

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the September 2, 2008, Regular Meeting (#1-14)
 - B. Communications (#36-44)
 - C. Receipts
 - D. Bills and Payroll
- III. Public Forum
 - A. Range Mental Health Center
- IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - 1. Requests for Extensions (#15-16)
 - C. Director of Public Works Report
 - 1. South Grove Park Sidewalk (#17-18)
 - D. Sheriff's Department Report
 - E. City Attorney Report
 - F. City Engineer's Report
 - 1. Pay Request Number 3 – South Grove Tennis Courts (#19-20)
 - G. Liaison Reports
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. Resolution Number 42-08 Declaring Costs(#21-22)
 - B. Resolution Number 43-08 Declaring Costs (#23-24)
 - C. Resolution Number 44-08 Accepting Work (#25-28)
 - D. Mountain Manor Remodeling (#29-30)
 - E. Organizational Flow Chart (#31)
 - F. Payment Adjustments for Salary Employees (#32)
 - G. Temporary Liquor License (#33)
 - H. Unity and Aster Crosswalk (#34)
 - I. Greenwood Cemetery Request (#35)
 - J. Communications (#36-44)
- VII. Open Discussion on City Business
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjourn

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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Tony Zupancich, Alan Stanaway, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Anderson, Municipal Services Secretary; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer; and John Backman, Sergeant.

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

1. Add the following item to the agenda:
V. A. Cable Commission Recommendations
2. Approve the minutes of the August 18, 2008, City Council meeting with the following additions in the appropriate area of Page 4:

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

At 8:00 p.m., Councilor Roskoski returned to the meeting.
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 August 16-31, 2008, totaling \$523,258.68, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to approve the following:

5. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period August 16-31, 2008, totaling \$159,806.32, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

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

No one spoke during the public forum.

The Mayor updated the Council on the following:

- Eagle Scout Project. He commended Dustin Leff regarding the work he completed at the Archery Range with a bow rack, table, and bench being installed for an Eagle

Scout Project. It was the consensus of the Council to send a letter of thanks to Dustin Leff for completing the project.

- Duluth News Tribune. He read an article to the Council regarding renewable energy projects. He urged residents to contact the Minnesota Legislative Representatives to keep the renewable energy funding available.

The City Administrator updated the Council on the following:

- Mountain Manor Remodeling. He advised the Council that bids for the project will be on the next City Council agenda.
- Holiday Inn Express. He advised the Council that the final plans have been submitted for the Project.
- CDBG Grant. He said that he made a presentation regarding the City's CDBG application for the Storm Sewer Grant.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich to accept the recommendation of City Staff and authorize the purchase of fencing for the new Archery Range from Iron Oak Fencing at their quoted price of \$7,488.00. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Stanaway to authorize City Staff to advertise four times, as a display advertisement, in the Mesabi Daily News, the Park and Recreation Board's public information meeting to receive input on Locomotive Park on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Mountain Iron Community Center. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to authorize a change order to the Enterprise Drive North Street Project for the shoulder repair in the amount of \$29,761.08. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Stanaway, yes; Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes; Zupancich, yes; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Skalko to authorize the purchase and posting of signs requesting that people not smoke within 25 feet of all City owned buildings and public parks at any bleachers. After further discussion, the motion was amended to include all tobacco products. The amended motion carried with Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Prebeg to direct City Staff to move forward and take care of all the recommendations made by the League of Minnesota Cities Loss Control Survey conducted on April 23, 2008. The motion carried.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Skalko to appropriate \$2,100 from Charitable Gambling Funds to the Fire Department to purchase learning materials for Fire Prevention Week to be used for awareness programs conducted by the Mountain Iron Fire Department at the Merritt Elementary School. The motion carried.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Skalko to allow City Staff, the Fire Department

Members, and the Mountain Iron Sheriffs Deputies to attend the September 20, 2008 Training Event in Golden Valley with the City reimbursing for lunch and mileage. The motion carried.

The following were reported on during the liaison reports:

- Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilor Zupancich updated the Council regarding the land survey requirements. He said that the Zoning Administrator is currently researching the issue and will present information at the September 22, 2008, Planning and Zoning meeting.
- Mountain Iron Cable Commission. Mayor Skalko informed the Council that effective October 5, 2008, the City will have their own public access channel.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Skalko to authorize City Staff to enter into a one year agreement with the Virginia Cable Commission in the amount of \$14,700 to get the Mountain Iron public access channel up and running and to manage said channel for the year effective October 5, 2008, Channel 7, to be managed by Terry Hartikka and to add funding to the 2009 budget. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Roskoski to authorize City Staff to enter into an agreement with Terry Hartikka for the taping and broadcasting of 12 events for the price not to exceed \$200 per event and direct the City Administrator to bill City of Buhl, Great Scott Township, Mountain Iron-Buhl School District, and the City of Kinney for their portion of the expense. The motion carried.

