

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the July 18, 2005 Regular Meeting (#1-10)
 - B. Bills and Payroll
 - C. Receipts
 - D. Communications (#44-48)
 - III. Public Forum
 - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - 1. UAB Appointment (#11)
 - 2. Mowing Policy (#12)
 - 3. Late/Unscheduled Event (#13)
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - C. Director of Public Works Report
 - 1. Transformer Quotes (#14)
 - D. Director of Parks and Recreations Report
 - 1. Locomotive Painting Quotes (#15)
 - E. Fire Department
 - 1. Fire Department Hiring (#16)
 - F. City Engineers Report
 - 1. Ann's Acres Water Building (#17-18)
 - G. Planning and Zoning Commission
 - 1. Conditional Use Permit (#19-21)
 - 2. Variance (#22-23)
 - H. Liaison Reports
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Resolution Number 17-05 Accepting Work (#24-29)
 - B. Energy Park Bonding (#30)
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Resolution Number 19-05 Calling a Public Hearing (#31-40)
 - B. Street Signage (#41)
 - C. Material/Equipment Inventories (#42)
 - D. Spring Park Road (#43)
 - E. Communications (#44-48)
 - VII. Open Discussion
 - VIII. Announcements
 - IX. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
JULY 18, 2005

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

The Mayor commented on the last City Council meeting. He said that it was a long emotional meeting and there were a few things said by Councilors and himself that should not have been said. The Mayor apologized for himself and the Council.

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:

Add:

- III. B. Assistant Librarian Interviews
- E. MS Bike Tour
- VI. E. Agenda Staff Notes
- F. Resolution Number 18-05
- IV. B. 2. Temporary Liquor License

Move:

- IV. G. 1. Conditional Use Permit to: III. C.
- V. B. Request to Saint Louis County for Property to: III. D.

2. Approve the minutes of the July 5, 2005, City Council meeting with the following corrections:
Page 1, Agenda items: VI. H. Speed Limit Request-~~Ann's Acres~~ **South Grove** area
Page 2, Paragraph 10, "It was the consensus of the Council to have the City Administrator obtain quotes to have it ~~repaired~~ **inspected** and have this....."
Page 4, Paragraph 6, "Councilor Roskoski said that he was contacted by adjacent property owners to the **north** South Grove Park entrance and they expressed interested-in purchasing a portion of-~~the~~ **that** 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 **north** entrance **lot** to the South Grove Park."
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 July 1-15 2005, totaling \$646,882.17, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
5. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period July 1-15, 2005, totaling \$464,080.00, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Prebeg, yes; Nelson, yes; Irish, yes; Roskoski, no; and Skalko, yes.

The Librarian was present and advised the Council that the Library Board had set up interviews for the Assistant Librarian Position for July 25, 26, and 27, 2005 beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Library Board requested that one Council Member sit in on the interviews. Councilor Prebeg said that he would attend the interviews. Councilor Roskoski questioned if the interviews were open to the public. The City Attorney advised the Council that the interviews were open to the public.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to send the Conditional Use Permit application of Crystal Yernatich back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review and recommendation. The motion carried with Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson that the City Council request to purchase the property in Section 27, Township 58 North, Range 18 West from Saint Louis County as a pass through agent for the Retriever Club with the stipulation that the City maintain a 50 foot easement across the property for future use. The motion carried.

During the public forum, Dave Taus was present and said that the Girl's Summer Softball Program had been completed and he thanked the City Council for their support of the program.

Also during the public forum, Bruce Cook spoke to the City Council regarding the City appointing him, a Vietnam Veteran, as an Ambassador for the City of Mountain Iron to attend the ceremonies in Las Vegas, Nevada on November 10-13, 2005, at no cost to the City. The Mayor said that the Council would be honored to appoint him and to submit the appropriate paperwork to the Council when he receives it.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to appoint Devin West to the Mountain Iron First Responders Group. The motion carried.

The City Auditor reviewed the 2004 audit with the City Council.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to accept the 2004 audit report as presented by Walker, Giroux, and Hahne, Ltd. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to direct City Staff to forward all the documentation that had been supplied to the City Council regarding the P & H MinePro complaints to the Zoning Administrator to study and make a recommendation. The motion carried.

During the Mayor's report, the Mayor thanked the area legislators for work completed to restore some of the Local Government Aid and Taconite Aid offsets.

The Mayor requested that a letter be sent to the Local Union #453 advising them of the formation of the Labor/Management Committee and request that they appoint two members to the Committee.

The Mayor advised the Council that there would be a preconstruction meeting for the renovation of the Library on Wednesday, July 20th at the Library at 1:00 p.m.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to direct City Staff to contact the Cities of Eveleth, Virginia, Chisholm, Hibbing and Hermantown to obtain a copy of their street assessment plan. The motion carried.

At 7:53 p.m., Councilor Roskoski left the meeting.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to appoint Andrea Wilson to the Economic Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Larry P. Johnson with the term expiring on December 31, 2009.

At 7:54 p.m., Councilor Roskoski returned to the meeting.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Nelson, no; Irish, yes; Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, no; and Skalko, yes.

At 7:57 p.m., Councilor Prebeg left the meeting.

At 7:59 p.m., Councilor Prebeg returned to the meeting.

The Council discussed the request for an advertisement in the Mesabi Daily News for the Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour July 24-29, 2005. It was the consensus of the Council that the request for the advertisement came in too late for Council consideration due to the allocation of an expenditure.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to direct City Staff to research the information requested by Councilor Irish on the Grant Street assessments. The **motion failed** on the following roll call vote: Irish, yes; Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, no; Nelson, no; and Skalko, no.

The Council discussed changing the classification during an impending special assessment on a street. The City Administrator and the City Attorney will research the classification change. Councilor Irish requested that he be contacted as soon as possible when a conclusion is made regarding the classification change.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to approve the application for a temporary liquor license by the American Legion Post 220 for August 13, 2005 at the West II Rivers Campground pending the approval of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. The motion carried.

Councilor Roskoski questioned the City Administrator as to where the tire stand for Locomotive Park was located. The Council requested that the Recreation Director look into the matter. Mayor Skalko questioned whether the fountain for Locomotive Park had been delivered.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to direct City Staff to contact Saint Louis County to request that a traffic study be conducted on Mineral Avenue to see if it warrants the speed limit sign being moved. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to authorize the purchase of 2,000 cubic yards of Class 5 from Ulland Brothers Incorporated at their low quoted price of \$6.50 per cubic yard delivered to the City stock pile. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Roskoski questioned why all of the glass windows were removed from the Parkville School. The City Attorney said that there should not be a problem with the window removal issue.

The Director of Public Works updated the Council on the relocation of the Recycling Center. He said Recycling Center should be transferred to the new site in a couple of weeks.

Councilor Roskoski questioned when a gate was going to be installed at the Wolf Park. Councilor Prebeg said that the Parks and Recreation Board was reviewing the situation to see if the Wolf Park would remain open.

Councilor Roskoski commented on the possibility of the City receiving some grants from Saint Louis County. The Mayor said that the Saint Louis County Board would be voting on the grants for the South Grove Playground and the ATV Trails on July 27, 2005.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Prebeg to direct City Staff to contact the people that operate out of Unity Plaza to explain the City's concerns regarding the City of Mountain Iron's parking policy on Unity Drive. The motion carried.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and authorize payment of Pay Request Number 1 to Mesabi Bituminous for the Heather Avenue Class-6 overlay project in the amount of \$5,750. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The City Engineer said that he had submitted the Ann's Acres Water Building and Tank Demolition bids to the City Council. The Council requested that this be placed on the August 1, 2005 City Council agenda.

