

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004 - 6:30 P.M.  
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
  - II. Consent Agenda
    - A. Minutes of the September 7, 2004 Regular Meeting (#1-16)
    - B. Minutes of the September 15, 2004 Special Meeting (#17-19)
    - C. Bills and Payroll
    - D. Receipts
    - E. Communications (#73-76)
  - III. Public Forum
    - A. Public Hearing – USDA Loan Application (#20)
    - B. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (#21)
  - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
    - A. Mayor's Report
    - B. City Administrator's Report
      - 1. Final Accounting Report (#22-23)
    - C. Director of Public Work's Report
      - 1. Emergency Water Connection with Virginia (#24)
      - 2. County Road 761 and Old Highway 169 (#25)
    - D. Director of Parks and Recreation's Report
      - 1. Insurance Report (#26-27)
      - 2. Amendment to Services Agreement (#28-32)
      - 3. ITCVB 2005 Tourism Guide (#33-36)
    - E. City Engineers Report
      - 1. Pay Request Number 1 (#37-39)
    - F. City Attorney's Report
    - G. Planning and Zoning Commission
      - 1. Tveit Variance (#40-42)
  - V. Unfinished Business
    - A. Resolution 30-04 Accepting Property (#43-49)
    - B. Demolition Site (#50-53)
    - C. Locomotive Park Plans (#54-58)
  - VI. New Business
    - A. Resolution 39-04 HRA/EDA (#59-62)
    - B. Resolution 40-04 Reserving Park Land (#63-66)
    - C. TEA-21 Grant (#67-69)
    - D. Advertisement Request (#70-72)
    - E. Communications (#73-76)
  - VII. Open Discussion
  - VIII. Announcements
  - IX. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Allen Nelson, Dale Irish, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Larry Nanti, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Joe Stewart, Sheriff's Sergeant.

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

1. Add the following items to the agenda:  
IV. 5. Striping on County Road 7
2. Approve the minutes of the August 16, 2004, City Council meeting as submitted.
3. That the communications be accepted, placed on file, and those requiring further action by the City Council be acted upon during their proper sequence on the agenda.
4. To acknowledge the receipts for the period August 16-31, 2004, totaling \$489,231.18, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
5. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period August 16-31, 2004, totaling \$270,456.86, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

No one spoke during the public forum.

During the Mayor's report, he advised the City Council that he had a relative here from Michigan and he brought him to the Wacootah Overlook and the Mayor wanted to express his thanks to City Staff because the property looked nice.

At 6:35 p.m., Rod Flannigan, City Engineer, entered the meeting.

Also during the Mayor's report, he said that some issues were brought up at the last meeting with regard to this Council spending money in the Downtown Area. He stated that there have been some funds spent in the Downtown Area with regard to the flower pots, the banners, the park equipment, and the library renovation. He said that regardless of where the library would have been located, it would have need renovation. He said that he supported the Park Ridge Development with approximately \$300,000 in City funds being expended. He said that the Council has approved approximately eleven streets to be overlayed at a cost of approximately \$180,000, with only one street being

completed in the Downtown area. The Mayor said that he has been in supported of the proposed land exchange with the Mountain Iron/Buhl School District that would cost approximately \$75,000. The Mayor also said that, if the Engineer's report is favorable for development in the Desert Area, that he would support proceeding with the land acquisition from United States Steel Corporation. The Mayor also said that he would like to see something started with the consolidation of the South Grove Parks into one park. He also said that he would support lighting in the Ann's Acres area.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to approve the quote for 200 feet of 8-foot fence for the yard waste site to Iron Oaks Fencing at a cost of \$3,856.00 for the materials and labor, with the funds being expended from the recycling budget. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to approve the horizontal boring quote from Gulbranson Excavating at their quoted price of \$10.00 per foot for approximately 1,000 feet to make electrical upgrades to the Stoney Brook neighborhood. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to reject the bids for the electrical substation upgrade. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski to direct the City Administrator and/or the Director of Public Works to contact the proper officials at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to see if it is appropriate to use the old dump site for storage of demolition materials, different types of soils, and having the recycling bins located at this site with a controlled access with security. After further discussion, Councilor Roskoski **withdrew** his motion.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed to use the old dump site for storage of different types of granular material. After further discussion, Councilor Roskoski **withdrew** his motion and Mayor Skalko **withdrew** his support.

At 7:08 p.m., Steve Norvitch, Assistant Fire Chief, entered the meeting.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to direct City Staff to have the waste materials temporarily placed at the Desert Area and the snow removal dumping site to be located behind 5366 Mineral Avenue in South Grove. After further discussion, Mayor Skalko **withdrew** his motion and Councilor Roskoski **withdrew** his support.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to direct City Staff to use the old dump site, on Mineral Avenue, as a temporary site for waste material and have City Staff contact the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to see if there is a problem with this site. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, no; Nelson, no; Irish, yes; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Roskoski to direct the City Engineer to look at Grant Street and determine what is causing the cracking on the road. The motion carried with Councilor Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to have the Director of Public Works contact Saint Louis County or the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding striping the right turn lane from County Road 7 on to State Highway 169. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to have the Director of Public Works contact Saint Louis County regarding fixing the potholes on County Road 102 between Parkville and Virginia. The motion carried.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Prebeg to authorize the purchase of the materials for the pavilion at the West Two Rivers Campground from Flannigan Sales at their low quote of \$17,279.00. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to direct City Staff to have a culvert installed for the Downtown Area Sliding Hill at an estimated cost of \$2,000. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Nelson, no; Irish, yes; Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, yes; and Skalko, yes.

Councilor Irish asked the Recreation Director how the “Movies in the Park” went. The Recreation Director said that there were about 60 children in attendance at the movie. He said the Recreation Department would be looking for sponsors for the event for 2005.

Councilor Irish questioned the attorney’s bill regarding the fee for a call made by Darin Alto about the Parkville School. It was the consensus of the Council that the City should not be paying this charge.

Councilor Roskoski asked the City Engineer if he had the specifications on Locomotive Park. The City Engineer said that the information on Locomotive Park was submitted to the City Administrator. The Mayor said that the Council would have to review the Locomotive Park plans at the September 20, 2004 City Council meeting.

The Council reviewed the Sheriff’s Department report for the month of August, 2004.

At 8:04 p.m., Councilor Prebeg left the meeting.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Skalko to authorize the Library Substitute’s hourly wage to increase to \$6.00 per hour effective September 8, 2004. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski that all non-mandatory conference, training, or workshops be presented to the Council through the appropriate department head. The **motion failed** with Nelson, Prebeg and Skalko voting no.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to adopt the conference, workshop, and training policy as follows:

- a) Management personnel following the contract provisions regarding conferences, workshop and training.
- b) Union personnel allow only mandatory conferences, workshop and training that are required for safety or to maintain or attain a City of Mountain Iron required license or certification.
- c) Fire department and EMT personnel allow only conferences, workshops and training that is required to maintain or attain required certification and as necessary for the safe performance of duties.
- d) All other personnel will not be allowed to attend any training unless it is mandatory and/or essential for safety.
- e) All requests for non-mandatory conferences, training or workshops shall be presented to the City Council through the appropriate Department Head.

The motion carried with Councilor Irish voting no.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to adopt the communication policy as follows:

“The City's telephones, cellular phones, fax machines, pagers and portable radios are for City business use. The City does understand that employees occasionally need to use the City communication systems to make or receive personal phone calls. The employee should attempt to make or receive personal phone calls during non-working hours (breaks or lunch). This includes use of employees' personal cell phones. Excess use of the City communications systems for personal calls is prohibited and may lead to disciplinary action. All aspects of the communications systems can be monitored for abuse. Employees who find it necessary to make a personal long distance call must reimburse the City for the call. It is the employee's responsibility to notify the City Administrator of the date and time of the call and request cost information of any personal long distance calls made as necessary. Violators of this policy will be disciplined according to contract.”

The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to allow the Fire Chief to attend the Fire Chief's Conference at City expense as outlined in the expense sheet the Fire Chief submitted. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to direct City Staff to block the vent on the south side and block a portion of the windows above the boiler room on the east side of the Parkville School contingent on the approval of the City Attorney. The motion carried with Councilor Nelson voting no.

At 8:59 p.m., Mayor Skalko left the meeting.

At 9:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Roskoski called for a five minute recess.

At 9:05 p.m., Mayor Skalko reconvened the meeting.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 31-04, approving proposed 2004 tax levy collectable 2005, reflecting a 10% levy increase. The **motion failed** on the following roll call vote: Prebeg, yes; Nelson, yes; Irish, no; Roskoski, no; and Skalko, no.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to adopt Resolution Number 31-04, approving proposed 2004 tax levy collectable 2005, reflecting a 9% levy increase. The **motion failed** on the following roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Irish, no; Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes; and Skalko, no.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to adopt Resolution Number 31-04, approving proposed 2004 tax levy collectable 2005, reflecting a 5% levy increase, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Irish, yes; Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, yes; Nelson, no; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 32-04, approving proposed 2005 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 Prebeg and supported by Skalko to adopt Resolution Number 33-04, setting the dates for the public hearings on the proposed budget and tax levy, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to adopt Resolution Number 34-04, application for an IRRRB grant, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 35-04, accepting work for the Eagle Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 36-04, Charitable Gambling, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to table Resolution Number 37-04, Vacation of a portion of Missabe Avenue until a new location for the sliding hill and

skating rink is up and running in the Downtown Area. The motion carried with Councilor Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to authorize the payment request number five, the final payment, for the Phase II-Interior Renovation of the Mountain Iron Public Library in the amount of \$5,500.00. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Prebeg, yes; Nelson, no; Irish, yes; Roskoski, yes; and Skalko, yes.

Councilor Prebeg questioned Councilor Irish why he called City Staff out on August 13<sup>th</sup> regarding an odor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilor Prebeg felt that this was a waste of City funds for a callout about the smell at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilor Irish stated that he never called anyone out, he said that he contacted Minnesota Power and requested to have the person “on call” contact him. Councilor Irish said that he requested a full report of the call outs on August 13<sup>th</sup> from Minnesota Power.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to award the 1979 Chevrolet C70 Tanker Fire Truck bid to Dana Preston for the amount of \$3500.00 with the understanding that he can take possession of the truck when the fire department is done with it. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to reject the bid on the 1975 Chevrolet C-65 Luverne Pumper. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to authorize the Mountain Iron Fire Department to seek a fire department that could use the 1975 Chevrolet C-65 Luverne Pumper Fire Truck as a fire truck and bring a recommendation back to the City Council. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to call a special meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of canvassing the election votes for the primary election. The motion carried.