It as moved by Roskoski and seconded by Zupancich to adopt Resolution Number 35-08, approving the proposed 2008 tax levy, collectable 2009, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 36-08, approving the proposed 2009 market rate based referendum levy for the general obligation community center bonds and interest, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Stanaway to adopt Resolution Number 37-08, concerning the 2009 Economic Development Authority tax levy, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Stanaway to adopt Resolution Number 38-08, concerning the 2009 Housing and Redevelopment Authority tax levy, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 39-08, ordering preparation of report on improvement for the installation of water and wastewater mains between Mineral Avenue and the DM&IR Railroad tracks in the area north of General Electric, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 40-08, accepting work to close out the Park Ridge Drive project through the Parkville Industrial Park, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Zupancich to adopt Resolution Number 41-08, accepting work on Unity Drive from Mud Lake Road to Diamond Lane, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich to authorize a 4% pay increase for the Librarian retroactive to June 1, 2008, due to her excellent work performance. The motion carried with Roskoski voting no.

At 7:53 p.m., it was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Stanaway to recess the regular meeting and open the closed meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations. The motion carried.

At 7:54 p.m., the Mayor recessed the meeting.

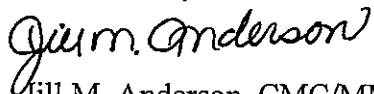
At 8:16 p.m., the Mayor called the closed session to order with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Tony Zupancich, Alan Stanaway, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present was: Louis Russo, Negotiating Consultant to the Council.

The Mayor said that the purpose of the closed session was to discuss salary negotiations for the City Administrator and the Director of Public Works.

At 8:54 p.m., it was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Stanaway to adjourn the closed meeting and reopen the regular meeting. The motion carried.

At 8:55 p.m., it was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Roskoski that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Submitted by:



Jill M. Anderson, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. MediaCom, an informational letter regarding their services.
2. Minnesota Department of Transportation, a letter announcing an Enhancement Workshop.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	109,682.61
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	1,200.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	1,875.00
MISCELLANEOUS	MERRITT DAYS CELEBRATION	1,108.00
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	300.00
PERMITS	BUILDING	1,623.58
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	2,715.00
MISCELLANEOUS	FAX CHARGES	12.00
MISCELLANEOUS	SPEC. EVENT-FUNDS NOT USED-CR	225.00
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	40.00
MISCELLANEOUS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS	96.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	24,990.66
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	ELECTRIC-CHG FOR SERVICES	50.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	25.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	50.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	WATER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	75.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	SEWER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	1,671.29
FINES	CRIMINAL	1,198.31
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	29,718.23
LICENSES	ANIMAL	5.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	TACONITE PRODUCTION TAX	346,423.00
PERMITS	VARIANCE	150.00
PERMITS	SPECIAL EVENTS	25.00
Summary Totals:		<u>523,258.68</u>

Check Issue Date(s): 08/24/2008 - 09/05/2008

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09/08	09/04/2008	136934	30072	CW TECHNOLOGY	301-20200	845.00
09/08	09/04/2008	136935	60006	FISHER PRINTING	101-20200	817.92
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Totals:						<u>51,023.93</u>
Payroll-PP Ending 8/22/08						<u>108,782.39</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES						<u>\$159,806.32</u>



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 35-08

APPROVING PROPOSED 2008 TAX LEVY, COLLECTABLE 2009

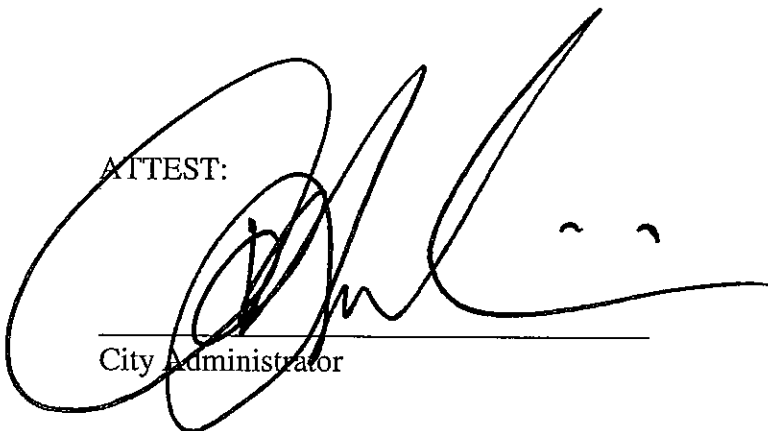
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Mountain Iron, County of Saint Louis, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectable in 2008, upon the taxable property in the City of Mountain Iron for the following purposes:

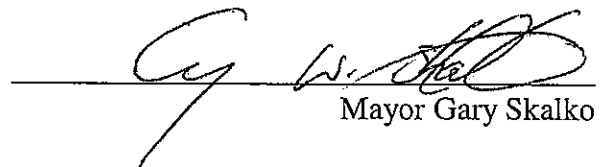
TOTAL PROPOSED LEVY	\$968,001.00
MINUS SPECIAL LEVIES	\$225,066.00
LEVY SUBJECT TO LEVY LIMIT	\$742,935.00

The City Administrator is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Saint Louis County, Minnesota.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

ATTEST:



City Administrator

Mayor Gary Skalko



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 36-08

APPROVING PROPOSED 2009 MARKET RATE BASED REFERENDUM LEVY FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION COMMUNITY CENTER BONDS AND INTEREST

WHEREAS, in February 1998 the voters in the City of Mountain Iron approved a market rate based referendum levy for bonds and interest to construct the Mountain Iron Community Center.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Mountain Iron, County of Saint Louis, Minnesota, that the following market rate based levy shall be made in 2007 payable in 2008 for all property in the City of Mountain Iron:

General Obligation Community Center Bond levy shall be \$81,685.00

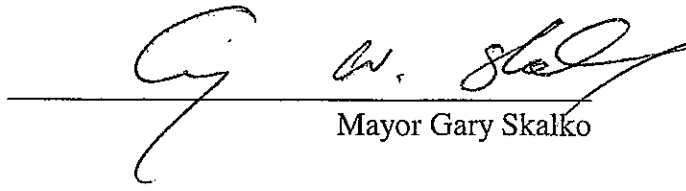
The City Administrator is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of Saint Louis County, Minnesota.