Councilor Nelson informed the City Council that that the Planning and Zoning Commission have been working on the blight issues.

The City Attorney advised the Council that a certified letter had been submitted to Dave Nordlund, 5619 Nichols Avenue, regarding the zoning violation on his property and he has ten days to comply.

Mayor Skalko stated concerns with hunting shacks, recreational vehicles, and outhouses being placed in the Mashkenode Lake area. The Council referred this issue to the Zoning Administrator.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to authorize the purchase of properties including Locomotive Park, a portion of Marble Avenue, a portion of Locomotive Street, and a partial interest of property by Mountain Manor and the City Garage for a purchase price of \$42,574. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Council discussed Resolution Number 17-05, accepting work for street improvement projects. The City Engineer stated that he had not yet received information from Hardrives Incorporated regarding the quantities being reduced for the work completed on North Court.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Skalko to direct City Staff to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for new carpeting and a screened in patio for the Mountain Manor Complex. The motion carried.

The City Administrator advised the City Council that he had contacted someone from Duluth and they will be forwarding an estimate and recommendation for the wall crack in the Community Center building.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to add the piece of property south of the Anns Acre's Northern Natural Gas substation, which is City owned, to the mowing policy for the City to mow this property. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson to amend the mowing policy regarding the mowing of the area around the Community Center/City Hall to have City Staff use their discretion as to the area that would be mowed to the intersection with Unity Drive. The motion carried with Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Prebeg to waive the garbage fee of \$10 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society bike tour in Mountain Iron on July 26, 2005 for the cost of a 300 gallon garbage receptacle be placed at Locomotive Park for the day. The motion carried.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to authorize the purchase of additional liability insurance in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the West Two Rivers Campground at a cost of \$6,897. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to direct City Staff to purchase 21 Christmas Christmas lights pole decorations as follows:

4	Candle Wreaths	\$1,496
4	Noel Trees	\$ 920
4	Noel Candles	\$ 880
3	Christmas Bells	\$1,101
3	Joy Canes	\$ 597
3	Christmas Stockings	<u>\$ 927</u>
	TOTAL	\$5,921

These decorations would be for Unity Drive from Marion Drive east to Duane's Marine and the Unity/Highway 7 intersection south on Highway 7 to Tamarack Drive and for the three lights

poles by the City Hall. Part II of this City-wide Christmas Lighting Project would be completed in 2006 with decorations for the following areas: entrance to Unity Addition leading to Highway 169, Nichols Avenue in Parkville and Mineral Avenue in Downtown Mountain Iron and South Grove. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes; Nelson, yes; Irish, yes; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to direct City Staff that when they give the Council information with comments that they identify themselves and what department they are from. The motion carried with Prebeg and Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to adopt Resolution Number 18-05, providing for the issuance, sale, and delivery of a \$300,000 general obligation bond of 2005 of the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota, to pay a part of the cost of public library improvements; establishing the terms and conditions therefore; and awarding the sale thereof, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

During the open discussion, Councilor Roskoski asked the Mayor why he didn't have any backup information on the special assesment agenda item that he put in the City Council packet. The Mayor apologized and said he would supply background information the next time.

Also during the open discussion, Councilor Irish question why a reduced speed zone ahead sign was installed in Parkville and a stop sign was removed in Ann's Acres without Council direction. The Mayor stated that a traffic study was completed by the Sheriff's Department regarding the stop sign in Ann's Acres and they determined because of the usage of the road that a three way stop was unnecessary. The Director of Public Works stated that the reduced speed zone ahead sign was added in Parkville because of the additional traffic on Nichols Avenue because of the construction work being completed on Mineral Avenue.

At 9:26 p.m., it was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

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COMMUNICATIONS

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.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	85,209.18
PERMITS	BUILDING	546.27
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	575.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	60.00
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	4,052.00
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	200.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	50.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	312.50
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	750.00
PERMITS	VENDOR	50.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	1,400.87
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 103	1,327.41
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 102	7.01
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST601	677.35
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	2,650.48
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 102	25.24
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	1,707.71
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	813.19
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	243.94
MISCELLANEOUS	BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FEES	15.00
TAXES	TAX LEVY	365,485.48
TAXES	TAXES RECEIVABLE-DELINQUENT	8,418.43
TAXES	MISCELLANEOUS TAXES	9,793.27
TAXES	PENALTIES & INTEREST-378 FUND	379.25
TAXES	PENALTIES & INTEREST	375.49
TAXES	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS-CURRENT	1,802.05
TAXES	SPEC. ASSMTS-378 FUND-CURRENT	25,548.78
TAXES	SPEC ASSESS-FUND 378-DELINQUEN	1,741.13
TAXES	TIF #1-INCREMENT COLLECTED	31,965.19
TAXES	TIF #2-INCREMENT COLLECTED	7,283.70
TAXES	TIF #3-INCREMENT COLLECTED	1,929.05
TAXES	TIF #7-INCREMENT COLLECTED	18,505.39
TAXES	TIF #8-INCREMENT COLLECTED	9,088.62
TAXES	TIF #9-INCREMENT COLLECTED	4,261.61
TAXES	TIF #11-INCREMENT COLLECTED	6,367.06
TAXES	TIF #13 INCREMENT COLLECTED	2,197.88
TAXES	BOND LEVY	50,775.64
PERMITS	VARIANCE	150.00
MISCELLANEOUS	SPEC. EVENT-FUNDS NOT USED-CR	141.00
Summary Totals:		<u>646,882.17</u>

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Check Issue Date(s): 07/13/2005 - 07/27/2005

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07/05	07/19/2005	31913	7054	CAROL TRUONG	002-20200	76.40
07/05	07/19/2005	31914	30017	CARQUEST (MOUNTAIN IRON)	002-20200	870.35
07/05	07/19/2005	31915	30061	CELLULARONE	002-20200	524.11
07/05	07/19/2005	31916	30004	CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON	002-20200	74.79
07/05	07/19/2005	31917	220003	CITY OF VIRGINIA	002-20200	94.67
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07/05	07/19/2005	31919	30033	CURTISS PRESS	002-20200	23.32
07/05	07/19/2005	31920	7063	DAVE TAUS AND CHELSEY TAUS	002-20200	826.20
07/05	07/19/2005	31921	7047	DAVID ZIMMEL	002-20200	303.57
07/05	07/19/2005	31922	7060	DEBBIE CARPENTER	002-20200	100.00
07/05	07/19/2005	31923	7057	DIANE BAINTER	002-20200	100.00
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07/05	07/19/2005	31926	40015	DULUTH NEWS TRIBUNE	002-20200	180.96
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07/05	07/19/2005	31928	500012	ERA LABORATORIES INC	002-20200	678.20
07/05	07/19/2005	31929	60026	FASTENAL COMPANY	002-20200	421.23
07/05	07/19/2005	31930	60029	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC	002-20200	5,118.88
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07/05	07/19/2005	31933	80022	HAWKINS INC	002-20200	877.72
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07/05	07/19/2005	31935	80010	HOMETOWN ELECTRIC	002-20200	847.31
07/05	07/19/2005	31936	90002	INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	002-20200	125.46
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07/05	07/19/2005	31938	90005	ITALIAN BAKERY INC	002-20200	36.00
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07/05	07/19/2005	31942	120013	L & L RENTALS INC	002-20200	3,083.97
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07/05	07/19/2005	31948	130081	MASON CREST PUBLISHERS	002-20200	80.80
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07/05	07/19/2005	31950	130041	MESABI BITUMINOUS	002-20200	5,750.00
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07/05	07/19/2005	31952	130040	MIDWEST SPORTSWEAR	002-20200	1,189.08
07/05	07/19/2005	31953	130024	MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY	002-20200	37.50
07/05	07/19/2005	31954	130070	MORGAN-TACONITE OIL COMPANY	002-20200	323.30
07/05	07/19/2005	31955	130031	MOUNTAIN IRON ECONOMIC DEV	002-20200	81,274.75
07/05	07/19/2005	31956	130037	M-R SIGN	002-20200	229.27