The Council reviewed the letter received from the Northland Foundation regarding a challenge grant for up to \$3,000 for the Senior Center Kitchen Upgrade project.

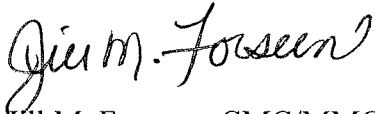
During the open discussion, Councilor Roskoski commented on the two appraisals for the land from United States Steel Corporation. He said that the dump information and tailing basin were not referred to in the appraisals.

During the open discussion, Stephen Skogman was in the audience and asked the Mayor if he and Councilor Nelson could respond to the political statements made at the beginning of the meeting by Mayor Skalko. Mr. Skogman said that the Park Ridge Development was started before Mayor Skalko was in the Mayor’s position. Mr. Skogman said that the overlays completed on the streets were funded from street bonding money approved five years ago. Mr. Skogman also said that bonding money was also used for the water tower renovation projects. Mr. Skogman said that the Mountain Iron-

Buhl School land negotiations were started several years ago. Mr. Skogman said that the funds that were spent in the Downtown Area for the flower pots and banners were not budgeted for.

At 10:08 p.m., it was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA  
Municipal Services Secretary

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#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Small Cities Update, August 30, 2004.
2. Biosolids Disposal Site Authority, forwarding the 2005 budget.
3. Tri-Cities Biosolids Disposal Authority, forwarding the 2005 budget.
4. Notice of Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for Larry Tviet.
5. Notice regarding the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in Duluth on October 10-12, 2004.
6. Northland Foundation, advising the City that the Board of Trustees has approved a challenge grant for up to \$3,000 for the Senior Center upgrade.
7. Anonymous, a note regarding cleaning up the garbage behind the Parkville School.

## Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	3,578.32
UTILITY	UTILITY	104,704.61
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	275.00
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	1,300.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	31,544.91
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	110.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	ELECTRIC-CHG FOR SERVICES	420.24
PERMITS	BUILDING	518.50
MISCELLANEOUS	CHECK RETURN FEE	20.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	1,656.18
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	2,208.25
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	858.76
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST601	184.01
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	368.04
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	674.73
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 604	184.06
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	150.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	WATER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	236.72
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	DNR GRANT FOR FIRE DEPT	1,000.00
PERMITS	CONDITIONAL USE	150.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	MN TWINS COMMUNITY FUND GRANT	5,942.98
FINES	CRIMINAL	218.85
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	TACONITE PRODUCTION TAX	332,786.00
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	PEPSI COLA	116.00
LICENSES	ANIMAL	5.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BAD DEBT PYMT-GARBAGE	20.02
Summary Totals:		<u>489,231.18</u>

Check Issue Date(s): 08/21/2004 - 09/14/2004

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09/04	09/09/2004	30487	30030	CUSTOM LETTERING	002-20200	120.00
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09/04	09/09/2004	30491	40003	DEMCO INC	002-20200	68.01
09/04	09/09/2004	30492	40032	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	002-20200	338.75
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09/04	09/09/2004	30494	40028	DITCH WITCH OF MINNESOTA INC	002-20200	28.93
09/04	09/09/2004	30495	40015	DULUTH NEWS TRIBUNE	002-20200	247.87
09/04	09/09/2004	30496	50028	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	002-20200	79.96
09/04	09/09/2004	30497	500012	ERA LABORATORIES INC	002-20200	970.40
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09/04	09/09/2004	30499	60026	FASTENAL COMPANY	002-20200	84.74
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09/04	09/09/2004	30528	120007	MOTION INDUSTRIES INC	002-20200	13.33
09/04	09/09/2004	30529	130037	M-R SIGN	002-20200	96.55
09/04	09/09/2004	30530	140020	NEW LONDON WAREHOUSE	002-20200	92.50
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M = Manual Check, V = Void Check

Check Issue Date(s): 08/21/2004 - 09/14/2004

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09/04	09/09/2004	30544	917	SHEILA GROTERBERG	002-20200	100.00
09/04	09/09/2004	30545	190014	SHERWIN WILLIAMS	002-20200	104.13
09/04	09/09/2004	30546	921	SHIRLEY ANDERSON	002-20200	100.00
09/04	09/09/2004	30547	190004	SKUBIC BROS INC	002-20200	274.30
09/04	09/09/2004	30548	190013	ST LOUIS COUNTY	002-20200	462.53
09/04	09/09/2004	30549	931	ST LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS	002-20200	36.00
09/04	09/09/2004	30550	200003	TACONITE TIRE SERVICE	002-20200	124.58
09/04	09/09/2004	30551	918	TERESA KOCHAR	002-20200	50.00
09/04	09/09/2004	30552	928	TERESA LESEMANN	002-20200	100.00
09/04	09/09/2004	30553	200020	THE TRENTI LAW FIRM	002-20200	3,197.99
09/04	09/09/2004	30554	200009	TROPHY SHOP	002-20200	234.48
09/04	09/09/2004	30555	210002	UNITED TRUCK BODY COMPANY INC	002-20200	1,698.68
09/04	09/09/2004	30556	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS, BELLEVUE	002-20200	13.08
09/04	09/09/2004	30557	220004	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	002-20200	29,474.07
09/04	09/09/2004	30558	230010	WILBUR & VIOLET BALL	002-20200	500.00
09/04	09/09/2004	30559	240001	XEROX CORPORATION	002-20200	335.84
09/04	09/09/2004	30560	260003	ZEE SERVICE COMPANY	002-20200	35.40
09/04	09/09/2004	30561	260005	ZEP MANUFACTURING COMPANY	002-20200	229.23
09/04	09/11/2004	30562	190039	ST LOUIS COUNTY RECORDERS OFFC	002-20200	4.95
09/04	09/14/2004	30563	8040	JOHNATHAN WILKIN PHANEUF	002-20200	650.00

Totals:

191,231.38

Payroll-PP Ending 8/27/04

79,225.48

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$270,456.86



# CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 31-04

### APPROVING PROPOSED 2004 TAX LEVY, COLLECTABLE 2005

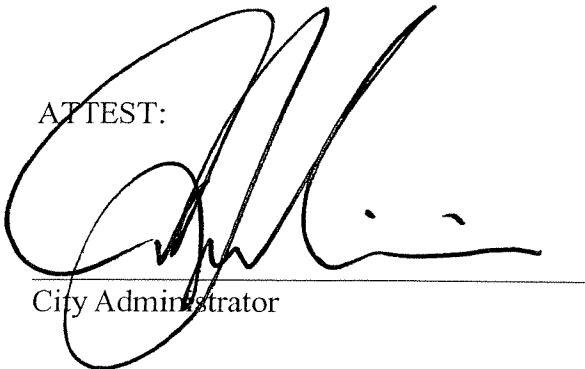
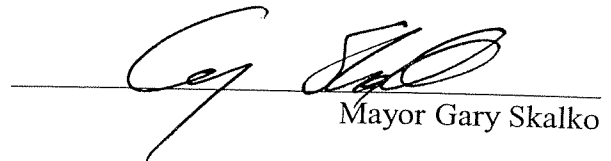
**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Mountain Iron, County of Saint Louis, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectable in 2005, upon the taxable property in the City of Mountain Iron for the following purposes:

TOTAL LEVY	\$ 915,403.00
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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 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Gary Skalko



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 32-04

### APPROVING PROPOSED 2005 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.

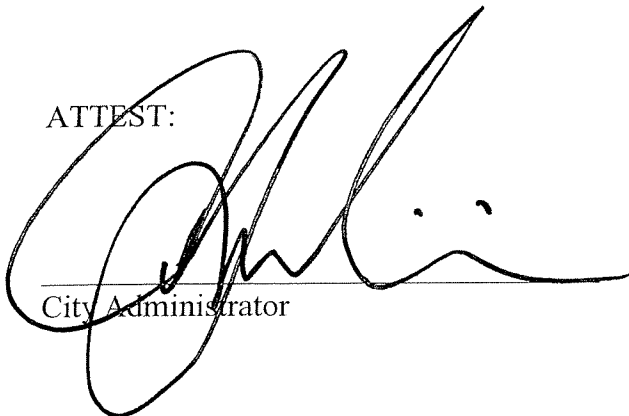
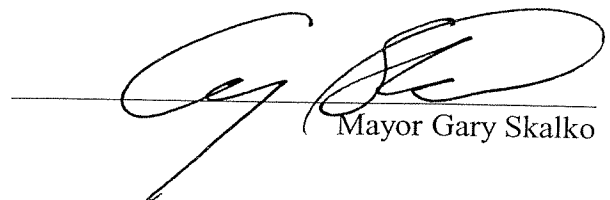
**NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Mountain Iron, County of Saint Louis, Minnesota, that the following market rate based levy shall be made in 2004 payable in 2005 for all property in the City of Mountain Iron:

General Obligation Community Center Bond levy shall be \$83,125.00

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 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2004.**

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Gary Skalko



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 33-04

### SETTING THE DATES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Mountain Iron, County of Saint Louis, Minnesota, that the dates for the public hearings to adopt the property taxes to collect to pay services the City will provide in 2005, shall be held at: 6:30PM, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004, to be continued if necessary, 6:30PM, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

The City Administrator is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Saint Louis County, Minnesota, prior to September 15, 2004.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

ATTEST:

City Administrator

Mayor Gary Skalko



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 34-04

### APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mountain Iron (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") is a municipal corporation organized/operating under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has a need for a grant for the West Two Rivers Campground (hereafter called "the Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant is leases the site on which the Project will be undertaken; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has determined that it will need a grant from the IRRRB for \$30,000 in order to complete the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant understands and agrees that the IRRRB will not provide funds to reimburse the applicant for any costs incurred for the Project prior to the date on which this Project is approved by the IRRRB; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has read, is aware of, and agrees to abide by the policy of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board as expressed in the Board's February 26, 1986 Resolution (Grant Application Manual Appendix F) relating to the payment of wages on projects financed in whole or in part by the IRRRB.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Applicant organization hereby authorizes and approves making application to the IRRRB for a grant for \$30,000 to provide funds to complete the Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Applicant's Mayor and City Administrator are authorized and directed to sign and submit an application for the said grant monies and all applicable contracts, documents and agreements associated with the grant or the application for it.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Applicant agrees and commits that following completion of the Project site and any equipment installed in connection with the Project be in good operating condition, appearance and repair and protect the same from deterioration, reasonable wear and tear resulting from ordinary use of the property and equipment excepted, for as long as the Applicant retains ownership of the Project site.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

ATTEST:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

MAYOR GARY SKALKO



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 35-04

### ACCEPTING WORK

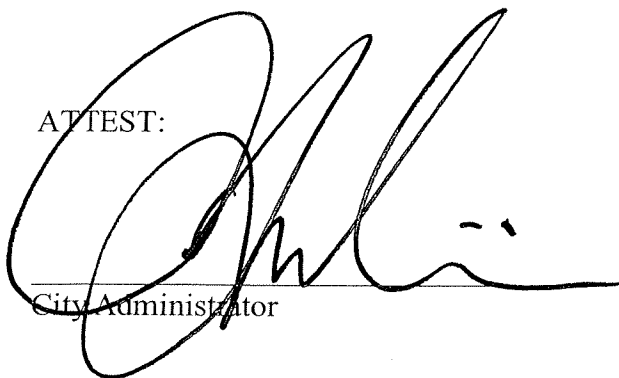
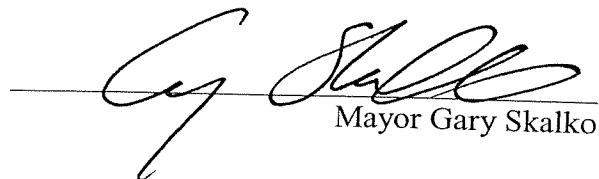
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a written contract signed with the City, Jola and Sopp Excavating of Eveleth, Minnesota, has satisfactorily completed the Eagle Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

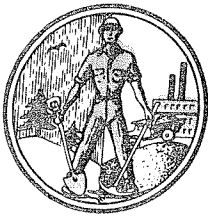
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**, the work completed under said contract is hereby accepted and approved, and,

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

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Gary Skalko



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 36-04

### CHARITABLE GAMBLING

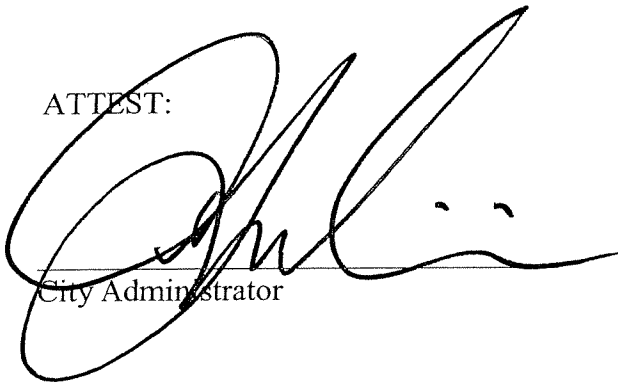
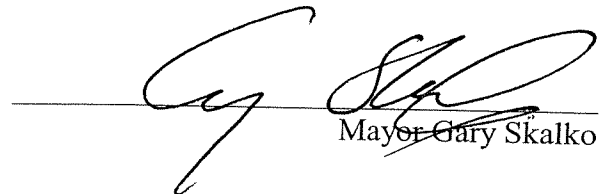
**WHEREAS**, Climb, has applied for a Class B Charitable Gambling Operation Permit consisting of raffles, paddlewheels, tipboards, and pull-tabs at Sawmill Saloon, and;

**WHEREAS**, Climb, is requesting that a Class B Charitable Gambling Permit be issued.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL**, that the Mountain Iron City Council hereby renews said premise permit.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Gary Skalko

MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

Mayor Skalko called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Ed Roskoski, Dale Irish, Allen Nelson, Joe Prebeg, Jr. and Mayor Gary Skalko.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 38-04, Primary Election, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

At 5:31 p.m., it was moved by Nelson and supported by Roskoski that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator



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## RESOLUTION #38-04 PRIMARY ELECTION

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Primary Election of the City of Mountain Iron, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, held in the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota on September 14, 2004, and being the place where it was directed to be held by the City Council after giving due notice thereof as provided by law, and;

WHEREAS, eight qualified voters of said City to act as judges of said Municipal Primary Election, each of whom has within the time limit subscribed by law, been designated and appointed by the City Council to act as judges of the election. And, each of whom being present at the designated hour and each of whom duly took and subscribed an oath to faithfully discharge the duties required of them at such election. The judges being duly qualified, forthwith opened the polls by proclamation at 7:00 a.m. and the election proceeded by ballot without adjournment or intermission until closed at 8:00 p.m., and;

WHEREAS, the subjects voted at such election, as stated in notice thereof, were to vote for one (1) Mayor candidate, to allow the two candidates with the highest votes to proceed to the General Election, and;

WHEREAS, at 8:00 p.m., in the evening of said day, the polls were closed, proclamation thereof, having been made by one of the judges in each of the two precincts, and;

WHEREAS, upon the closing of the polls, the judges then proceeded to publicly tabulate the count and canvass the votes and a true statement thereof was duly proclaimed to the voters as follows:

<u>MAYOR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED</u>
Gary Skalko	359
Stephen Skogman	186
Allen Nelson	84

Resolution #38-04  
Primary Election  
Page 2

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mountain Iron, Saint Louis County, State of Minnesota, do hereby accept the foregoing as a true statement of the results of tabulating and canvassing of votes by ballot, at said Municipal Primary Election held on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, and do hereby state that the following individuals be placed on the ballot for the Municipal General Election on November 2, 2004 for election to the Office of Mayor for a two (2) year term:

Gary Skalko  
Stephen Skogman

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2004.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-IIIA**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

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

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As part of the loan application to the Rural Development Administration, the City Council is required to hold a public hearing on the project. Once completed, the required information will be submitted to RDA as part of the application.

**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-III B**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**CGMC PRESENTATION**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

**FROM:** CGMC

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Representatives of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities will be attending the meeting in order to update the City Council on their activities.

**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-IVB1**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**FINAL ACCOUNTING REPORT**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

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

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As part of the grant received for the Park Ridge Development project, the City needs to submit a Final Accounting Report to the IRRRB in order for them to release the final grant funds. This report must be submitted to the IRRRB by the end of the year.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the final accounting report as presented.

## IRRRB FINAL ACCOUNTING REPORT

PROJECT: COMMERCIAL FORTY DEVELOPMENT  
PARK RIDGE DEVELOPMENT

DOCUMENT RQ #B43-1484 & RQ #B43-1330  
DOCUMENT PO #B43-1847 & PO #B43-1634

<u>USES</u> <u>DETAILED PROJECT COSTS</u>	<u>CITY</u> <u>CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>IRRRB</u> <u>GRANTS</u>	<u>TOTAL PROJECT</u> <u>COSTS</u>
PUBLICATIONS	\$ 400.53	\$ -	\$ 400.53
ENGINEERING FEES	\$ 43,065.25	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 70,065.25
CONSTRUCTION COSTS	\$ 275,538.54	\$ 273,000.00	\$ 548,538.54
 TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	 \$ 319,004.32	 \$ 300,000.00	 \$ 619,004.32

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a final project accounting report duly passed, adopted, and approved by the City Council of the City of Mountain Iron on September 20, 2004.

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Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

Subscribed to and sworn before  
me this 20th day of September, 2004.

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Notary

**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-IVC1**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**EMERGENCY WATERLINE  
CONNECTION WITH VIRGINIA**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

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

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Staff is recommending to the City Council approval of the plans and call for quotes for an emergency water connection from the Mountain Iron water system to the Virginia system.

This connection would provide an emergency water source interconnecting the cities of Mountain Iron, Virginia, and Eveleth.

**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-IVC2**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**COUNTY ROAD 761 & OLD  
OLD HIGHWAY 169 INTERSECTION**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

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

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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St. Louis County Highway Department will be reconstructing the intersection at County Road 761 and Old Highway 169. A new overlay will be installed on the portion of 761 between old and new Highway 169 during the summer of 2005.

The potholes on County Road 102 will be filled. St. Louis County road patching crews are behind schedule with County Road 102 on the high priority list.



## LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE TRUST

*Loss Control Services Administration*

c/o Berkley Risk Administrators Company, LLC

222 South 9th Street, Suite 1300, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3332

Phone: (612) 766-3000 Fax: (612) 766-3199

Web Site: [www.lmnc.org](http://www.lmnc.org)

09/08/04

Mr. Larry Nanti  
Park & Recreation Director  
City of Mountain Iron  
Box 505  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768-0505

Dear Larry:

A routine loss control survey was recently conducted concerning certain premises and operations of the city at your request. This was in conjunction with the city's participation in the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust insurance program. The purpose of my visit was to assist the city in the reduction of potential loss through loss control and risk management activities.

As a result of this loss control survey, I have developed the following recommendations to consider. We have found that compliance with loss control recommendations can assist in minimizing the potential for loss.

1-9/04 I reviewed the mining equipment that is on display in the city parks. There is a potential for injury to children climbing and playing on this equipment that should be addressed. You should decide whether to remove the equipment, fence off access to the equipment or make the equipment safer by reducing the potential hazards. The playground safety handbook is a good reference to use for making the equipment safer. Key areas to review are: energy absorbing materials for falls, head entrapment prevention, protrusions that can cause injuries. Handholds that allow children to climb too high should be eliminated.

The following are some of the concerns that should be addressed:

- a) The cables on the shovels (playground and mine pit) have broken strands that could cut hands. The cables also provide handholds for climbing the booms.
- b) The larger shovel at the mine pit observation area has many metal handholds that make it easy for children to climb too high.
- c) Children who climb on the equipment could fall and injure themselves when they hit the iron components of the machines (tracks, frame, etc.) or the ground. The rocks along the tracks are particularly dangerous for children climbing on the train.
- d) The large mining bucket has some heavy moving parts that could smash fingers. Protruding steel makes the bucket more climbable.