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ATTEST:



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 37-08

CONCERNING THE 2009 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority was created on the 19th day of April, 2004, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 469.090-469.108 and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.107, Subdivision 1, specifically authorized the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority to levy against the taxable property of the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Mountain Iron, Minnesota, that for the purpose of further development and to provide for any activities that are within the jurisdiction of the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority as defined according to Minnesota Statutes. The Mountain Iron City Council submits to the County Auditor of St. Louis County, Minnesota, a final tax levy with a levy set to the maximum allowable for the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 38-08

CONCERNING THE 2009 HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, the Mountain Iron Housing and Redevelopment Authority was created on the 4th day of December, 1968, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 469.001-469.047 and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.033, Subd. 6, specifically authorized the Mountain Iron Housing and Redevelopment Authority to levy against the taxable property of the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

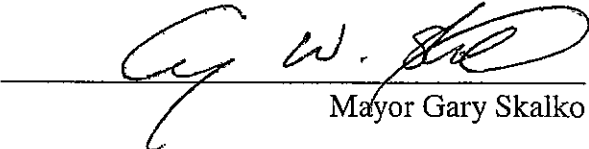
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Mountain Iron, Minnesota, requests that for the purpose of further development and to provide for any activities that are within the jurisdiction of the Mountain Iron Housing and Redevelopment as defined according to Minnesota Statutes, the Mountain Iron City Council submits to the County Auditor of St. Louis County, Minnesota, a tax levy of zero dollars for the Mountain Iron Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 39-08

ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, it is proposed to improve the area between Mineral Avenue and the DM&IR RR ROW along the general area of the RR Spur located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 58 North, Range 18 West by the installation of water and wastewater mains and to assess the benefited property for all or a portion of the cost of the improvement, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429.

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

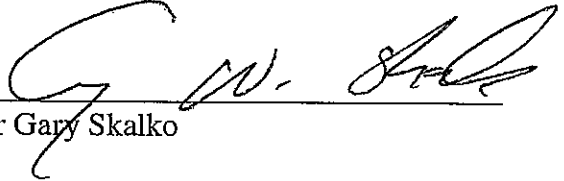
That the proposed improvement be referred to Benchmark Engineering for study and that they are instructed to report to the City Council with all convenient speed advising the City Council in a preliminary way as to whether the proposed improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible and as to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

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 40-08

ACCEPTING WORK

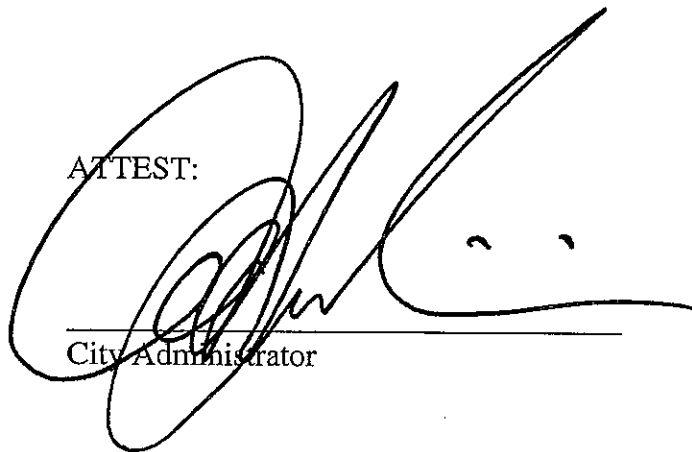
WHEREAS, pursuant to a written contract signed with the City on May 22, 2007, Louis Leustek and Sons, Inc. of Ely, Minnesota has satisfactorily completed Improvement Number MI07-2, the improvement of Park Ridge Drive from Nichols Avenue to the east edge of Park Ridge Plat in accordance with such contract.

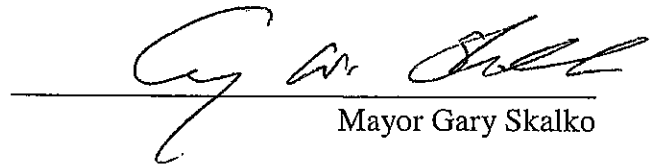
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the work completed under said contract is hereby accepted and approved, and,

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

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

ATTEST:



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 41-08

ACCEPTING WORK

WHEREAS, pursuant to a written contract signed with the City on October 17, 2006, Ulland Brothers of Cloquet, Minnesota has satisfactorily completed Improvement Number MI06-10, the improvement of Unity Drive from Mud Lake Road to Diamond Lane in accordance with such contract.