M = Manual Check, V = Void Check

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07/05	07/19/2005	31960	140052	NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE	002-20200	35,097.66
07/05	07/19/2005	31961	140004	NORTHERN ENGINE & SUPPLY INC	002-20200	66.88
07/05	07/19/2005	31962	150014	ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	002-20200	62.10
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07/05	07/19/2005	31965	170007	QUILL CORPORATION	002-20200	86.85
07/05	07/19/2005	31966	170001	QWEST	002-20200	483.49
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07/05	07/19/2005	31968	7048	REBECCA MAKI	002-20200	202.30
07/05	07/19/2005	31969	190009	SALEM PRESS	002-20200	75.60
07/05	07/19/2005	31970	190035	SCENIC SIGNS	002-20200	101.30
07/05	07/19/2005	31971	190024	ST LOUIS CO SHERIFF LITMAN	002-20200	34,166.66
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07/05	07/19/2005	31973	200003	TACONITE TIRE SERVICE	002-20200	548.92
07/05	07/19/2005	31974	200020	THE TRENTI LAW FIRM	002-20200	3,514.17
07/05	07/19/2005	31975	7052	TONIA LUMBAR	002-20200	200.00
07/05	07/19/2005	31976	200006	TRIMARK INDUSTRIAL	002-20200	252.14
07/05	07/19/2005	31977	200027	TRUE VALUE HOME CENTER	002-20200	20.04
07/05	07/19/2005	31978	210028	U S BANK CORP TRUST SERVICES	002-20200	30,677.50
07/05	07/19/2005	31979	210023	U S STEEL GROUP	002-20200	42,574.00
07/05	07/19/2005	31980	210010	ULLAND BROTHERS INC	002-20200	1,453.73
07/05	07/19/2005	31981	210001	UNITED ELECTRIC COMPANY	002-20200	8,229.59
07/05	07/19/2005	31982	220014	VIKING INDUSTRIAL NORTH	002-20200	1,083.23
07/05	07/19/2005	31983	220020	VISA	002-20200	8,889.73
07/05	07/19/2005	31984	230001	WALKER GIROUX AND HAHNE LTD	002-20200	23,070.00
07/05	07/19/2005	31985	230027	WELLS FARGO BANK	002-20200	62.50
07/05	07/19/2005	31986	230025	WELLS FARGO BANK MN, N.A.	002-20200	21,667.50
07/05	07/19/2005	31987	7051	WENDY BATY	002-20200	288.27
07/05	07/19/2005	31988	230010	WILBUR & VIOLET BALL	002-20200	1,050.00
07/05	07/19/2005	31989	260002	ZIEBART	002-20200	130.00
07/05	07/26/2005	31990	190016	ST LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	002-20200	18,631.11

Totals:

365,861.15

Payroll-PP Ending 7/15/05
 Electronic Transfer-Sales Tax
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES

88,830.92
 9,387.93
\$464,080.00

**DUE TO THE LENGTH
OF**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-05

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF
A \$300,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF 2005 OF THE
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, TO PAY A PART OF
THE COST OF PUBLIC LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS;
ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREFOR;
AND AWARDING THE SALE THEREOF

**IT IS NOT BEING
COPIED AGAIN
TO BE SUBMITTED
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COUNCIL LETTER 080105-IVA1

MAYOR SKALKO

UAB APPOINTMENT

DATE: July 27, 2005

FROM: Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Mayor Skalko requested this item be placed on the agenda.

Appoint Bruce Peterson to serve on the Utility Advisory Board, term to expire 12/31/06.

COUNCIL LETTER 080105-IVA2

MAYOR SKALKO

GRASS MOWING POLICY

DATE: July 27, 2005

FROM: Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

After careful thought, I have come to the conclusion that our current grass cutting/mowing policy is too restrictive and confusing. It needs changing immediately.

COUNCIL LETTER 080105-IVA3

MAYOR SKALKO

LATE/UNSCHEDULED EVENT

DATE: July 27, 2005

FROM: Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

For a late arriving event, etc. which requires an expense to the City, the Mayor should be given the right to add-it on the agenda for a Council vote. Ex.- last meeting's request for a MS ad for the Bike-a thon.

COUNCIL LETTER 080105-IVB1

PUBLIC WORKS

QUOTES ON TRANSFORMERS

DATE: July 27, 2005
FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Quotes on Pole Mount transformers are as follows:

	<u>Six (6) New 10 KVA</u>	<u>Six (6) New 15 KVA</u>
Resco	\$455.00 each = \$2,730.00	\$483.00 each = \$2898.00
Wesco	\$502.00 each = \$3012.00	\$531.00 each = \$3186.00
Border States	\$525.00 each = \$3150.00	\$555.00 each = \$3330.00

Staff recommends purchase of the 12 transformers from Resco at their low quoted price of \$5,628.00.

COUNCIL LETTER 080105-IVC1

CALL FOR QUOTES

LOCOMOTIVE PAINTING

DATE: July 27, 2005

FROM: Larry Nanti
Director of Parks & Recreation

Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff request Council authorization to call for quotes on painting the locomotive in Locomotive Park in downtown Mountain Iron.

COUNCIL LETTER 080105-IVD1

FIRE DEPARTMENT

HIRING OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

DATE: July 27, 2005
FROM: Joe Buria
Fire Department

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Fire Department is requesting City Council approval to hire the following people:

Jeremy Waldron
Brandon Muck
William Copeland
Lee Gams
Richard Sather – with stipulation that he move into the 10 minute response area within 90 days of Council approval of hiring.



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July 18, 2005

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

Re: Ann's Acres Water Building & tank Demolition
Project No. MI05-19

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Bids were received on July 18, 2005 for the above referenced project. The low bidder for the project is V & S Consultant, Inc.

If the City of Mountain Iron intends to award this project, it is recommended that V & S Consultant, Inc. be awarded the project in the amount of \$21,010.00.

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

Sincerely,
Benchmark Engineering, Inc.

Rodney Flannigan, P.L.S.

RF: js

Enclosure



BID TABULATION

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
PROJECT NO. MI05-19
ANN'S ACRES WATER BUILDING & TANK DEMOLITION,

BIDDER	LUMP SUM BID
Tree Be Gone	\$24,800.00
V & S Consulting	\$21,010.00

Benchmark Engineering, Inc.