9/16/2004

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It is important to address these issues. The notification of safety concerns by residents increases the city's potential for liability if the city does not take action to reduce the potential hazards.

The long-term benefits and successes that can be enjoyed by a cooperative, self-insurance organization depend upon serious and careful consideration of loss control recommendations. In that context, we ask that you keep us informed of the steps you take to address these loss control recommendations. Therefore, *please respond within 60 days* of your receipt of this letter regarding the status of how you intend to respond to these loss control recommendations.

I appreciate the time and courtesy extended to me at the time of my loss control visit. If I can be of any assistance before my next visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dave Strock  
Senior Loss Control Consultant  
Berkley Risk Administrators Company, LLC

c: Craig Wainio, City Administrator  
Todd McGillvray, Wells Fargo Ins., 401 Chestnut, P.O. BOX 1108, Virginia, MN 55792

Recommendations and comments are provided for loss control and risk exposure improvement purposes only in conjunction with the insurance program referenced above. They are not made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of any law, rule or regulation. We do not infer or imply in the making of these recommendations and comments that all sites were reviewed or that all possible hazards were noted. The final responsibility for conducting loss control and risk management programs must rest with the insured.

**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-IVD2**

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**SAFETY TRAINING**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

**FROM:** Safety Committee

Larry Nanti  
Parks & Recreation Director

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The Mountain Iron Safety Committee recommends that the contract for mandated training from the MMUA be renewed for 2005.

MINUTES  
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 10:54 a.m. with the following members present: Gerald Claesson, Foreman, Larry Nanti, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jill Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary and Judy Seurer, Accounting Technician.

It was moved by Claesson and supported by Forseen to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2004 meeting. The motion carried.

Forseen reported that there have been six first reports of injury so far for 2004.

Discussion took place concerning the composition of the Safety Committee. It was suggested that a the fire department have a representative on the Committee

Discussion took place concerning the lack of Chlorine safety training that was to have been scheduled by the MMUA representative. It was moved by Nanti to send a letter to MMUA, Tom Cvar and Greg Chad on scheduling chlorine safety training for the fire department and City employees before October 1, 2004, or the safety compliance group contract for 2004-2005 would not be recommended to be signed. The motion died for lack of support.

It was moved by Nanti and supported by Seurer to send a letter to MMUA, Tom Cvar and Greg Chad requesting that chlorine safety training be scheduled for fire department and City employees by November 1, 2004. The motion carried with Nanti, Forseen and Seurer voting aye and Claesson voting nay.

It was moved by Claesson and supported by Nanti to recommend to the City Council that the Safety Compliance Group contract with MMUA be signed, depending on having chlorine safety training scheduled by October 1, 2004, to be completed by November 1, 2004. The motion carried.

At 11:07 a.m., it was moved by Seurer and supported by Forseen to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.



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**Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association**

August 31, 2004

**M E M O R A N D U M**

To: MMUA Membership

From: Mike Willetts, Director of Job Training and Safety

Subject: 2004-05 Safety Compliance Group Contracts

It is time to renew your safety compliance group contract. Since our safety compliance group meeting, all requested changes have been made. There has been very little change from the budgets delivered at the earlier meeting. As pointed out at the meeting, the 2004-05 contracts will cover October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005, to coincide with MMUA's fiscal year.

A copy of your group's budget and two copies of your contract amendment are enclosed. Please sign both contracts keeping one for your records and mailing the other to the address shown below. Please do not send payment at this time. You will be billed shortly after October 1. Mail your signed contract to:

Rita Kelly, Finance Manager  
Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association  
3025 Harbor Lane North, Suite 400  
Plymouth, MN 55447-5142

If you have any concerns with the new contract, please contact me or Rita as follows:

Mike Willetts: phone 763-746-0705 or e-mail [willetts@mmua.org](mailto:willetts@mmua.org)  
Rita Kelly: phone 763-746-0704 or e-mail [rkelly@mmua.org](mailto:rkelly@mmua.org)

Thank you for being part of the MMUA safety compliance groups. With this program and your support we have proven that working together as a group we can develop a safety program that is affordable and at the same time works.

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association  
**AMENDMENT TO SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Contract Date: August 31, 2004

Contract Number: 20-2005

The services agreement entered into between Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) and Mountain Iron Public Utilities (Mountain Iron), dated September 15, 2003, contract number 85-2004, is amended as follows:

**PART II, Section 1.**

1. DURATION: This Agreement shall remain in force from October 1, 2004 until September 30, 2005 (the "expiration date").

**PART III, Section 1.**

1. COMPENSATION: For the services covered by this Agreement, Mountain Iron shall pay MMUA an annual fee of twelve thousand five hundred forty-three dollars and 46 cents (\$ 12,543.46) for the 2004-05 annual period. Such compensation shall be due and payable according to the selected payment terms below.

Payment terms for the fee agreed to above shall be based on one of the following options (select one):

- ☐ Annual Payment (\$12,543.46)
- ☐ Quarterly Payments (\$ 3,135.87 each)

For any term of less than twelve full calendar months, the fee shall be a portion of the annual fee, pro-rated based on the number of calendar months or partial calendar months in which the services were provided as a percentage of twelve (12).

The parties hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as modified.

Mountain Iron Public Utilities  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association  
By *Jack Keyel*  
Title Executive Director  
Date August 31, 2004

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association  
Northeast Safety Compliance Group Fee Calculation  
October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005

Number of Slots		8											
Group Budget		\$110,329.90											
Dollar Diff.		\$33,098.97											
City	Total Employees	Percentage of Total	Fixed Cost 70%	Variable Employee Cost	MSDS Service \$400	2004-05			2004 Annual Charge	2004-05 Quarterly Charge	2004 Annual Charge	Difference	Total 2004-05 with JTS & MSDS
						2004-05 Annual Charge	2004-05 Quarterly Charge	2004 Annual Charge					
Aitkin	14	6%	\$9,653.87	\$1,838.83	\$0.00	\$11,492.70	\$2,873.17	\$11,236.11	\$256.59	\$11,492.70			\$11,492.70
Bemidji	60	24%	\$9,653.87	\$7,880.71	\$0.00	\$17,534.57	\$4,383.64	\$15,000.00	\$2,534.57	\$17,534.57			\$17,534.57
Hibbing	60	24%	\$9,653.87	\$7,880.71	\$0.00	\$17,534.57	\$4,383.64	\$15,000.00	\$2,534.57	\$19,934.57			\$19,934.57
Keewatin	5	2%	\$4,826.93	\$656.73	\$0.00	\$5,483.66	\$1,370.91	\$5,278.44	\$205.22	\$6,283.66			\$6,283.66
Moose Lake	11	4%	\$9,653.87	\$1,444.80	\$0.00	\$11,098.66	\$2,774.67	\$10,726.68	\$371.98	\$12,698.66			\$12,698.66
Mora	17	7%	\$9,653.87	\$2,232.87	\$0.00	\$11,886.73	\$2,971.68	\$11,745.53	\$141.20	\$13,486.73			\$13,486.73
Mountain Iron	22	9%	\$9,653.87	\$2,889.59	\$0.00	\$12,543.46	\$3,135.86	\$12,594.58	(\$51.12)	\$13,743.46			\$13,743.46
Nashwauk	6	2%	\$4,826.93	\$788.07	\$0.00	\$5,615.00	\$1,403.75	\$5,448.24	\$166.76	\$6,815.00			\$6,815.00
Willmar	57	23%	\$9,653.87	\$7,486.67	\$0.00	\$17,140.54	\$4,285.13	\$18,537.89	(\$1,397.35)	\$20,740.54			\$20,740.54
Totals:	252	100%	\$77,230.93	\$33,098.97	\$0.00	\$110,329.90	\$27,582.48	\$105,567.47	\$4,762.43	\$122,729.90			\$122,729.90

COMPLIANCE GROUP BUDGET

	2004-05	2004 (12 mos.)	Difference	Annual JTS (Electric)	2004-05	2004
Salary & Benefits	\$72,599.82	\$70,249.10	\$2,350.72	\$400.00 per lineman	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supervision & Support	\$12,480.00	\$12,480.00	\$0.00		\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Office Expenses & Materials	\$3,785.60	\$3,785.60	\$0.00	Aitkin	\$800.00	\$800.00
Mileage	\$12,021.28	\$11,421.28	\$600.00	Hibbing	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Meals & Lodging	\$2,163.20	\$2,163.20	\$0.00	Keewatin	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Equipment	\$3,120.00	\$3,120.00	\$0.00	Moose Lake	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Training & Conference	\$4,160.00	\$4,160.00	\$0.00	Mora	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
				Mountain Iron	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
				Nashwauk	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
				Willmar		
Totals:	\$110,329.90	\$107,379.18	\$2,950.72			
JTS	\$12,400.00	\$12,400.00	\$0.00			
MSDS	\$0.00	\$800.00	(\$800.00)			
Total	\$122,729.90	\$120,579.18	\$2,150.72			
				Totals:	\$12,400.00	\$12,400.00

Please notify Rita Kelly of changes to your city.  
Call 763-746-0704; fax 763-551-0459 or e-mail to rkelly@mmua.org.

**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-IVD3**

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**ICTVB AREA GUIDE**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

**FROM:** Larry Nanti  
Parks & Recreation Director

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The City is being asked to review the advertising in the ITCVB Guide for 2005. The cost for the existing ads to run in the 2005 guide will be as follows:

City of Mountain Iron - \$1,095.00 – No change from previous year

West Two Rivers Campground - \$590.00 – No change from previous year

These two items were included in the 2004 budget under the West Two Rivers budget and also under the miscellaneous section under promotion and tourism.



Aurora, Minnesota celebrated its Centennial in 2003. Named after a particularly brilliant display of northern lights, the community sprang from roots in the mining and timber industries. Today, Aurora is the hub of the East Range, and offers a well-rounded range of retail and service-related businesses in addition to excellent medical facilities and school. Seasonal recreational opportunities abound, and hometown festivals offer a taste of friendly small town charm. We invite you to visit us at any time of year!



## INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES ★ JULY 2-4, 2004

*Traditional 4th of July Patriotic Parades & Activities*  
Miss Aurora Queen Coronation  
5th Annual Freedom Fête™ Music Festival & Hog Roast

## PUMPKINFEST ★ OCTOBER 9, 2004

*Farmer's Market, Craft Show, Quilt Display, Pumpkin Pie, Children's Activities & Much More!*

**AURORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
P.O. Box 53 • Aurora, MN 55705  
(218) 229-2234 • [www.ci.aurora.mn.us/chamber](http://www.ci.aurora.mn.us/chamber)



Map M-13



City/Town Government Center  
16 W 2nd Avenue N.  
PO Box 146, Aurora, MN 55705  
Phone: 218-229-2813  
Fax: 218-229-2081

**LOON LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
3816 Hwy 100

Available for Weddings, Meetings, etc.  
Call: 638-2551 to Reserve  
**HOME OF "LASKIAINEN"**  
(Finnish Sliding Festival)  
Held during the first full weekend in February each year.

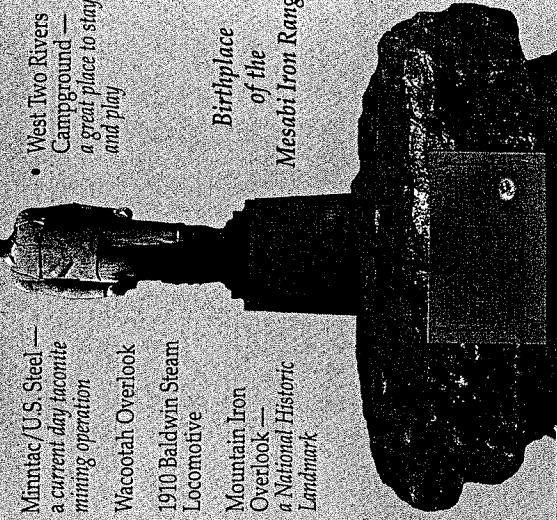
**TWIN LAKES PAVILION & RECREATION AREA**  
Available for Summer Rentals (Graduations, Reunions, etc.)  
Call the Town of White office for reservations.

[www.irontrail.org](http://www.irontrail.org) 800-777-8497

## Information

### Visit Historic MOUNTAIN IRON

- MinnTac U.S. Steel — a current day taconite mining operation
- Wacootah Overlook
- 1910 Baldwin Steam Locomotive
- Mountain Iron Overlook — a National Historic Landmark
- West Two Rivers Campground — a great place to stay and play
- Birthplace of the Mesabi Iron Range



218-265-7770 • [www.mountainiron.org](http://www.mountainiron.org)

Map M-1

## HIBBING

- Hull Rust Mahoning Mine View
- Greyhound Bus Museum
- Bob Dylan Days Birthday Celebration
- Bob Dylan exhibits at Hibbing Library & Jimmy's
- Mines & Pines Jubilee Events
- Historic Hibbing High School
- Hibbing Historical Walk
- Paulucci Space Theater

For more information call: 800-4-HIBBING | [www.hibbing.org](http://www.hibbing.org) or visit our website:



Have a blast with us!

Map M-13

Map M-13

**City of Gilbert**  
Home of Minnesota's 1st OHV Park

Gilbert is home to Sherwood Forest Campground by Lake Ore-Be-Gone and Minnesota's first OHV Park, which features recreation trails, scramble area, training and special events facilities for use by off-road motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and 4x4 jeeps and trucks. For more information visit our web site: [gilbertmn.org](http://gilbertmn.org) email: [clerk@gilbertmn.org](mailto:clerk@gilbertmn.org) or call 218-748-2232

*Lake Ore-be-gone*

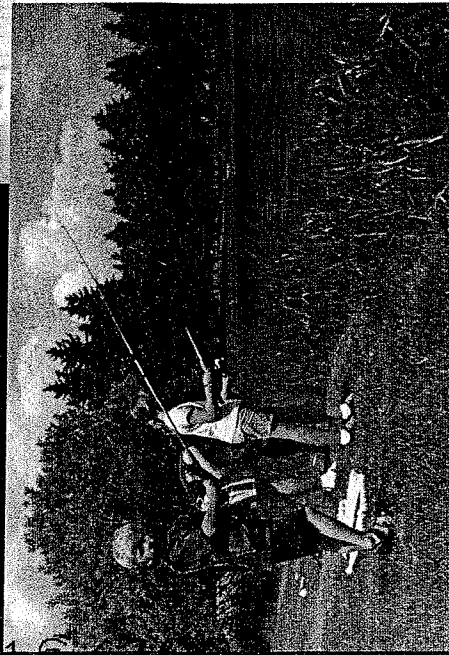
Map D-14

**CHUCKLEBERRY**

Ad is \$1,095.00 without changes ☺  
(Ad looks great)

Map D-14

Map D-16



## MOUNTAIN IRON CAMPGROUND

### West Two Rivers

Located on the scenic West Two Rivers Reservoir, the campground is nestled in wooded lots and the campsites provide peaceful privacy. Enjoy a pavilion picnic, lunch on the grill or the beautiful sandy beach. Located four miles from Virginia, and 12 miles from Ironworld Discovery Center.

**218-735-8831 • 218-748-7570**

[www.irontrail.org](http://www.irontrail.org) • [parks@mountainiron.com](mailto:parks@mountainiron.com)

**CAMPGROUND AMENITIES** Showers, Flush Toilets, Dump Station, Picnic Area, Picnic Shelter, Beach, Fishing, Fishing Pier, Boat Access, Volleyball, Horseshoes, Ball Field, Bocce Ball, Firewood and Ice Sales

Map G-14

## COUNTRY INN OF HOYT LAKES

**866-444-3555**

99 Kennedy Memorial Drive  
Hoyt Lakes, MN  
218-225-3555

- Enjoy*
- ◆ Indoor pool
  - ◆ Free continental breakfast
  - ◆ Refrigerators in all guest rooms
  - ◆ Direct access
  - ◆ Nearby conference and meeting facilities
  - ◆ 10 minutes to Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort
  - ◆ 55 minutes to Lake Superior via the Superior National Forest Scenic Byway

[www.irontrail.org](http://www.irontrail.org) 800-777-8497

*Hoyt*

## Sherwood Forest Campground Lake Ore-be-gone

Located on the Mesabi Trail<sup>SM</sup> and OHV Park Access Road  
Campsites with or without Electrical Hookups,  
Water & Sewer at Individual Sites, RV Dump Station,  
Indoor Toilets, Showers  
Recreational Complex with Boat Launch, Beach,  
Picnic Tables, BBQ, Firewood, Ice

Wisconsin Avenue East • Open May 1 - Oct. 31  
**218-748-2221 • 1-800-403-1803**

Map F-14

## Beautiful Veteran's Lake Park

### Overnight Campground...

RV sites, tent sites,  
Pavilion rental, Firewood

*Campground ad is \$590.00  
(Can add color photo if  
have in digital format for  
only \$35.00 more ☺)*

pre-call  
1-800-403-1803

Map F-15

"Celebrating 75 Years"

## MESABA CO-OP PARK

Quiet Campsites  
Simple Cabins  
Meeting Space  
Swim & Fish

3827 Mesaba Park Rd.  
Hibbing, MN 55746  
**218-762-1350**

Map D-16

## FISHERMAN'S POINT CAMPGROUND

Located on a wooded peninsula on  
Whitewater Lake less than two miles  
from downtown Hoyt Lakes.

70 secluded wooded campsites  
Boat docks • Fishing pier  
Electrical hookups • Playground  
Beautiful paved hiking and biking paths

Campground  
is open  
May 1 to  
September 15.  
(218) 225-3337  
Off Season  
(218) 225-2344



[www.hoytlakes.com](http://www.hoytlakes.com)

Map H-13

## Adam's House



Come relax in our 1927 English Tudor.  
Enjoy our rec. room w/pool table, fitness  
room, screen porch, gardens, fireplace  
and homemade cookies.

Full Breakfast included.  
**800-553-9742**

201 E. 23rd St., Hibbing, MN 55746  
[www.adamshousebedandbreakfast.com](http://www.adamshousebedandbreakfast.com)

Map D-16

## CAMPGROUNDS

**FISHERMAN'S POINT CAMPGROUND**  
5401 Campground Rd., Hoyt Lakes  
55750 218-225-3337  
Drive-In Sites: 68 Electric Sites: 64  
Backpack Sites: 4+

## IRON TRAIL RV PARK, CAMPGROUND & LAUNDRY

115 SW 6th Avenue (Map: D-14)  
Chisholm, MN 55719  
218-254-7414, 800-711-7789  
45 shaded grassy sites 21 full hookup  
clean restrooms/showers, located  
next to Museum of Mining.

## SHERWOOD FOREST CAMPGROUND

Wisconsin Avenue E., Gilbert 55741  
800-403-1803  
Drive-In Sites: 60 Electric Sites: 50  
Backpack Sites: 9

## STUBLER BEACH CAMPGROUND

45 Grant Location  
Buhl, MN 55713 ..... (Map: F-13)  
218-258-3226

Eight sites next to Mesabi Trail<sup>SM</sup>  
Picnic tables, tent pads & fire rings.  
Swimming, boating & fishing.