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

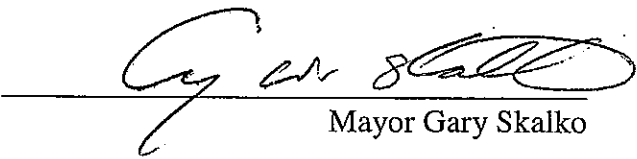
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator and Mayor are hereby directed to issue a proper order for the final payment on such contract, in exchange for the contractor's receipt evidencing payment in full.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko

August 25, 2008

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

Mr. Wainio,

This is to request a one year construction extension on our lot in Unity Second Addition.

Thanks,

Michael Ann and Ronald Mortaloni

Michael Ann Mortaloni
Ronald A Mortaloni

Brian Persons
31875 Scenic Hwy
Bovey, MN 55709

September 5, 2008

Craig J Wainio,

This is in response to the letter I received in the mail in regards to the one year extension for construction on the lot in Unity Second Addition. I would like to request the extension and also add that the person that is purchasing the lot from me be allowed the extension with this same written request. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Persons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Persons

COUNCIL LETTER 091508-IVC1

SIDEWALKS

SOUTH GROVE PARK

DATE: September 10, 2008
FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The following quotes were received on the sidewalk installation at the South Grove Park.

C & C Winger	\$11,781.00
Mesabi Bituminous	\$12,601.00

Staff recommends award of the sidewalk installation quote to C & C Winger at their low quote of \$11,781.00. This will be funded from the 2008 Recreation budget.



BENCHMARK
ENGINEERING, INC.

TABULATION OF QUOTES
SOUTH GROVE PARK SIDEWALK PROJECT
MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA
PROJECT NO.: MI08-36

September 9, 2008

ITEM NO.	ITEM	UNITS	PROJECT QUANTITIES	ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE		C & C WINGER		MESABI BITUMINOUS	
				UNIT AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION (PV)	CU. YD.	63.0	\$15.00	\$945.00	\$12.00	\$756.00	\$15.00	\$945.00
2211.503	AGG. BASE (CV) CL. 5	CU. YD.	27.0	\$30.00	\$810.00	\$25.00	\$675.00	\$25.00	\$675.00
2521.501	4" CONCRETE WALK	SQ. FT.	1,810.0	\$4.00	\$7,240.00	\$5.00	\$9,050.00	\$4.50	\$8,145.00
2531.618	TRUNCATED DOMES	SQ. FT.	8.0	\$40.00	\$320.00	\$37.50	\$300.00	\$42.00	\$336.00
2575.555	TURF ESTABLISHMENT	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
				ENGR'S EST: \$10,815.00					
				SUBTOTAL:		\$11,781.00		\$12,601.00	

Eric J. Paul
BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

RECOMMENDATION OF PAYMENT

No. 3

Owner's Project No.: _____

Engineer's Project No.: MI08-1

Project: South Grove Tennis Court Reconstruction

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

For Period Ending: September 9, 2008

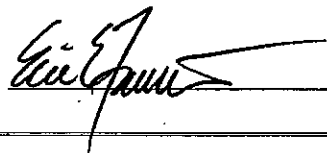
To: City of Mountain Iron
Owner

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 September 9, 2008

By  _____

STATEMENT OF WORK

Original Contract Price	\$ <u>98,717.50</u>	Work & Materials to Date	\$ <u>101,510.00</u>
Net Change Orders	\$ <u>0.00</u>	Amount Retained	\$ <u>5,075.50</u>
Current Contract Price	\$ <u>98,717.50</u>	Subtotal	\$ <u>96,434.50</u>
		Previous Payments	\$ <u>86,296.10</u>
		Amount Due this Payment	\$ <u>10,138.40</u>




PAY REQUEST NO. 3
 SOUTH GROVE TENNIS COURT RECONSTRUCTION
 PROJECT NO.: M108-1
 CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA

CONTRACTOR: MESABI BITUMINOUS, INC.

SPEC NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	PROJECT QUANTITY	UNIT COST	QUANTITY TO DATE	TOTAL AMOUNT
2104.505	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	1,630.0	\$2.00	1,660.0	\$3,320.00
2104.509	REMOVE POST (TENNIS POSTS)	SET	2.0	\$100.00	2.0	\$200.00
2104.513	SAWING PAVEMENT - FULL DEPTH	LIN. FT.	15.0	\$6.00	0.0	\$0.00
2104.513	SAWING PAVEMENT - 2" DEPTH	LIN. FT.	236.0	\$2.00	236.0	\$472.00
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	1,930.0	\$7.00	1,930.0	\$13,510.00
2105.535	SELECT GRANULAR BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	1,650.0	\$8.00	1,700.0	\$13,600.00
2105.604	GEOTEXTILE FABRIC TYPE V	SQ. YD.	1,650.0	\$1.25	1,650.0	\$2,062.50
2211.503	AGGREGATE BASE (CV), CLASS 5	CU. YD.	285.0	\$16.00	285.0	\$4,560.00
2350.501	TYPE LV5 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (B)	TON	145.0	\$85.00	159.5	\$13,557.50
2350.501	TYPE LV4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (B)	TON	140.0	\$85.00	154.0	\$13,090.00
2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	85.0	\$3.00	85.0	\$255.00
2502.501	4" PRECAST CONCRETE HEADWALL	EACH	1.0	\$100.00	1.0	\$100.00
2502.541	4" PERFORATED TP PIPE DRAIN W/ SOCK	LIN. FT.	620.0	\$6.25	620.0	\$3,875.00
2502.602	4" TP FLUSHING & OBSERVATION RISER	EACH	5.0	\$500.00	5.0	\$2,500.00
2540.601	TENNIS COURT SURFACING & STRIPING	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$6,000.00	1.0	\$6,000.00
2540.601	TENNIS NET SUPPORT POSTS	SET	2.0	\$1,100.00	2.0	\$2,200.00
2557.602	F & I FENCING (10' CHAIN LINK & POSTS)	LIN. FT.	456.0	\$43.00	456.0	\$19,608.00
2557.603	SITE SECURITY / SECURITY FENCE	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$1,000.00	1.0	\$1,000.00
2575.555	TURF ESTABLISHMENT	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$1,600.00	1.0	\$1,600.00