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

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

Legal Description:
 (Sec) Lot 15 (Twp) Block 58^N (Rge) Subd 18 Parcel Code # 175-70-1484

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 ^{Right} 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	<u>Notified by phone</u>	<u>6-29-05</u>	<u>gmt</u>
Public Hearing Set	<u>Sent to JDR</u>	<u>6-30-05</u>	<u>gmt</u>
Hearing Notice Published	<u>Set for 7/11/05 7:05PM</u>	<u>6-29-05</u>	<u>gmt</u>
Planning & Zoning Recommendation	<u>MANS</u>	<u>7-1-05</u>	<u>gmt</u>
Council Action			
Filed with County Recorder			

Conditions Attached _____

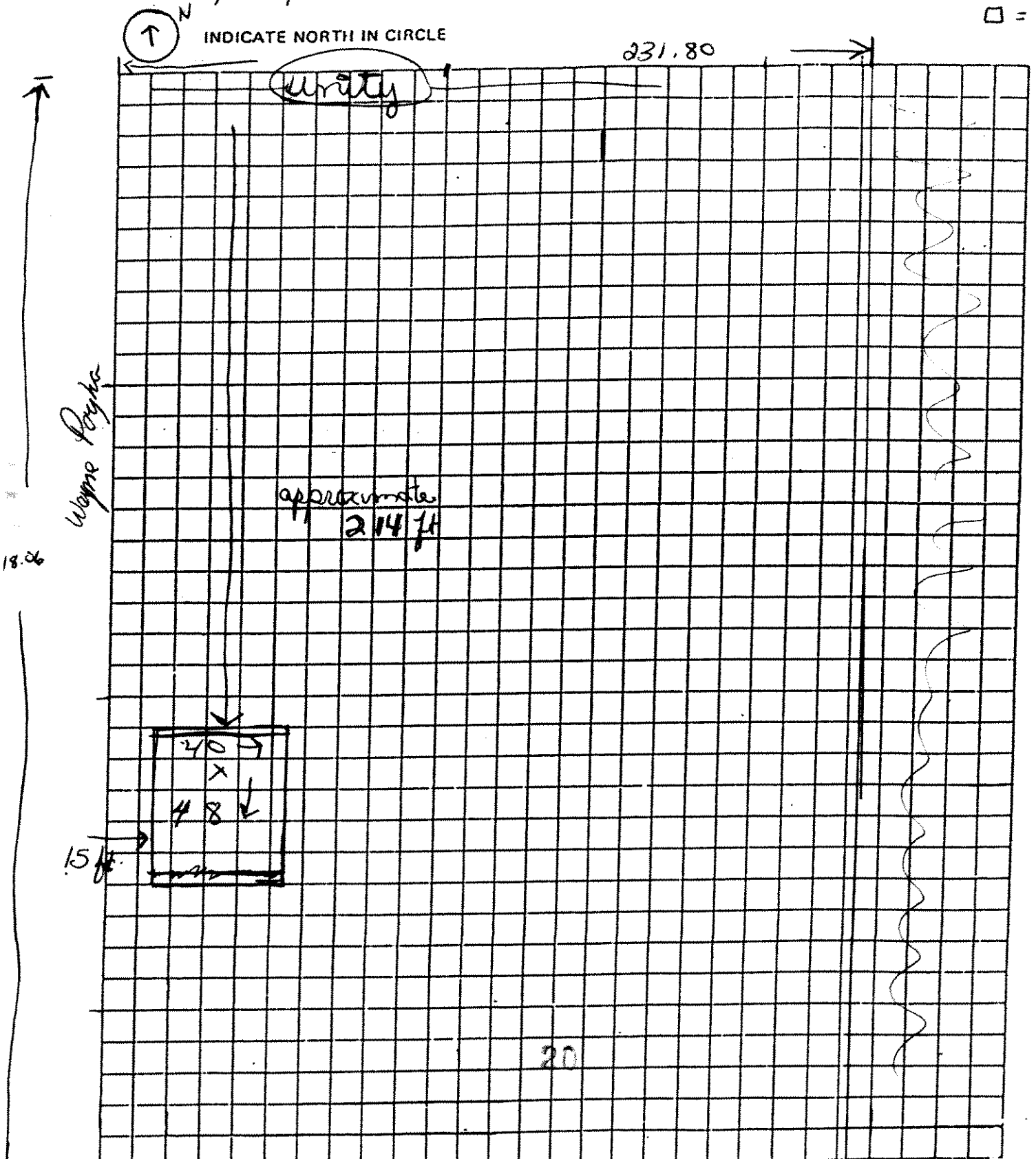
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DISTANCES FROM FRONT, SIDE AND REAR LOT LINE SETBACKS TO ALL EXISTING AND PROPOSED STRUCTURE
SHOW ALLEY AND STREET NAMES ABUTTING LOT.

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 Yermatic

Date 6-29-05

code
□ = 10x10
ft



DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT "A"

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PARCEL 4

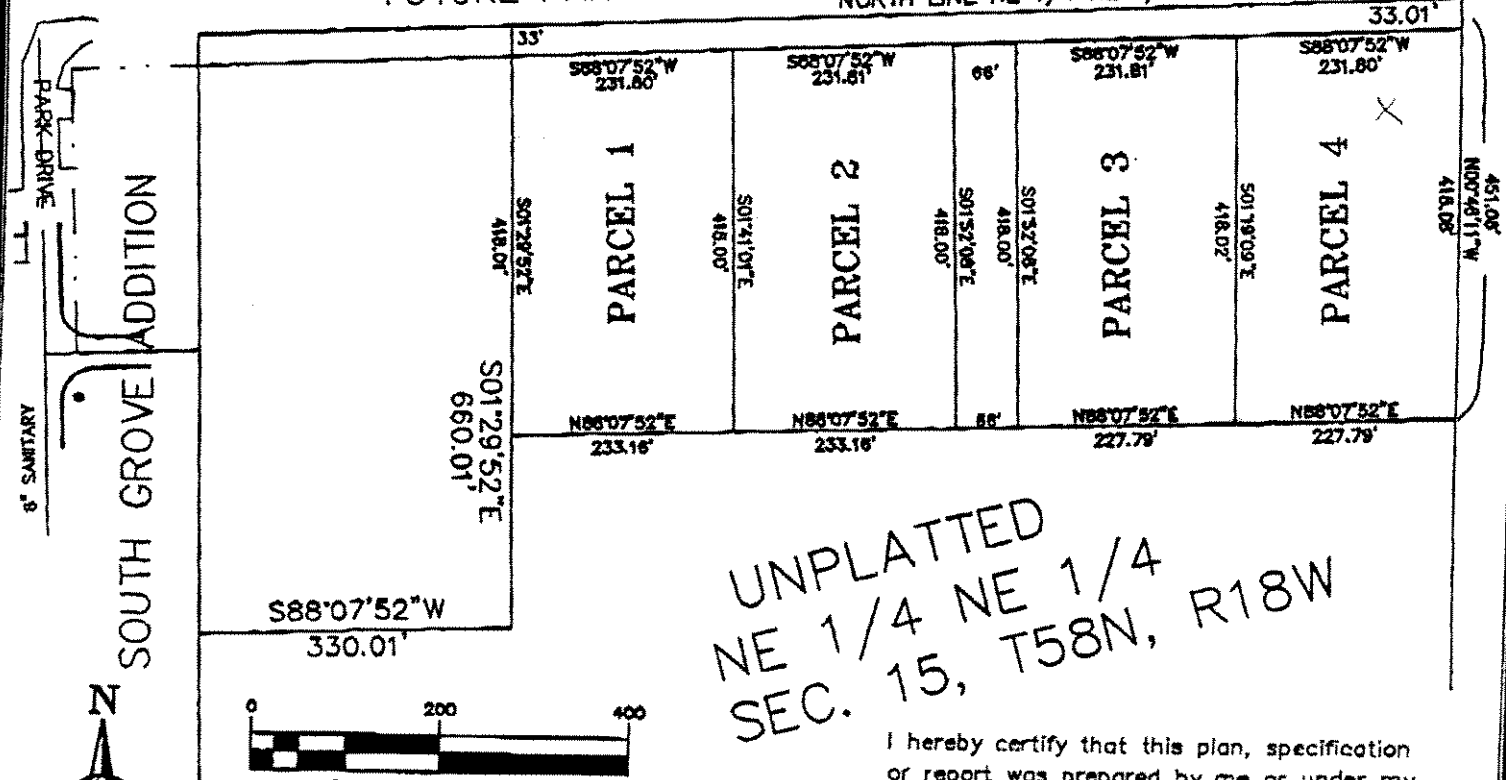
That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 58 North, Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the City of Mt. Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota described as follows: Beginning at a point on the east line 33.01 feet south of the northeast corner of said 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.