## VERMILION TRAIL CAMPGROUND

6040 Vermilion Trail Park, Biwabik  
55708 218-780-8713  
Drive-In Sites: 40+ Electric Sites: 15  
Backpack Sites 23

## LODGING FACILITIES

**ADAMS HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST**  
201 E 23rd St., Hibbing, MN 55746  
218-263-9742 • 1-800-553-9742  
See ad page 26

## AMERICINN LODGE & SUITES

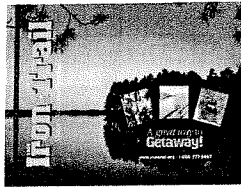
5480 Mountain Iron Drive,  
Virginia, MN 55792 • 218-741-7839  
1-888-741-7839 • See ad page 27

## ARROWHEAD MOTEL

3701 West 2nd Avenue,  
Hibbing, MN 55746 • 218-262-3477  
1-800-890-3477

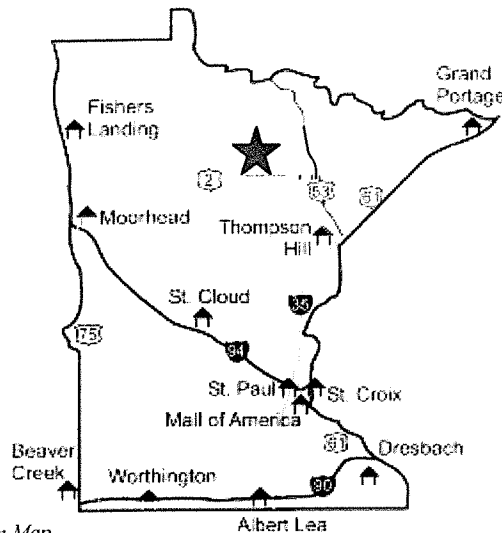
## AURORA PINES MOTEL

310 West 1st Avenue South,  
Aurora, MN 55705 • 218-229-3377



## Distribution of 75,000 Iron Trail Vacation Guides

- Mailed to inquiries through the Iron Trail Convention & Visitors Bureau, Minnesota Office of Tourism and Bar Codes in Duluth.
- Minnesota Office of Tourism Travel Information centers across the state including:

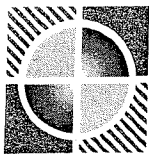


\* Minnesota Office of Tourism Map



- Information Centers including Mineview in the Sky in Virginia, Hull Rust Mahoning Mine View in Hibbing, Cook, Orr, Ely, Grand Marais, Thief River Falls, Eagan, and more!
- Travel shows in Omaha, Milwaukee, Chicago, Des Moines, Sioux Falls, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth to potential guests looking for more information about the Iron Trail region.
- Hotels and campgrounds in our area that place them in their rooms and lobbies for guests to read and use for their travel information.
- Area attractions in Northern Minnesota and the Iron Trail.
- Advertisers, local business, cities, and colleges who place them at their businesses for guests to pick up and use for travel needs.
- Snowmobile Clubs, ATV Clubs & Bicycle Clubs, Convention & Area Events





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Mt. Iron, MN 55768-0261  
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email: info@bm-eng.com

September 15, 2004

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

Re: Water Treatment Plant Backflush Tank  
Pay Request No. 1  
Project No. MI03-13

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Enclosed please find Pay Request No. 1 for the Water Treatment Plant Backflush Tank project in the amount of \$ **31,234.10**.

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: Mr. James Bougalis, Hibbing Excavating, Inc.

# RECOMMENDATION OF PAYMENT

No. 1

Engineer's Project No. MI03-13

Project: Water Treatment Plant Backflush Tank

CONTRACTOR: Hibbing Excavating, Inc., 3402 15th Avenue East, Hibbing, MN 55746

For Period Ending September 14, 2004

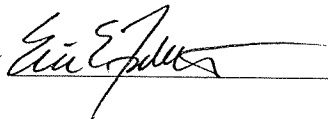
To City of Mountain Iron  
Owner

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 14, 2004

By 

## STATEMENT OF WORK

Original Contract Price	\$ <u>35,362.00</u>	Work & Materials to Date	\$ <u>32,878.00</u>
Net Change Orders	\$ <u>0.00</u>	Amount Retained (5%)	\$ <u>1,643.90</u>
Current Contract Price	\$ <u>35,362.00</u>	Subtotal	\$ <u>31,234.10</u>
		Previous Payments	\$ <u>0.00</u>
		<b>Amount Due this Payment</b>	<b>\$ <u>31,234.10</u></b>



September 14, 2004

PAY REQUEST NO. 1  
 WATER TREATMENT PLANT BACKFLUSH TANK  
 CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA  
 PROJECT NO: MI03-13

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	PROJECT QUANTITY	ITEM COST	QUANTITY TO DATE	TOTAL AMOUNT
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	190.0	\$8.00	190.0	\$1,520.00
2105.525	TOPSOIL BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	15.0	\$25.00	0.0	\$0.00
2503.511	3" PVC PIPE SEWER - DR 26	LIN. FT.	20.0	\$20.00	20.0	\$400.00
2503.511	10" PVC PIPE SEWER - SDR 35	LIN. FT.	10.0	\$25.00	0.0	\$0.00
2503.511	12" PVC PIPE SEWER - SDR 35	LIN. FT.	15.0	\$35.00	18.0	\$630.00
2503.511	12" DUCTILE IRON PIPE SEWER	LIN. FT.	22.0	\$122.00	24.0	\$2,928.00
2503.602	CONNECT TO EXISTING SANITARY SEWER	EACH	2.0	\$800.00	2.0	\$1,600.00
2506.501	CONST. DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DES. 4007	LIN. FT.	5.2	\$290.00	10.0	\$2,900.00
2506.516	CASTING ASSEMBLY	EACH	3.0	\$300.00	1.0	\$300.00
2506.602	FURNISH & INSTALL 20,000 GALLON PRECAST TANK	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$22,000.00	1.0	\$22,000.00
2506.602	CONNECT TO EXISTING STORM SEWER MANHOLE	EACH	1.0	\$600.00	1.0	\$600.00
2575.555	TURF ESTABLISHMENT	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$3,000.00	0.0	\$0.00

COMPLETED TO DATE: **\$32,878.00**

  
 BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2004

The regular meeting of the Mountain Iron Planning & Zoning Commission was called to order by Chairman Steve Giorgi at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Ray Saari, Steve Skogman, Steve Giorgi, Dave Skalbeck, & Barb Fivecoate. Absent were: Jim Giorgi, Margaret Soyering & Zoning Administrator Jerry Kujala. Also present was Allen Nelson, Council Liaison.

1. Minutes from the July 26th meeting were read & a motion to accept them as read was made by Saari with support from Skalbeck & passed unanimously.
2. Chairman Giorgi informed Becky Wilkins that her Public Hearing was scheduled for September 27th meeting. She was given September 13th as the day it would be taken care of.
3. At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Saari with support from Fivecoate to close the regular meeting & open the Public Hearing for the Conditional Use Permit for Larry Tviet to build a garage. Mr. Tviet was present & explained his plans. A correspondence was received from neighbor Charles Dahl, stating he had no objections to the garage being built. Present was neighbor Bob Dundas who spoke & stated he had no objections to the garage being built. Zoning Administrator Kujala sent an e-mail stating he has reviewed the plans & there were no problems with the permit. At 7:09 p.m. a motion was made by Skogman with support from Fivecoate to close the Public Hearing & passed unanimously.
4. Jim Giorgi entered the meeting.
5. Old Business: None
6. New Business:  
A motion was made by Skalbeck with support from Skogman to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Larry Tviet & it passed unanimously.
6. Zoning Administrator Report:  
None
7. Announcements:  
Chairman Giorgi reported the Public Hearing for the Wilkin property would be Sept.27th, 2004
8. At 7:18 p.m. a motion was made by Skalbeck with support from J. Giorgi to adjourn the meeting & passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Barb Fivecoate  
Secretary

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

Name of Applicant Larry Trevi Signature of Applicant [Signature] Date of Applications 8/26/04  
5494 Carnation Ave, Mountain Iron MN 55792  
 Legal Description:  
 Sec/Lot 2 Twp/Block 1 Rge/Subd RG Parcel Code # 175-0013-00020  
Canadian North Add.

Description of  
Proposed Use

NEW 30' x 50' GARAGE

Statement as to why  
proposed use will not  
cause injury to value  
of adjoining property.

GARAGE will BE Built on our  
Property, will BE set back from  
all adjoining Property as dictated by building laws.  
GARAGE will not interfere with adjoining Property.

Statement as to how  
proposed use is to be  
designed, arranged and  
operated in order to  
permit development and  
use of neighboring  
property.

NEW 30' x 50' Two 9' x 9' Garage doors  
one 36' man door, concrete slab, wood  
construction, metal roof, vinyl siding,  
6/12 SLOPE Factory built STORAGE TRUSSES.  
GARAGE will be used for vehicle and PERSONAL STORAGE.  
GARAGE will not interfere with development or use of neighboring

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  
8-26-04 Rev. 1.063148

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

ITEM	ACTION	DATE	INITIAL
Zoning Administrator Review	Sent to JOK for review	8-27-04	Jmt
Public Hearing Set	Set for 9-13-04 7pm	8-27-04	Jmt
Hearing Notice Published	Sent to MONS 8-30-04	9-1-04	Jmt
Planning & Zoning Recommendation			
Council Action			
Filed with County Recorder			