\$98,717.50


 BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

COMPLETED TO DATE: \$101,510.00
 LESS RETAINAGE: (\$5,075.50)
 SUBTOTAL PAY REQUEST #3: \$96,434.50
 LESS PREVIOUS PAYMENTS: (\$86,296.10)

TOTAL PAY REQUEST #3: \$10,138.40

COUNCIL LETTER 091508-VIA

ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION 42-08

DATE: September 10, 2008

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution 42-08 Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment for the improvement of Park Ridge Drive. This Resolution identifies the cost of the project, the land owners' responsibility and orders the development of an assessment role. Once the assessment role is developed it will be presented to the City Council and a public hearing on the proposed assessments will need to be set.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 42-08 Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 42-08

DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED, AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, costs have been determined for Improvement Number MI07-2, the improvement of Park Ridge Drive from Nichols Avenue to the east edge of Park Ridge Plat in by reconstruction and the contract price for such improvement is \$214,360, and the expenses incurred in the making of such improvement amount to \$47,699 so that the total cost of the improvement will be \$262,059.

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

1. The portion of the cost of such improvement to be paid by the City is hereby declared to be \$235,853 and the portion of the cost to be assessed against benefited property owners is declared to be \$26,206.
2. Assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of 10 years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January, 2009, and shall bear interest at the rate of 8 percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution.
3. The City Administrator, with the assistance of the city engineer, shall forthwith calculate the proper amount to be specially assessed for such improvement against every assessable lot, piece or parcel of land within the district affected, without regard to cash valuation, as provided by law, and he shall file a copy of such proposed assessment in his office for public inspection.
4. The City Administrator shall upon the completion of such proposed assessment, notify the City Council thereof.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

City Administrator

COUNCIL LETTER 091508-VIB

ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION 43-08

DATE: September 10, 2008

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution 43-08 Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment for the improvement of Unity Drive from Mud Lake Road to Diamond Lane. This Resolution identifies the cost of the project, the land owners' responsibility and orders the development of an assessment role. Once the assessment role is developed it will be presented to the City Council and a public hearing on the proposed assessments will need to be set.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 43-08 Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 43-08

DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED, AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, costs have been determined for Improvement Number MI06-10, the improvement of Unity Drive from Mud Lake Road to Diamond Lane by overlayment, reconstruction and installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk and the contract price for such improvement is \$334,011, and the expenses incurred in the making of such improvement amount to \$60,001 so that the total cost of the improvement will be \$394,012.

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

1. The portion of the cost of such improvement to be paid by the City is hereby declared to be \$354,611 and the portion of the cost to be assessed against benefited property owners is declared to be \$39,401.
2. Assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of 10 years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January, 2009, and shall bear interest at the rate of 8 percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution.
3. The City Administrator, with the assistance of the city engineer, shall forthwith calculate the proper amount to be specially assessed for such improvement against every assessable lot, piece or parcel of land within the district affected, without regard to cash valuation, as provided by law, and he shall file a copy of such proposed assessment in his office for public inspection.
4. The City Administrator shall upon the completion of such proposed assessment, notify the City Council thereof.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

ATTEST:

Mayor Gary Skalko

City Administrator

COUNCIL LETTER 091508-VIC

ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 44-08

DATE: September 10, 2008

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 44-08 Accepting Work is to close out the improvement of Unity Drive as requested through a petition from Mr. Roskoski. The project has been satisfactory completed according to the contract and final payment has already been issued.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 44-08 Accepting Work.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 44-08

ACCEPTING WORK

WHEREAS, pursuant to the plans Mesabi Bituminous of Gilbert, Minnesota has satisfactorily completed Improvement Number MI08-20, the improvement of Unity Drive between the Northwest corner of Section 14 to approximately 250 feet east of the Northwest corner of Section 14, T58M, R18W in accordance with such plans.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the work completed under said contract 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 contract, in exchange for the contractor's receipt evidencing payment in full.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

ATTEST:

Mayor Gary Skalko

City Administrator

RECOMMENDATION OF PAYMENT

No. 2-FINAL

Owner's Project No.: _____

Engineer's Project No.: MI08-20

Project: Unity Drive Gravel Road Extension

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

For Period Ending: September 10, 2008

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 September 10, 2008

By  _____

STATEMENT OF WORK

Original Contract Price	\$ <u>4,875.00</u>	Work & Materials to Date	\$ <u>4,675.00</u>
Net Change Orders	\$ <u>0.00</u>	Amount Retained	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Current Contract Price	\$ <u>4,875.00</u>	Subtotal	\$ <u>4,675.00</u>
		Previous Payments	\$ <u>4,441.25</u>
		Amount Due this Payment	\$ <u>233.75</u>



September 10, 2008

PAY REQUEST NO. 2 - FINAL
 UNITY DRIVE GRAVEL ROAD EXTENSION
 PROJECT NO.: MI08-20
 CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA

CONTRACTOR: MESABI BITUMINOUS, INC.