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NE/14 NE1/4

FUTURE PARK DRIVE


NORTH LINE NE 1/4 NE 1/4



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 Klannig
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

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
VARIANCE APPLICATION ***

Name of Applicant Charles Newberg Signature of Applicant [Signature] Date 7/6/05
PO Box 256, Mountain Iron MN 55168

Legal Description: Sec 9 2 ex Lot w/ly 60ft. Twp Block 18 Rge Subd Grant Town of Grant Parcel Code # 175-0010-01856

Area for which Variance Requested: 5740 Mesabi AVE

Statements addressing condition of "undue hardship" for which variance is requested. The Pole Barn will be 50'x90' with 16' WALLS. IT will be 10' From The Property Line ON the east side (ALLEY side) and 3.5' From The property Line ON Northside MAIN St Lining up with The existing house.

* Applicant is required to submit a vicinity map, drawn to scale, showing applicant's and adjoining property including all existing or proposed buildings or uses. Use reverse side of this form.

Pd 7/11/05 \$150.00
 Rec. 2.058071 gmt

OFFICE USE ONLY

ITEM	ACTION	DATE	INITIAL
Zoning Administrator Review	Sent to JUK	7-8-05	gmt
Public Hearing Set	JUK set 7/25/05 7:05 pm	7-11-05	gmt
Hearing Notice Published	7/12/05 sent to MONS		gmt
Board of Adjustment and Appeals Recommendation			
Council Action			
Filed with County Recorder			

Conditions Attached _____

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

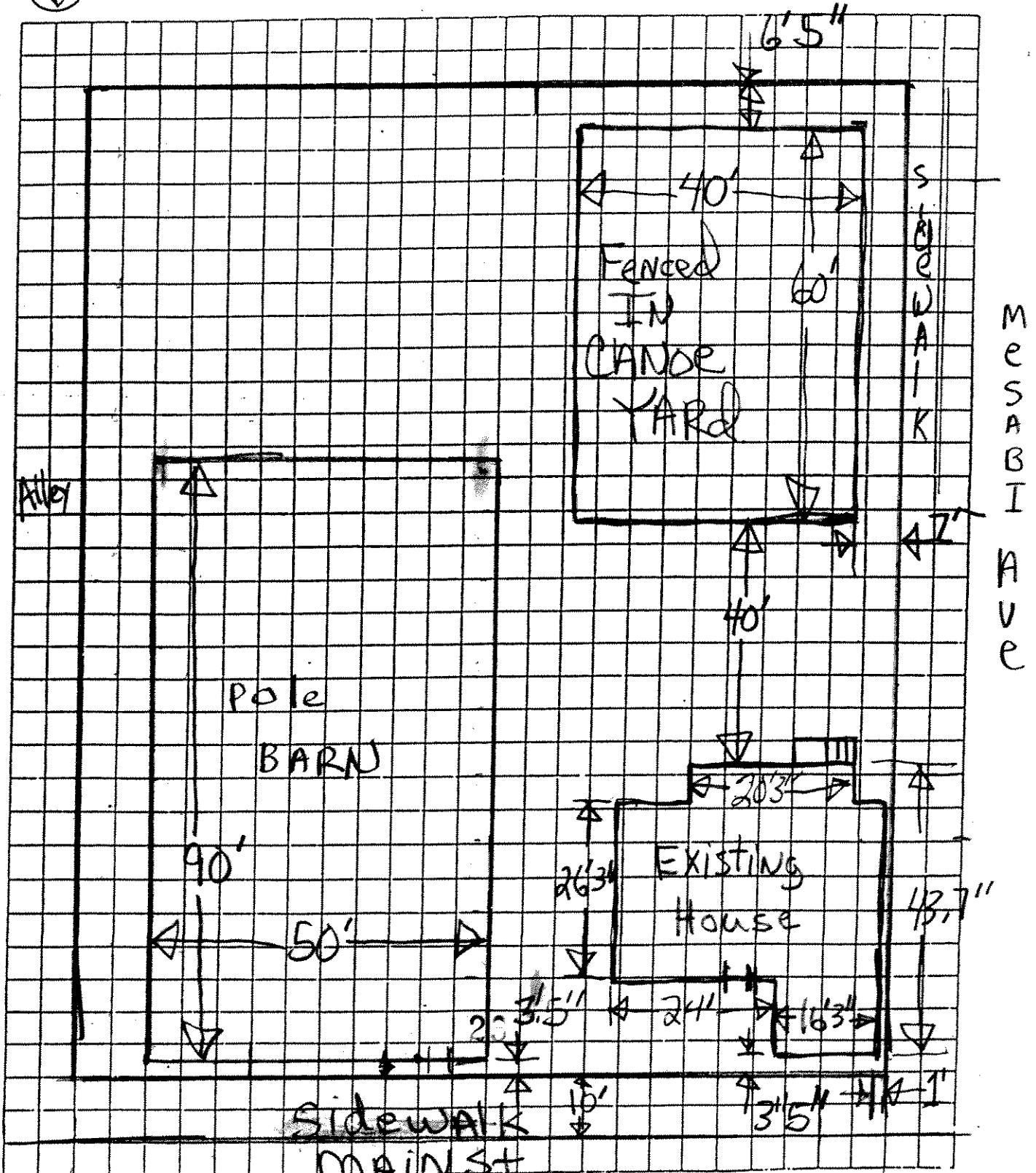
I/We certify that the proposed construction will conform to the dimensions and uses shown and that no changes will be made without first obtaining approval.

Signature Charles Newberg

Date _____



INDICATE NORTH IN CIRCLE



COUNCIL LETTER 071805-VA

ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION 17-05

DATE: July 27, 2005

FROM: Rod Flannigan
City Engineer

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2005.

ATTEST:

Mayor Gary Skalko

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>
		Amount Due this Payment	\$ <u>9,671.29</u>



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**


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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 080105-VB

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

ENERGY PARK BONDING

DATE: July 27, 2005

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Did our City Attorney okay the revote for the state bonding money request for a local energy park?

Staff Note: The City Attorney did okay the revote for the State bonding money. (CJW)

COUNCIL LETTER 080105-VIA

ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-05

DATE: July 27, 2005
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The City received a petition for the vacation of certain Streets within the Parkville Second Addition Plat in the City of Mountain Iron. Based upon this petition the City Council needs to hold a public hearing for consideration of the vacation. Resolution Number 19-05 Accepting the Petition and orders a Hearing for the proposed vacation. Property owners will be notified and the hearing notice will be published in the Mesabi Daily News and on the City's web site, all in accordance with State Law. City Staff and the City Engineer are reviewing the petition and will provide their recommendation at the Public Hearing.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 19-05 Accepting the Petition and Calling for a Hearing.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-05

SETTING HEARING ON VACATION

WHEREAS, a petition of property owners abutting Falcon Avenue (formally 2nd Street) from Heron Street (formally 2nd Avenue) to County Road 102 and Eagle Avenue (formally 1st Street) from Heron Street (formally 2nd Avenue) to County Road 102 in the Parkville Second Addition, City of Mountain Iron, was received by the City Administrator on the 14th day of July, 2005, requesting that the City Council vacate Falcon Avenue (formally 2nd Street) from Heron Street (formally 2nd Avenue) to County Road 102 and Eagle Avenue (formally 1st Street) from Heron Street (formally 2nd Avenue) to County Road 102 in said Parkville Second Addition, City of Mountain Iron, St Louis County, Minnesota.

