE WHITE - EPOXY	LIN. FT.	3184.0	\$0.50	3,136.0	\$1,568.00
2575.505	SODDING TYPE LAWN	SQ. YD.	390.0	\$4.00	360.5	\$1,442.00

COMPLETED TO DATE: **\$193,445.73**

  
 BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.



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CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING • PLANNING  
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June 24, 2005

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

Re: 2004 City Street Overlay Project  
Pay Request No. 5 - FINAL  
Project No. MI03-25

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Enclosed please find FINAL Pay Request No. 5 for the 2004 City Street Overlay project in the amount of **\$9,671.29**.

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.

EEF: js

Enclosures

cc: Hardrives, Inc.



**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-VD**

**MAYOR SKALKO**

**CDBG IDEAS**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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

Councilors to present any ideas for projects qualifying for Community Development Block Grants.

**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-VE**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**WALL CRACK**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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

The cracked wall by the front entrance. Did we find some firm to inspect the area?

**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-VF**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**ANN'S ACRES MOWING**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Background: The Spruce Drive/#7 area by Northern Natural Gas sub-station. Who's property?

Staff Note: The property in question is owned by the City and will be mowed by City crews upon City Council direction as per the City's mowing policy.

**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-VG**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**P & H SITUATION**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Background: The noise, smell, blight coming from that area. Any progress?

Staff Note: P&H has been made aware of the complaint lodged at the last City Council meeting and will take appropriate actions to help alleviate the situation.



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MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS  
SOCIETY

*Minnesota Chapter*

National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
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200 12th Ave. South  
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1255

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Mt. Iron City Council  
8586 Enterprise Dr. S  
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings on behalf on the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Minnesota Chapter. We have a weeklong bike tour, MS TRAM, coming through your town the week of July 24-29, 2005. We will have a rest stop at the Mt. Iron Trailhead on the Mesabi Trail on Tuesday, July 26, 2005.

I have arranged to have a 300-gallon garbage receptacle placed there for the day through Judy Beurer at the City Clerk Office. We are a non-profit and this is a fund-raising Bike Tour so Judy recommended I write you a letter to request that the \$10 fee be waived.

I am happy to provide you with any further information you may need. Please feel free to give me a call at 612-335-7971. Thank you in advance for your help and I look forward to hearing form you.

Sincerely,

Meghan Perry  
Special Events Coordinator  
612-335-7971  
[mperry@mssociety.org](mailto:mperry@mssociety.org)

**COUNCIL LETTER 070505-VIB**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**CAMPGROUND INSURANCE**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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USS Lands and Minerals is requiring the City of Mountain Iron provide liability insurance in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the West Two Rivers Campground. The City's statutory liability limit is \$1,000,000. Staff has contacted the City's insurance provider regarding this situation and they have indicated that the City could obtain a "Laser Endorsement" covering only the requirements for the campground. The additional premium for this "Laser Endorsement" would be \$6,897.

In the future, USS Lands and Minerals will be requiring \$5,000,000 of coverage for all the sites the City leases from USS. This requirement is what prompted USS to contact the City concerning the sale of certain properties we currently lease including Locomotive Park, a portion of Locomotive Street and a portion of Marble Avenue.

**COUNCIL LETTER 071805-VIC**

**MAYOR SKALKO**

**CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTING QUOTES  
FOR UNITY DRIVE & HIGHWAY 7**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**FROM:** Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Mayor Skalko requested this item be placed on the agenda with the background information provided in your packet.

COMMUNICATIONS  
JULY 18, 2005

1. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding the July 8, 2005, Friday Fax.
2. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, forwarding the Local Government Aid Budget Negotiations Update.





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## Legislators pushing for an end

Legislators pushed all week to end the special session gridlock. On Friday there seemed to be a renewed pressure to get a deal done so that laid-off state employees could be back to work on Monday morning. Both bodies came in for floor sessions at 10 am on Friday, only to recess for session later in the day. The hope was to pass a "lights on" bill to put state employees back to work. Up until now, the House Republicans have blocked the vote saying that passing a "lights on" measure would take the pressure off of getting a budget deal done, and the Governor has stated he would refuse to sign a "lights on" measure without an agreement on a budget plan. The most recent development, at 4:30 pm on Friday afternoon, is that they are very close to a deal and that the Senate and House will come in at 8:30 pm to pass the "lights on" agreement.

While press reports early Friday afternoon said there was a possible budget deal, one walking the Capitol halls might think otherwise. Reporters, cameras and lobbyists were camped outside the Governor's office—and leadership members of the Senate came and went from the reception area, often looking grim. There were as many rumors of a deal as there were that the deal had fallen apart. Neither the Education nor HHS Working Groups have met this week. Instead, the conversations have been at the leadership and Tax Working Group levels on what the appropriate spending targets should be in those areas.

Thursday's big news was the sudden resignation of Rep. Phil Krinkie (R-Shoreview) from the Tax Working Group. His resignation letter to the House leadership cited his inability to support the increases in cigarette taxes and expansion of gambling that the House and Governor seemed willing to go along with in order to raise revenues. He said it was "up to the Speaker" as to whether he would continue as chair of the House Tax Committee. Members, and even chairs of conference committees, are sometimes replaced when a deal cannot be struck. With the stark contrast in political philosophy between Sen. Tax

Chair Pogemiller (DFL-Minneapolis) and Rep. Krinkie, most Capitol insiders were not surprised to see his departure. One day later, it is still unclear how or whether the House will fill his seat at the table. Many are thinking the committee might not even reconvene, making the appointment of a chair unnecessary.