SPEC NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	PROJECT QUANTITY	UNIT COST	QUANTITY TO DATE	TOTAL AMOUNT
2101.502	CLEARING & GRUBBING	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$500.00	1.0	\$500.00
2104.501	REMOVE WIRE FENCE	LIN. FT.	136.0	\$1.00	136.0	\$136.00
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION (PV)	CU. YD.	121.0	\$11.00	121.0	\$1,331.00
2105.604	GEOTEXTILE FABRIC TYPE V	SQ. YD.	556.0	\$1.50	556.0	\$834.00
2211.503	AGGREGATE BASE (CV), CLASS 5	CU. YD.	93.0	\$18.00	93.0	\$1,674.00
2506.602	ADJUST FRAME & RING CASTING	EACH	1.0	\$200.00	0.0	\$0.00
2575.555	TURF ESTABLISHMENT	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$200.00	1.0	\$200.00

\$4,875.00


 BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

COMPLETED TO DATE: \$4,675.00
 LESS RETAINAGE: \$0.00
 SUBTOTAL PAY REQUEST #2: \$4,675.00
 LESS PREVIOUS PAYMENTS: (\$4,441.25)

TOTAL PAY REQUEST #2: \$233.75

COUNCIL LETTER 091508-VID

ADMINISTRATION

MOUNTAIN MANOR

DATE: September 10, 2008

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

On September 9th bids were received and opened for the conversion of 3 one bed room apartments into 2 two bedroom apartments at Mountain Manor. Low bid on the project was H.G. Harvey Constructors in the amount of \$86,900. CDBG Has provided grant funding to complete this project in the amount of \$30,000. Bid costs came in higher than originally expected when the grant application was submitted. The City Council need to determine if it would like to still move forward with this project and if so award the bid to HG Harvey Constructors of Eveleth.



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• **BID TABULATION** •
MOUNTAIN MANOR APARTMENT REMODEL
 ARI Project # 08-068

Bid Date & Time: Tuesday, September 9, 2008, @ 10:00 a.m. local time

Contractor	Base Bid	Comp Time	Mechanical Contractor / \$	Electrical Contractor / \$	Add Ack	Bid Sec
H. G. Harvey Constructors, Inc.	\$86,900.00	90 days	Radotich - \$16,925.00	Nelson-Collie - \$11,900.00	1,2	5%
T&M Construction, Inc.	\$87,400.00	120 days	Radotich - \$16,000.00	Nelson-Collie - \$11,900.00	2	5%
Max Gray Construction, Inc.	\$88,400.00	75 days	Anderson - \$17,313.00	Nelson-Collie - \$11,900.00	1,2	5%
Lenci Enterprises, Inc.	\$91,600.00	75 days	Radotich - \$16,925.00	Nelson-Collie - \$11,900.00	1,2	5%
Oscar J. Boldt Construction	\$119,800.00	90 days	Klamm - \$19,400.00	Lanyk Electric - \$16,500.00	1,2	5%
Johnson Wilson Constructors, Inc.	\$121,000.00	90 days	Klamm - \$19,400.00	Nelson-Collie - \$11,900.00	1,2	5%

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COUNCIL LETTER 091508-VIE

MAYOR SKALKO

ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW CHART

DATE: September 10, 2008

FROM: Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Will be handing out information at the September 15th meeting, pending results of COW meeting on September 12th.

COUNCIL LETTER 091508-IVF

MAYOR SKALKO

**PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS FOR
SALARY EMPLOYEES**

DATE: September 10, 2008

FROM: Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Will be handing out information, if negotiation talks between City Personnel members Joe Prebeg and T. J. Zupancich and negotiator Louis Russo are completed, with our two remaining salary employees, Don Kleinschmidt and Craig Wainio.

3769 Fraser Rd
Iron, MN 55751
August 30, 2008

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

Dear Council Members,

We are requesting authorization for Boondock's of Forbes, MN to operate an on-sale bar at the Mt. Iron Community Center on October 11, 2008 for the Ted Asuma / Jenna Smith wedding reception. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Asuma



Arlene M. Asuma



COUNCIL LETTER 091508-IVH

ED ROSKOSKI

UNITY & ASTER CROSSWALK

DATE: September 10, 2008

FROM: Ed Roskoski
City Councilor

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

The handi-capped crossing swale on the Unity side and the painted crosswalk area are gone from that intersection. The crossing swale at the Aster & Unity corner is still present. What happened?

Greenwood Cemetery Association

Post Office Box 105

Virginia, Minnesota 55792-0105

September 8, 2008

The Honorable Mayor Gary Skalko
City of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Re: Appropriation Request

Dear Mayor Skalko,

We respectfully submit for your approval our request for the City of Mountain Iron's annual appropriation to the Greenwood Cemetery Association. This request is for your annual appropriation for the year 2008.