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

The City Council will consider the vacation of such street, alley or road at a public hearing to be held on such proposed vacation on the 6th day of September, 2005, before the City Council in the Mountain Iron Room of the Community Center at 6:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, and the City Administrator shall give published and posted notice as required by law.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 1st DAY OF AUGUST, 2005.

ATTEST:

Mayor Gary Skalko

City Administrator

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING ON VACATION OF FALCON AVENUE (FORMALLY 2ND STREET) FROM HERON STREET (FORMALLY 2ND AVENUE) TO COUNTY ROAD 102 AND EAGLE AVENUE (FORMALLY 1ST STREET) FROM HERON STREET (FORMALLY 2ND AVENUE) TO COUNTY ROAD 102 IN PARKVILLE SECOND ADDITION, CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, ST LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the City Council of Mountain Iron in the Mountain Iron Room of the Community Center on the 6th day of September, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, to hear all persons present upon a petition of property owners for the vacation of Falcon Avenue (formally 2nd Street) from Heron Street (formally 2nd Avenue) to County Road 102 and Eagle Avenue (formally 1st Street) from Heron Street (formally 2nd Avenue) to County Road 102 in Parkville Second Addition, City of Mountain Iron, St Louis County, Minnesota.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2005.

By order of the City Council
/s/ Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator
www.mtniron.com

PETITION FOR VACATION OF CITY STREET

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

WHEREAS, public city streets presently exist in the plat captioned Parkville Second Addition covering land in the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota, in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW¹/₄ of SW¹/₄), Section One (1), Township Fifty-eight (58) North, Range Eighteen (18) West according to the recorded plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Registrar of Titles in and for the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota; and

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

WHEREAS, Great Northern Iron Ore Properties does seek the vacation of Falcon Avenue (formally 2nd Street) from Heron Street (formally 2nd Avenue) north to County Highway No. 102 and Eagle Avenue (formally 1st Street) from Heron Street (formally 2nd Avenue) north to County Highway No. 102.

WHEREAS, none of the streets or avenues which Great Northern Iron Ore Properties seeks to vacate are through streets. All of the streets and avenues which Great Northern Iron Ore Properties seeks to vacate serve only the lands abutting thereon or other parts of Parkville Second Addition which streets and avenues Great Northern Iron Ore Properties is seeking to vacate; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, Great Northern Iron Ore Properties, being the owner of Parkville Second Addition, hereby petitions your Honorable Council to vacate the following streets and avenues in said plat of Parkville Second Addition:

- (1) all of Falcon Avenue (formally 2nd Street) from Heron Street (formally 2nd Avenue) north to County Highway No. 102;
- (2) all of Eagle Avenue (formally 1st Street) from Heron Street (formally 2nd Avenue) north to County Highway No. 102.

Dated: 7/1/2005

GREAT NORTHERN IRON ORE PROPERTIES

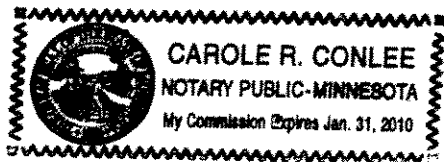
By: Joseph S. Micallef
Joseph S. Micallef, President

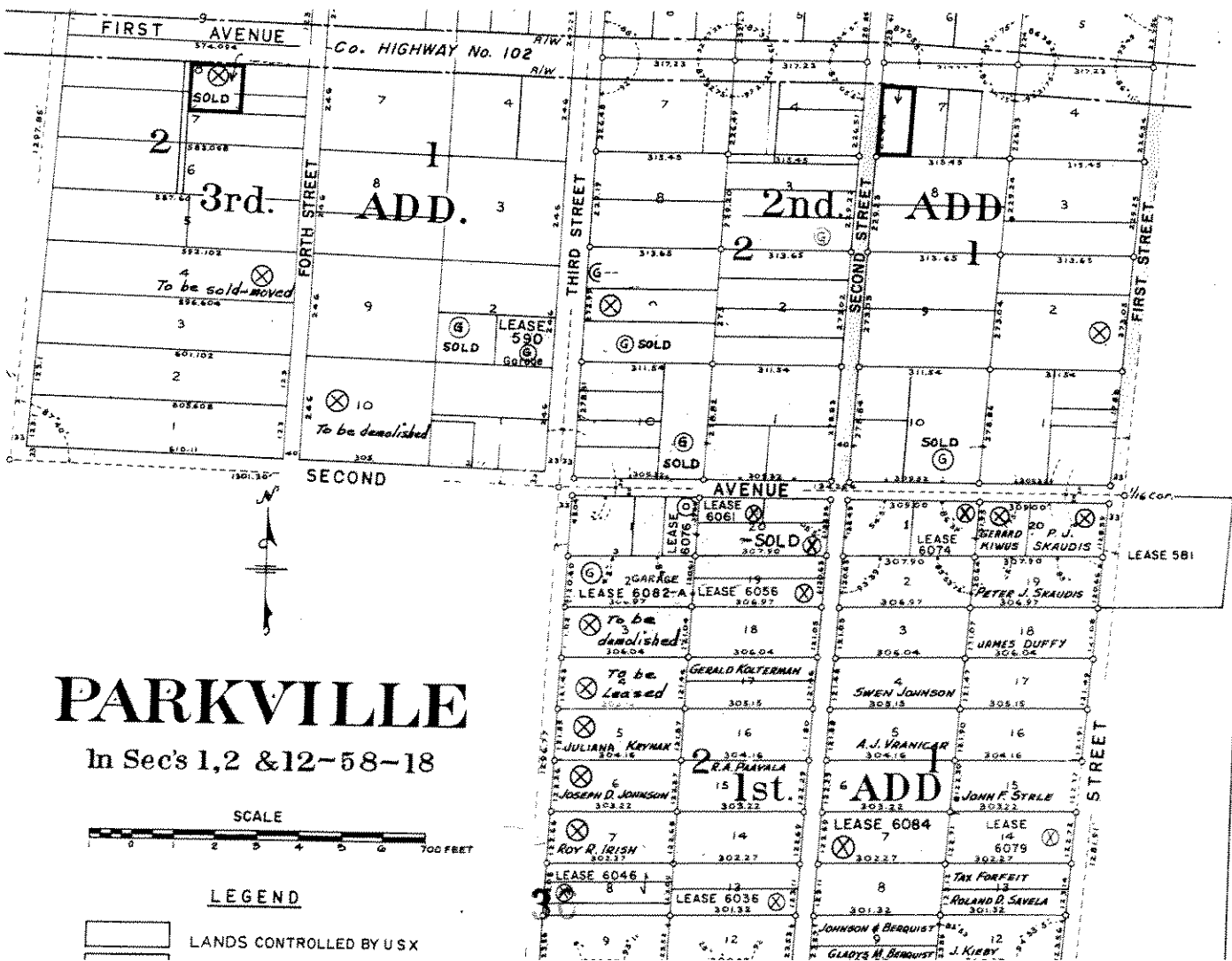
Attest: Thomas A. Janochoski
Thomas A. Janochoski, Vice President

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

On this 1st day of July, 2005, before me, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, appeared JOSEPH S. MICALLEF and THOMAS A. JANOSCHOSKI, to me personally known, who, being by me each personally sworn, did respectively say that they are the President and Vice President under that certain Trust Agreement executed December 7, 1906, by and between the Lake Superior Company, Limited, an association organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, and Louis W. Hill, James N. Hill, Walter J. Hill and Edward T. Nichols; which trust is commonly known as GREAT NORTHERN IRON ORE PROPERTIES; and that as said President and Vice President, they executed the foregoing instrument for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