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

9/16/2004

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CITY COUNCIL

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

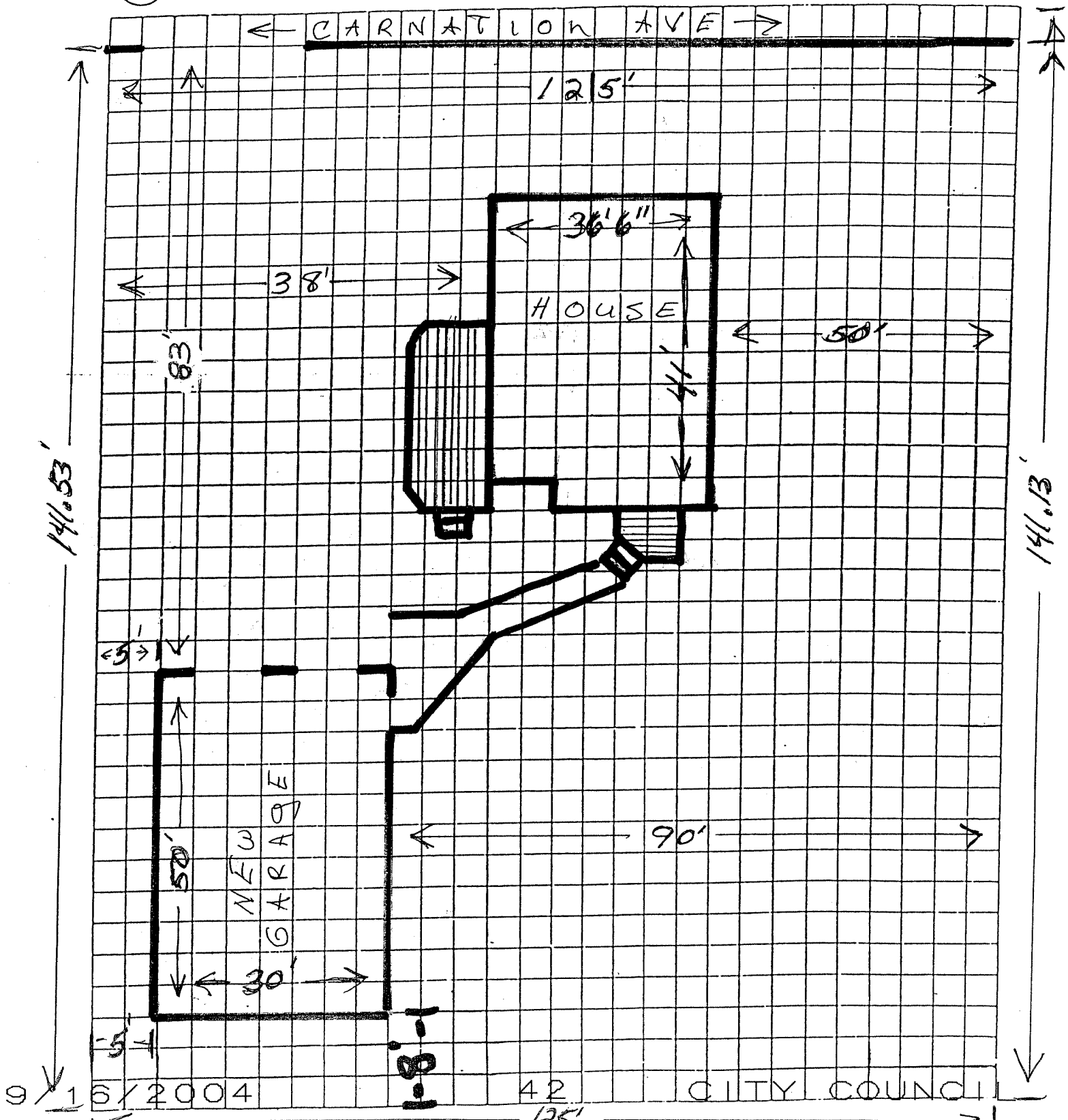
I/We certify that the proposed construction will conform to the dimensions and uses shown, that no changes will be made without first obtaining approval.

Signature

Date



INDICATE NORTH IN CIRCLE



**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-VA**  
**ADMINISTRATION**  
**CLEAN-UP GRANT/USX LAND**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

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

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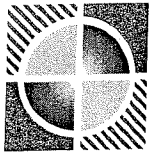
The City has been awarded a grant to conduct a clean-up of the dumpsite located between General Electric and the City Garage. As part of the clean-up procedure, the City needs to accept the property from USX. Enclosed you will find Resolution Number 30-03 Accepting Property.

With the letter from the City Engineer, with HRA/EDA's and staff recommendations and the fact that it is located within a JOB Zone there is no reason to further delay the State of Minnesota, USX and project.

The HRA/EDA has reviewed the issue and recommends that the City Council accept both the land from USX and the DEED grant.

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

We should have both appraisal firms do two appraisals each – one value with the old garbage dump left as is and one value with the old garbage dump removed. All appraisals should take the Benchmark land use study and soil boring statistics into consideration. Include the recent Benchmark land use study – soil boring study of the tailing pond from several years ago – any old garbage dump study information.



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September 15, 2004

The Honorable Gary Skalko,  
City Council and City Staff  
City of Mountain Iron  
8586 Enterprise Drive South  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Re: Feasibility of Land Development  
Vicinity of Old USX Tailing Pond

Dear Mayor Skalko, Councilors and Staff:

Enclosed is a map and construction cost estimate of the old USX tailings dike area known as The Desert. The majority of this tailings basin area has over 20 feet of tailings. The enclosed maps show the soil boring locations and tailings depth at those locations. The soils engineer recommendations require soil corrections similar to the correction completed at the Perpich and Ziebart sites. The building sites would require approximately a 12 foot sub cut and fill with an additional fill placed on top of the filled areas and left set for approximately a year to compress the remaining tailings under the fill area. These building sites would then support light frame buildings on spread footings. A heavy frame building would require piling to support a concrete or multiple story structure. The City should anticipate about \$125,000 – \$150,000 per development site for soils correction in addition to the attached street and utility estimates.

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

Sincerely,  
**Benchmark Engineering, Inc.**

Rodney Flannigan, R.L.S.

RF: js

Enclosure



August 31, 2004

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES AND OPINION OF COST  
INDUSTRIAL PARK CONCEPT  
MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA  
PROJECT NO: MI04-23

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	ITEM COST	PROJECT QUANTITIES	TOTAL AMOUNT
2101.511	CLEARING & GRUBBING	ACRE	\$1,500.00	5.0	\$7,500.00
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION (CV)	CU. YD.	\$6.00	18,233.0	\$109,398.00
2105.522	SELECT GRANULAR BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	\$6.00	12,156.0	\$72,936.00
2105.525	SALVAGE TOPSOIL (CV)	CU. YD.	\$6.00	1,520.0	\$9,120.00
2105.604	GEOTEXTILE FABRIC	SQ. YD.	\$1.60	18,233.0	\$29,172.80
2221.501	AGG. SHOULDERING (CV)	CU. YD.	\$15.00	300.0	\$4,500.00
2211.503	AGG. BASE CL. 5 (CV)	CU. YD.	\$12.00	3,545.0	\$42,540.00
2350.501	WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	\$35.00	5,158.0	\$180,530.00
2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	\$1.50	780.0	\$1,170.00
2503.511	6" PVC PIPE SEWER - SDR 35	LIN. FT.	\$20.00	290.0	\$5,800.00
2503.511	8" PVC PIPE SEWER - SDR 35	LIN. FT.	\$22.00	3,300.0	\$72,600.00
2503.602	SANITARY SEWER SERVICE - 8" X 4" WYE	EACH	\$150.00	8.0	\$1,200.00
2504.600	8" WATERMAIN DUCTIL IRON CL. 52	LIN. FT.	\$26.00	3,002.0	\$78,052.00
2504.600	1" TYPE "K" COPPER PIPE	LIN. FT.	\$20.00	320.0	\$6,400.00
2504.600	1.5" CURB STOP & BOX	EACH	\$150.00	8.0	\$1,200.00
2504.600	1" CORP. STOP	EACH	\$110.00	8.0	\$880.00
2504.602	F. & I. HYDRANT AND VALVE	EACH	\$2,500.00	4.0	\$10,000.00
2504.602	F. & I. 8" GATE VALVE & BOX	EACH	\$850.00	3.0	\$2,550.00
2506.501	CONST. DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DES. 4007	LIN. FT.	\$220.00	64.0	\$14,080.00
2506.602	CONNECT TO EXISTING SANITARY MANHOLE	EACH	\$1,000.00	1.0	\$1,000.00
2506.516	CASTING ASSEMBLY	EACH	\$350.00	8.0	\$2,800.00
2573.604	SEEDING	ACRE	\$1,200.00	2.0	\$2,400.00
2563.601	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	\$500.00	1.0	\$500.00

SUBTOTAL: \$656,328.80  
CONTINGENCIES: \$65,632.88  
ENGINEERING: \$130,000.00  
ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$851,961.68

\*Estimate includes 36' wide bituminous street with 3' shoulders, 3' subcut, 8" sewer & 8" watermain.  
Streets sub-cut includes: 2' select material w/fabric, 7" CL. 5 and 5" bituminous road.



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 30-04

### AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has heretofore determined that it is beneficial to the City of Mountain Iron to accept certain property from the USX Corporation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**, that the Mayor and City Administrator execute the acceptance of the deed to the City of Mountain Iron from the USX Corporation for the following described real estate:

Parcel 1- Part of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ -SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 9 lying easterly of DM & IR RR ROW; NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10 lying easterly of DM & IR RR ROW; part of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10 lying westerly of County Road 102 ROW and north of north line of existing RR (Wacootah Spur) ROW; part of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10 lying easterly of DM & IR RR ROW and northerly of north line of existing RR (Wacootah Spur) ROW. 58.74 acres, EXCEPTING and RESERVING therefrom all of the minerals within and under the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10, Twp. 58N, R18W;

Parcel 2- Part of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10 lying easterly of DM & IR RR ROW, northerly of Highway 169 ROW and southerly of north line of existing RR (Wacootah Spur) ROW. 13.48 acres, EXCEPTING and RESERVING therefrom all of the minerals within and under the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10, Twp. 58N, R18W;

Parcel 3-All of Seller's undivided ownership in part of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ -NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10. 33.57 acres, EXCEPTING and RESERVING therefrom part of the minerals within and under the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10, Twp. 58N, R18W;

Parcel 5- Part of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ -NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10 except part platted as Merritts First Addition to Mt. Iron and Blocks 21 and 24 Merritts Addition to Grant. 16.85 acres, EXCEPTING and RESERVING therefrom part of the minerals within and under the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10, Twp. 58N, R18W;

All in T. 58N- R. 18W, St. Louis County, Minnesota.(hereinafter "Premises");

TOGETHER with all the appurtenances, easements, hereditaments, and access rights pertaining to the property, and all other rights of Seller in and to the property. The transaction contemplated herein between Seller and Buyer is subject to:

1. License to the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota dated September 29, 1981 for a well and water line on part of the Premises.