In the past, Greenwood Cemetery has used the money generously given us by your city for such projects as a new roof on the chapel building, dump truck repair, and the development of another block for burials by landscaping, adding top soil and seeding. We have additional projects we are now working on including: road repair and resurfacing, repair of the crematory retort, installation of a computer system and the future purchase of a new lawn mower.

We appreciate the help and support you and the City Council have provided us in the past and will continue to do our best as stewards of Greenwood Cemetery to keep it beautiful and affordable to the residents of the City of Mountain Iron.

Sincerely,



Dennis G Yourczek, President
Greenwood Cemetery Association

COMMUNICATIONS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

1. Biosolids Disposal Site Authority, forwarding the 2009 budget.
2. Tri-Cities Biosolids Disposal Authority, forward the 2009 budget.
3. Iron Range Resources, forwarding information regarding the Culture and Tourism Grant applications.
4. Minnesota Power, a public hearing notice for permission to increase its electric rates.

Biosolids Disposal Site Authority

413 Pierce Street
Eveleth, MN 55734

City of Eveleth

City of Gilbert

City of Virginia

City of Mt. Iron

August 25, 2008

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Mt. Iron
City Hall
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

Mayor and Council,

At a regular meeting of the Biosolids Disposal Authority (BDSA) held August 20, 2008 the BDSA budget was adopted with a total of \$35,400.00. Enclosed is a copy of the 2009 BDSA budget.

By Ordinance, this budget is to be funded by an annual per capita fee from each member City. At this time, the annual per capita fee for financing the 2008 budget was set at \$ 1.981.

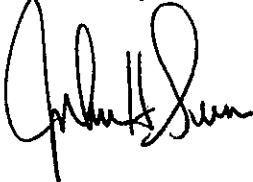
The 2000 census for the City of Mt. Iron is 2,999 persons. Mt. Iron's share of the BDSA 2009 budget is \$ 5,941.62.

Mt. Iron's share of the 2009 budget will be billed in late December 2008.

It is hoped that this information is sufficient for determining your City's budget.

If you have any questions concerning this budget, please contact Don Kleinschmidt or myself.

Sincerely,



John H. Seurer, Sec/Treas for the BDSA

Copy: Don Kleinschmidt

2009 BDSA Budget

Site Superintendent	\$	500.00
Sites and Road Maintenance		13,000.00
Snow Plowing		5,000.00
Professional Services		3,000.00
Sec/Treas and Office		1,900.00
Insurance & Bond		3,000.00
Site Permanent Improvements		9,000.00
Total	\$	35,400.00

The 2009 BDSA Budget will be funded by an annual \$ 1.9812 per capita charge, per the Ordinance that established the BDSA. Each City's share is as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Share of Budget</u>
Eveleth	3,865	\$ 7,657.34
Gilbert	1,847	3,659.28
Mt. Iron	2,999	5,941.62
Virginia	9,157	<u>18,141.76</u>
Totals	17,868	\$ 35,400.00

Tri-Cities Biosolids Disposal Authority

413 Pierce Street
Eveleth, MN 55734
218.742.4626

City of Eveleth

City of Gilbert

City of Mt. Iron

August 25, 2008

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Mt. Iron
City Hall
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

Mayor and Council,

At a regular meeting of the Tri-Cities Biosolids Disposal Authority (TCBDA) held August 20, 2009 the 2009 TCBDA budget was adopted with a total of \$82,200.00. Enclosed is a copy of the 2009 TCBDA budget.

The 2009 TCBDA budget will be funded per the Ordinance that established the TCBDA. Each City pays according to the percentage of loads they hauled compared to the total loads from all three cities during a period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

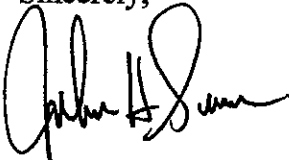
Mt. Iron's share of the 2009 budget is 25,975.20.

The first quarter of Mt. Iron's share of the 2009 budget will be billed in late December 2008.

It is hoped that this information is sufficient for determining your City's budget.

If you have any questions concerning this budget, please contact Don Kleinschmidt or myself.

Sincerely,



John H. Seurer, Sec/Tres for the BDSA

Copy: Don Kleinschmidt

2009 TCBDA Budget

* Employees Wages&Benefits	\$ 52,000.00
Insurance & Bond	3,000.00
Office& Administration	200.00
Fuel	8,500.00
Repair & Maintenance	2,000.00
Garage Expense	2,500.00
Professional Services	3,300.00
Truck Replacement	12,000.00
Communication Rental	<u>500.00</u>
Subtotal	84,000.00
less BDSA reimbursements	<u>1,800.00</u>
Total	\$ 82,200.00

* Employee's includes AplTech/ Site Mgr, Sec/Treas, Relief Driver, and City of Mt. Iron Bookkeeper.