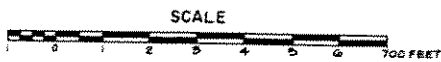
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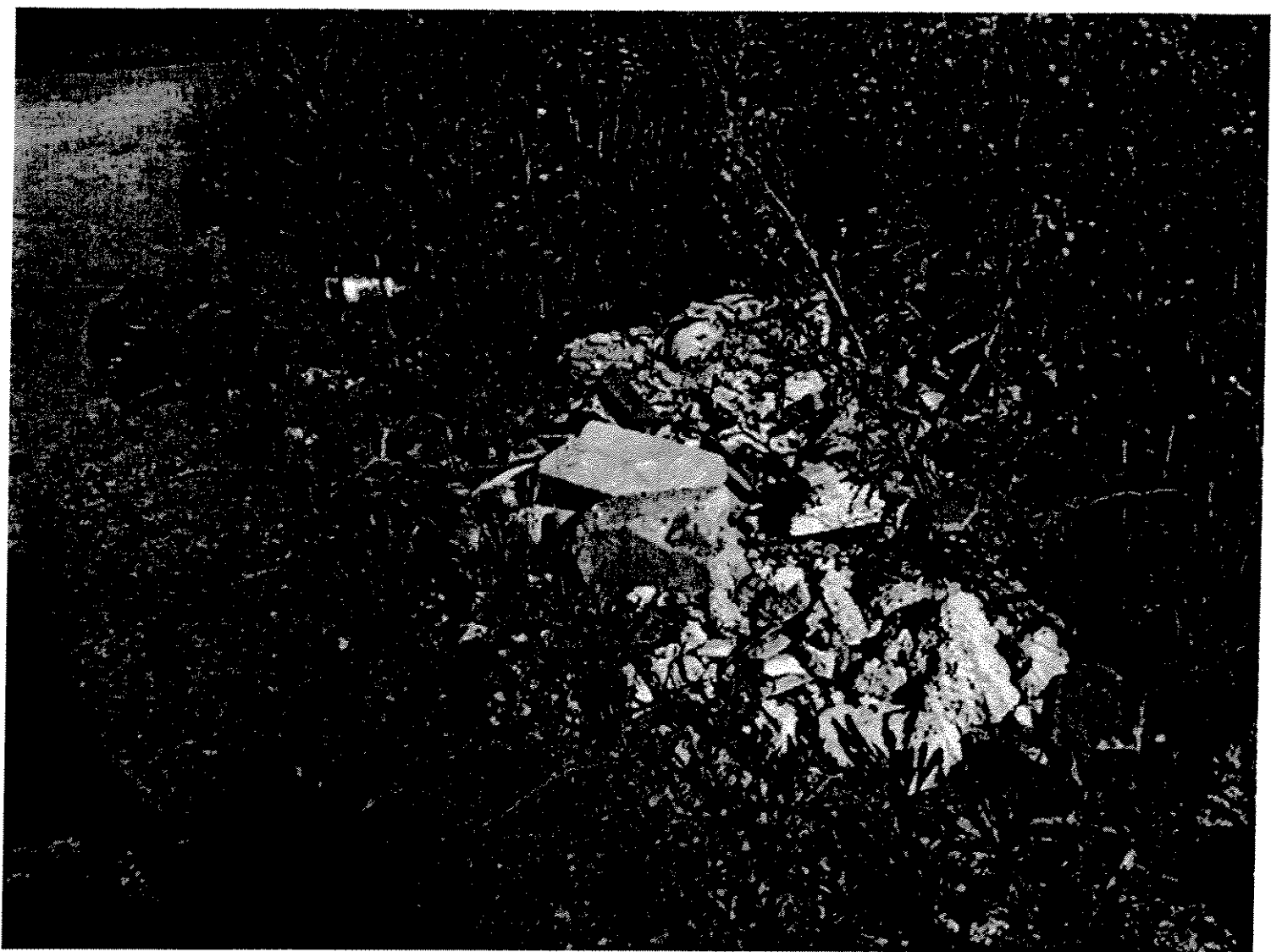
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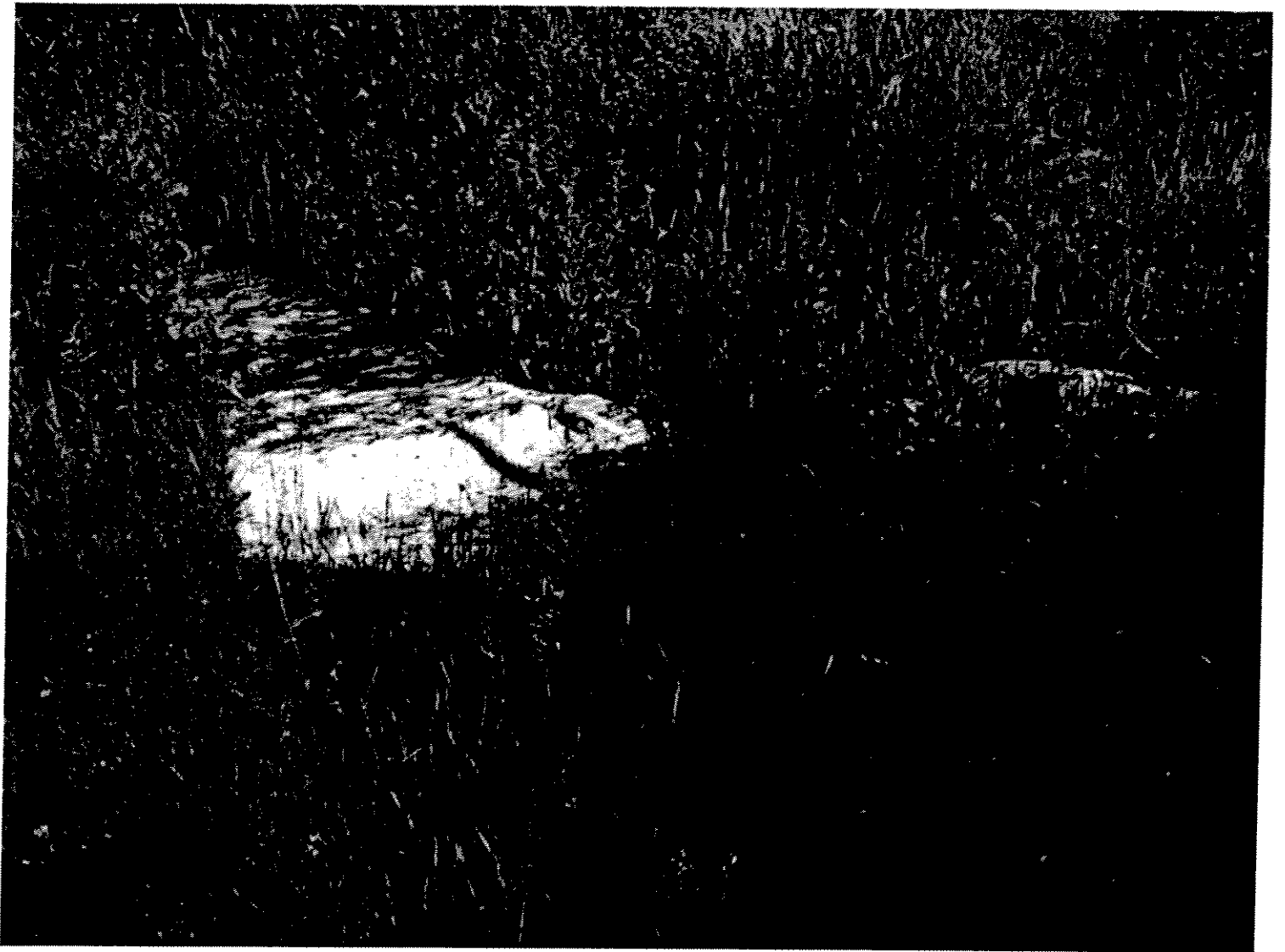


LEGEND

LANDS CONTROLLED BY U S X









COUNCIL LETTER 080105-VIB

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

STREET SIGNAGE

DATE: July 27, 2005

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

A procedure/policy should be put into place for putting City street/traffic control signs up and for changing or taking them down.