And in the real world, there are at least three weddings that will keep some legislators and staff away from the Capitol over the weekend. One junior member of the House, and one representative's offspring will each have an anniversary of July 9. It just so happens that one is a Democrat and the other a Republican, so at least their votes might cancel each other if a floor session was scheduled. The Governor's office will be busy with another wedding when their press secretary marries an employee from MnDOT. No doubt these wedding planners thought July might be a safe time to plan their nuptials.

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

## Special Master decides what is essential service

While 201 legislators, the Governor, and countless numbers of legislative staff negotiate a state budget deal, one man, former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Edward Stringer, is making recommendations as to what state functions are essential enough to continue during the partial state government shutdown.

Justice Stringer was appointed Special Master by Ramsey County District Court Chief Judge Gregg Johnson just days prior to the partial state shutdown. A Special Master is an authority appointed by a judge to make sure that judicial orders are followed. Justice Stringer is authorized to verify the performance of the core functions being continued during the shutdown, as well as hearing requests for services seeking to be deemed essential. Upon hearing the petitions of those seeking essential service status, Justice Stringer makes a written recommendation to Chief Judge



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Johnson, who then makes final decisions after considering Stringer's recommendations.

To view Justice Stringer's recommendations and Chief Judge Johnson's orders from the first week of the shutdown, click on recommendations or orders above. For an e-mailed copy, contact the League's Brian Strub.

*Questions? Contact Brian Strub at 651.281.1256 or [bstrub@lmnc.org](mailto:bstrub@lmnc.org)*

## League seeks metro area city official to serve on CrimNet Task Force

A provision in the recently enacted omnibus public safety bill, Chapter 136, requires the League of Minnesota Cities (League) to recommend a city official to serve on a task force that provides key oversight to the state's integrated criminal justice information system, also known as CrimNet.

Currently, the League has one member on the Task Force, but the new language passed requires an additional member to be appointed, with one member representing greater Minnesota and one member representing the seven-county metropolitan area. The League's existing appointee is Willmar Mayor Les Heitke.

The Task Force meets monthly and makes policy recommendations to the CrimNet Policy Group, the decision-making body responsible for CrimNet policy and implementation. All candidates must be formally approved by the CrimNet Policy Group.

In a letter dated June 27, 2005, CrimNet Task Force Chair Christina Volkers requested that the League make its appointment by July 15, 2005. Therefore, the League is requesting that members interested in serving on the panel contact the League as soon as possible. The appointee can be an elected or appointed city official from the metropolitan area and should have some familiarity with the CrimNet initiative.

Letters of interest should be submitted to Executive Director Jim Miller at 145 University Ave. W., St Paul, MN 55103 or [jmiller@lmnc.org](mailto:jmiller@lmnc.org).

Letters will be accepted until the appointment is made.

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

## Chisholm, Bemidji, & Deerwood to host LMC Regional Meetings

Onsite registration will be available for the upcoming LMC Regional Meetings in Chisholm (July 12), Bemidji (July 13), and Deerwood (July 14). Online registration is available for the Cottonwood (July 19), Lake Crystal (July 20), Lanesboro (July 21), and Minneapolis (November 17) meetings. Registration information is available online at [www.lmnc.org](http://www.lmnc.org) or by contacting the League's Cathy Dovidio.

*Questions? Contact Cathy Dovidio at [cdovidio@lmnc.org](mailto:cdovidio@lmnc.org) or 651-281-1250 or 800-925-1122.*

## Legislative meetings in your city

District town hall meetings are a great chance to meet with your legislators and tell your city story close to home. Upcoming meetings in a city near you include:

July 12 in Stewart (City Hall, 4:30-5:30pm) with Rep. Scott Newman

July 12 in Brownton (City Hall, 6:00-7:00pm) with Rep. Scott Newman

July 13 in Glencoe (City Hall, 4:30-5:30pm) with Rep. Scott Newman

July 13 in Hutchinson (VFW Post 906, 6:00-7:00pm) with Rep. Scott Newman

Check your local newspaper or radio station for additional dates. To receive e-mail notice of upcoming town hall meetings near you, subscribe online at

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/maillist/maillinglis.asp>

**Craig J. Wainio**

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**From:** Steve M. Peterson [smpeterson@flaherty-hood.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2005 4:00 PM  
**Subject:** LGA Update  
**Attachments:** image001.png

**Dedicated to a Strong Greater Minnesota**



**To:** CGMC Members  
**From:** Tim Flaherty  
Steve Peterson, Policy Analyst  
Flaherty & Hood, P.A.  
**Date:** July 12, 2005  
**Re:** Local Government Aid – Budget Negotiations Update

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A final agreement on LGA funding was agreed to around 4:30 am Tuesday morning. The final agreement, which will be part of the tax bill voted on by the full House and Senate on Wednesday, will have \$48 million in restored LGA funding. Of this, \$4 million is dedicated to small cities below 5,000 in population. The remaining \$44 million will be distributed based on the current formula, except for the taconite aid offset which is removed for seven range cities.

The final agreement does not have the reforms and funding level sought after by CGMC. Using the current formula will create a large one-time increase in funding for Minneapolis, St. Paul and several greater Minnesota cities. Over the next couple of years these cities will see their aid reduced and distributed to other cities that are currently capped by maximum aid increases as the formula is phased in.

I will be providing a spreadsheet with individual city LGA funding and further details as soon as possible. I do not anticipate getting any new information until at least Wednesday.