The 2009 TCBDA budget will be funded per Ordinance that established the TCBDA. Each City pays according to the percentage of loads that they hauled, compared to the totals from all three Cities during a period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

<u>City</u>	<u>% of loads</u>	<u>Share of Budget</u>
Eveleth	40.8	\$ 33,537.60
Gilbert	27.6	22,687.20
Mt. Iron	<u>31.6</u>	<u>25,975.20</u>
Totals	100.0	\$ 82,200.00

Craig J. Wainio

From: Holly Haugen [Holly.Haugen@state.mn.us]
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Subject: Iron Range Resources Culture and Tourism Grants

September 4, 2008

Dear Community Leader,

I am pleased to announce that Iron Range Resources has allocated \$150,000 for Culture and Tourism grants in its fiscal year 2009 budget. The funds are targeted for non-profit organizations to stimulate tourism and enrich communities through artistic, cultural, heritage-related or recreational activities.

The Culture and Tourism Grant Guidelines and Application are posted on our Web site at www.ironrangeresources.org. Click on "Grow Your Community" then "Grant Programs" and then "Culture and Tourism." There you will find the details regarding eligibility, criteria, the application process and the required forms. There are a few minor changes in the application this year, to improve upon clarity and efficiency. Be sure to use the current format.

Completed paper or electronic applications are due at Iron Range Resources by 4:00 PM on October 17, 2008. Grant awards are expected in November for projects that take place in calendar year 2009.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions about the program or the application process, feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

September 2008

Minnesota Power has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its electric rates by approximately \$45 million, or about 9.5 percent overall. Depending on customer class and usage, the actual percent will vary. We have also proposed a new discounted rate for qualified low-income residential customers. The MPUC has ten months to evaluate our request and will make its decision regarding final rates by mid-year 2009.

Public Comment

Administrative Law Judge Bruce Johnson has scheduled public hearings so that customers may have an opportunity to present their views regarding Minnesota Power's recently filed retail rate case (MPUC Docket No. E-015/GR-08-415 and OAH Docket No. 4-2500-19796-2). Any Minnesota Power customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Minnesota Power's service, the level of rates or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

Public Hearings Schedule

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

2:00 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Eveleth Range Recreation & Civic Center
901 Hat Trick Avenue
Eveleth, MN 55734

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

7 p.m.
Itasca Community College
1851 East Hwy. 169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Thursday, October 2, 2008

2:00 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Duluth City Council Chambers
411 West First Street
Duluth, MN 55802

Monday, October 6, 2008

7 p.m.
Morrison County Government Center
213 First Avenue SE
Little Falls, MN 56345

Written comments may be sent to Administrative Law Judge Bruce Johnson, Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 64620, St Paul, MN 55165-0620. Written comments are most effective when they include: 1) the section of Minnesota Power's proposal you are addressing, 2) your specific recommendations, 3) the reason for your recommendations, 4) Docket No. OAH 4-2500-19796-2 and MPUC E015/GR-08-415. Comments must be received by October 17, 2008.

Accommodations

If you need any reasonable accommodation to enable you to fully participate in these public hearings (i.e., sign language or foreign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or large-print materials) please contact the MPUC at 651-201-2202 or 800-657-3782 one week in advance of the hearing.

Evidentiary Hearings

Formal evidentiary hearings on Minnesota Power's proposal are scheduled to start on November 10, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in the Large Hearing Room, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow Minnesota Power, the Minnesota Department of Commerce-Energy Planning and Advocacy Office, the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General-Residential Utilities Division and others to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

Anyone who wishes to formally intervene in this case should contact the Administrative Law Judge, Bruce Johnson, at the Office of Administrative Hearings, PO Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55165-0620.

Effect of Rate Changes

Below are examples of the effect of the proposed increase on typical bills of Minnesota Power's customers. Individual changes may be higher or lower depending on actual electricity usage.

Customer Classification	Average Monthly kWh usage	Previous Monthly Costs	Proposed final monthly increase*
Residential	704	\$55	\$16
Residential Low Income	704	\$55	\$5
Seasonal Residential	231	\$27	\$7
Residential Controlled Access	2,216	\$117	\$23
Dual Fuel-Residential	1,171	\$66	\$19
General Service	2,627	\$207	\$46
Dual Fuel-Commercial & Industrial	15,520	\$770	\$201
Municipal Pumping	22,345	\$1,473	\$285
Large Light and Power	144,716	\$9,259	\$678
Large Power	47,752,614	\$2,265,784	\$73,671
Street and Area Lighting	347	\$47	\$0

*Monthly increases include all line items on bills except sales taxes and municipal franchise fees, and may vary by customer based on usage. Residential final monthly increase is proposed to be phased in over three years beginning in 2009.

The rate changes described in this notice have been requested by Minnesota Power. The MPUC may either grant or deny the requested changes, in whole or in part, and may grant a lesser or greater increase than that requested for any class or classes of service.

For More Information

You may visit Minnesota Power's offices during normal business hours to examine the current and proposed rate schedules. Our offices are located at 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802. You may also examine our current and proposed rate schedules and our request for new rates by visiting our website at www.mnpower.com.

Or, you may contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce at 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St Paul, MN 55101, Phone: (651) 296-9314, TTY (651) 296-2860. Web: www.edockets.state.mn.us/Efiling/search.jsp (search by docket number: select 08 in the year field, enter 415 in the number field, click on search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page).

Customers may also register a comment or complaint with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission:

Mail: 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782

TTY: 1-800-627-3529 or 711.