COUNCIL LETTER 080105-VIC

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT INVENTORIES

DATE: July 27, 2005

FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

We should heed our auditor's advice and implement a material and equipment inventory program for insurance and capital value purposes.

Staff Note: The City already has an inventory for insurance and capital value purposes. The inventory that is required to be done for insurance purposes is reviewed annually at the time of our insurance renewal. Our capital threshold is consistent with other communities at \$2,500 and is implemented at the time of delivery of any item with a value of \$2,500 or more. Staff feels this amount is adequate and any lowering of this amount would require additional staff to be hired to keep up with the inventory process. (CJW/DVK/LDN)

COUNCIL LETTER 080105-VID

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

SPRING PARK ROAD

DATE: July 27, 2005
FROM: Councilor Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

We should upgrade Spring Park Road as per residents request up to the same standards as Heather Avenue. A base of mill-feed capped with Class #6. The Capital Outlay monies not used for Ann's Acres street lights could be applied to this project.

COMMUNICATIONS
AUGUST 1, 2005

1. Northland Consulting Engineers, information regarding the exterior cracked masonry wall near the entrance to the City Hall building.
2. Virginia Regional Medical Center Foundation, a thank you for the contribution.
3. Minnesota Association of Small Cities, forwarding the July 25, 2004 update.



July 18, 2005

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

Subject: Exterior Cracked masonry Wall Near Entrance To City Hall Building

Dear Mr. Wanio;

We have visited the site to observe the existing exterior wall condition. The wall appears to have cracked due to thermal shrinkage of the exterior masonry. The adjacent control joint apparently did not perform adequately and thus the shrinkage caused a crack to occur at the location near the connection of the canopy. The crack appears to start at a hidden beam connection above the soffit and continues to the edge of the window. The crack then appears again from the base of the window downward to the foundation wall. No vertical displacement was noted and thus settlement does not appear to be a factor.

We recommend cleaning the crack and installing a high quality caulk with color to match the grout of the masonry. No structural repair is required.

Sincerely,

Jon E. Aamodt P.E.
Principal



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July 15, 2005

Mr. Gary Skalko, Mayor
City of Mt. Iron
8588 Enterprise Drive South
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

Dear Gary:

On behalf of the VRMC Foundation, please accept our sincere appreciation for your generous gift of \$2,500.00 to the Capital Campaign towards the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Room, addition to the Convalescent Center and Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit. We appreciate your gift to the "Investing In Tomorrow... Today" capital campaign in support of the three projects we feel will greatly enhance our service to area citizens and visitors.

Virginia Regional Medical Center has been a cornerstone of our region for 65 years and has served families and individuals with quality medical care. Your gift will allow the compassionate, caring employees and physicians at Virginia Regional Medical Center to continue to provide quality healthcare to the region.

You can be sure that with the help of this gift towards the medical center renovation projects, it will allow for a more attractive place to work, raise a family and retire. Again, thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Murray".

Kathleen Murray
Foundation Director

A handwritten note in black ink that says "Thanks Gary!" with a small flourish at the end.

For IRS tax purposes, no goods or services were rendered for this gift.

SMALL CITY UPDATE

July 25, 2005

Persistence pays off, leading to LGA increases

Skeptics scoffed when the Minnesota Association of Small Cities (MAOSC) and the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) put Local Government Aid (LGA) increases at the top of their legislative priority lists this year, but our work in strengthening legislative alliances paid off in the end. Unfortunately, the \$44 million for LGA was less than we had hoped for and, thanks to leadership decisions, problems with the current formula were not addressed. The governor's insistence that LGA increases could "be used only for the current formula or small cities or for adjustments to avoid excessive aid," meant that aid amounts will continue to fluctuate, making it hard to depend on LGA and harder to justify the program.

For instance, Minneapolis will receive over \$16 million in new aid this year, over \$2 million more than it would have received under the Senate's much larger \$86 million proposal. And next year, Minneapolis will lose \$8 million under the same formula. Likewise, there are winners and losers among the remaining cities, so it is disappointing that the governor and House leadership's dictates stopped reforms that would have ensured a fairer distribution of the aid.

The aid increase did acknowledge the fact that there is still a need to increase LGA amounts, however, and legislators in the tax working group also recognized that the formula caps are, and will continue to be, a problem. That makes MAOSC more resolved than ever to seek changes and add to the funding levels next session. We are particularly concerned about improving the formula for cities under 2,500, an issue that was addressed in several of the LGA bills offered during the session.

Small cities on plus side in new aid increases

A new city aid program directed specifically toward communities with less than 5,000 people was one of the last minute deal-making provisions passed during the special session. The provision, which was introduced by Rep. Dean Simpson (R-New York Mills), provides \$4 million, or approximately \$6 per capita, to all cities that currently do not receive any municipal state aid (MSA) funding for local roads. Once cities reach the 5,000 mark, the MSA program kicks in and the small city program ceases. Thanks to MAOSC, all sides at the bargaining table recognized that small cities were in need of additional aid, but it was the House side that kept the small city provision in play during middle-of-the-night negotiations.

Modest transportation bill includes help for small cities

After having an expansive transportation bill vetoed by the governor, the Legislature came back with little more than a "light's on" bill on the last day of the special session. There is a provision in the bill that will help cities under 5,000, however. They can now receive grants from the state transportation fund for design and preliminary engineering of bridges on city streets. Under the bill, highway funding will continue at current levels, but transit will receive a \$46 million increase.

Special session might not be the last

Although the special session just ended, there continues to be speculation about a second one in the fall. Unresolved issues that could be addressed include a more robust transportation bill, pension provisions, the Clean Water Legacy Act and stadium bills. But before that can happen, all sides will have to agree to the agenda and to the meat of the bills. Since the Legislature won't be back in regular session until March 1, 2006, leadership may be more inclined than usual to meet in special session.

MAOSC lobbyist willing to speak

Long sessions like the one we've had this year make it harder for MAOSC lobbyist Nancy Larson to travel around the state to visit cities, but she's more than happy to appear before groups who are interested in hearing more about the legislative system and issues important to cities. If you are planning an event and are in need of a speaker, please don't hesitate to contact Nancy at her office at 320-275-3130, on her cell at 612-961-5408 or via e-mail at nanlars@LL.net.

MPCA announces electronic construction stormwater permit application

Owners and operators of construction activity disturbing one acre or more of land need to obtain a NPDES/SDS construction stormwater permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) before beginning construction. However, the new MPCA Online Services system will make it easier for the construction industry to obtain state and federal permit coverage. The new system provides for electronic submittal of applications, and the payments may be made using Visa or Mastercard.

The application is located at www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/stormwater-c.html. If you have questions regarding the online application, contact Shanna Denis at 651-297-1457 or shanna.denis@pca.state.mn.us.

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