2. Lease to the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota dated January 1, 1998 for a gravel stockpile site, electrical substation and water pumping and supply station on part of the Premises.
3. Lease to the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota dated January 1, 1998 for a water line and electric transmission line on part of the Premises.
4. Easement to the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota dated September 21, 1998 for a water pipe line on part of the Premises.
5. License to the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota dated August 21, 1964 for an underground sewer line on part of the Premises.
6. Easement to Minnesota Power & Light Company dated November 30, 1983 for an electric transmission line across part of the Premises.
7. Easement to St. Louis County dated April 6, 1987 for a public highway right-of-way for CSAH 102
8. License to Northern Natural Gas Company dated October 6, 1965 for a gas pipeline across part of the Premises.
9. License to St. Louis & Lake County Counties Regional Rail Authority for a multi-purpose recreational trail across part of the Premises.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

ATTEST:

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

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City Administrator



U. S. Steel Corporation  
Minnesota Ore Operations  
P.O. Box 417  
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

James D. McConnell  
General Manager

February 18, 2004

Mr. Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator  
City of Mountain Iron  
8586 Enterprise Drive  
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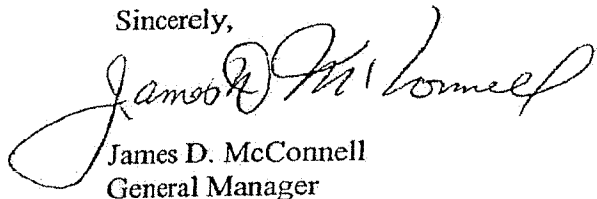
Dear Mr. Wainio:

United States Steel Corporation (USS) is in receipt of your letter of January 22, 2004, that requested our monetary participation in a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) to be conducted on property owned by USS (located in Section 10, Township 58 North, Range 18 West, between the City's water tower and General Electric) and used by the City of Mountain Iron (City) for an open dump site.

We would be willing to make a contribution of \$6500.00 to the City to conduct the RAP provided the City would first accept conveyance of the property from USS and provide USS with a release and indemnification with regard to the environmental conditions located on the property. The specific release and indemnification language is contained in the attached Deed and it would be executed at the same time as we make the \$6500.00 contribution.

Please consider our proposal and contact me at 749-7592 to discuss further.

Sincerely,



James D. McConnell  
General Manager

JDM/jcs

Attachment

cc: Dennis Hendricks  
Chrissy Bartovich

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**positively** Department of Employment  
and Economic Development  
*Minnesota*

June 22, 2004

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

Grant Number: CCGP-04-0013-Z-FY04  
Grant Title: City of Mountain Iron

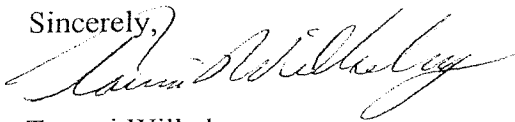
Dear Mr. Wainio:

Enclosed are four copies of the contract between the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the City of Mountain Iron. Please review, have the authorized individual designated in the local government resolution sign, date and return all four copies to me in the enclosed envelope along with the local government resolution if it has not already been sent. Please note, the Department of Employment and Economic Development will not sign off on a contract that is not signed *and* dated. Upon completion of the state signature process, I will return a fully executed copy to you for your files. Our address is:

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development  
Business and Community Development Division  
Attention Contract Coordinator  
500 Metro Square - 121 7th Place East  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2146

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lynn Heglund, your program representative at 651/ 282-6589.

Sincerely,



Tammi Wilhelmy  
Contract Coordinator

cc: Lynn Heglund  
Enclosures

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**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-VB**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**DEMOLITION SITE**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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

We need Council confirmation that the present/old/new site is the one the City will use to store all types of extra dirt, concrete, old paving, and other necessary items. Include the most recent letter faxed to you from the MPCA about the old dump site/the one between Downtown and South Grove as requested by Dale Irish.

Staff Note: We did not receive any faxes concerning this information. Enclosed please find the email correspondence that staff received.

**Craig J. Wainio**

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**From:** Scheer, Dave [Dave.Scheer@state.mn.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2004 11:21 AM  
**To:** cityadm@mtniron.com  
**Subject:** FW: Former City Dump

Dear Mr. Wainio;

In follow up to my email message sent Friday September 10 (see below) I would like to make an additional point of clarification. If the city of Mountain Iron wishes to conduct certain activities on the property of the former city dump, they should first be approved by the MPCA Regional Office. Please contact Heidi Kroening (218/723-4795) or Jeff Udd (218/723-4843) of the MPCA Duluth office for assistance.

David Scheer P.G.  
Hydrogeologist  
Northern Assessment and Response Unit  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, MN 55155

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kroening, Heidi  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2004 9:45 AM  
**To:** Scheer, Dave  
**Subject:** RE: Mtn Iron former city dump

You pretty much have the idea...a landfill can be used for activities that do not compromise the integrity of the cover...some examples are parking lots and soccer/football/baseball fields. In order to get approval they have to submit a detailed plan, myself and Jeff Udd will take a look at it and go from there...does that help??

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Scheer, Dave  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2004 3:10 PM  
**To:** Kroening, Heidi  
**Subject:** Mtn Iron former city dump

Heidi:

Dale Irish, Mtn Iron city council, contacted me about a former city dump that was covered and planted. He wanted to know if the property could currently be used to store recyclable materials as well as a staging area for public works projects. The public works staging would consist of materials such as culverts, excavation spoil piles, and possibly old concrete curbs from roads.

I talked with John Moeger earlier and he believed that use of the former dump would not be a problem as long as the use does not damage or erode the existing cover. However, I think this is your area. Would you be able to provide an opinion to determine if the property can be used in some capacity as described above? Are there other limitations?

I understand that the city had used the property for waste concrete storage in the past but apparently the MPCA required the city to discontinue the storage of the concrete because the activities of removing the

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concrete later affected the cover.

Don Kleinschmidt from the city is also interested to have a answer in this matter. I guess they called me because I am working on a VIC site located nearby.

Dave Scheer

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Scheer, Dave  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2004 11:58 AM  
**To:** 'cityadmin@mtniron.com'  
**Subject:** FW: Former City Dump

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Mr. Irish wanted to know if the former city dump property could be used as a temporary staging area for public works materials which may consist of spoil piles, culverts, demolition debris from road curbs or other types of materials encountered during normal public works activities. There is also a porposal to use the area for storage of recycleable materials.

I have discussed the matter with John Moeger, a Project Leader in the MPCA Closed Landfill program. Mr. Moeger stated that use of the land in the manner described would not be a problem. His only restriction was to avoid uses that could potentially disturb the cover that is currently in place on the dump.

I understand that the city intends to fence the property and access will be restricted.

If you have any further questions, please contact me via email or by telephone at 651-296-6630.

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**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-VC**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**SPECS FOR QUOTES-LOCOMOTIVE PARK**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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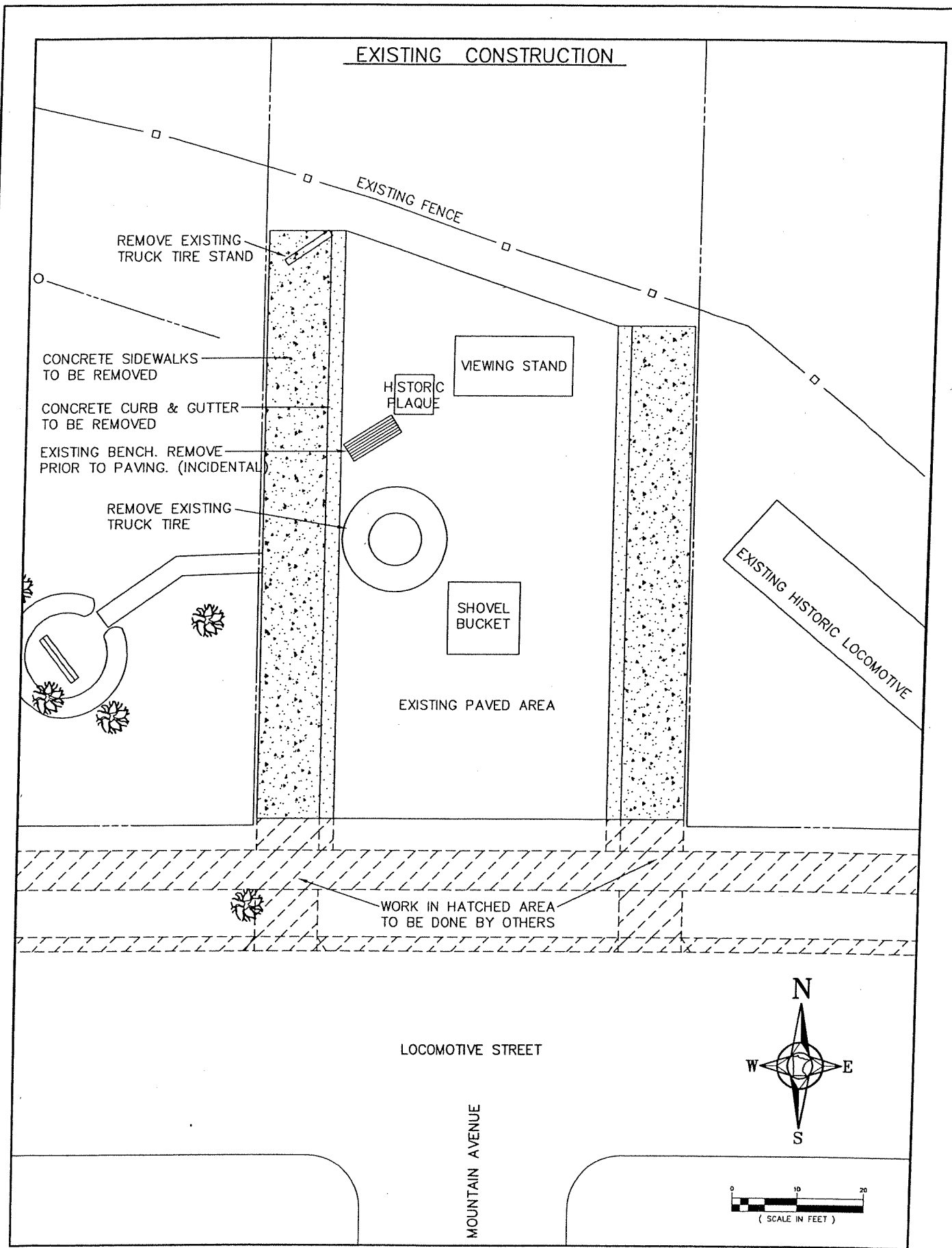
Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the agenda with the following background information:

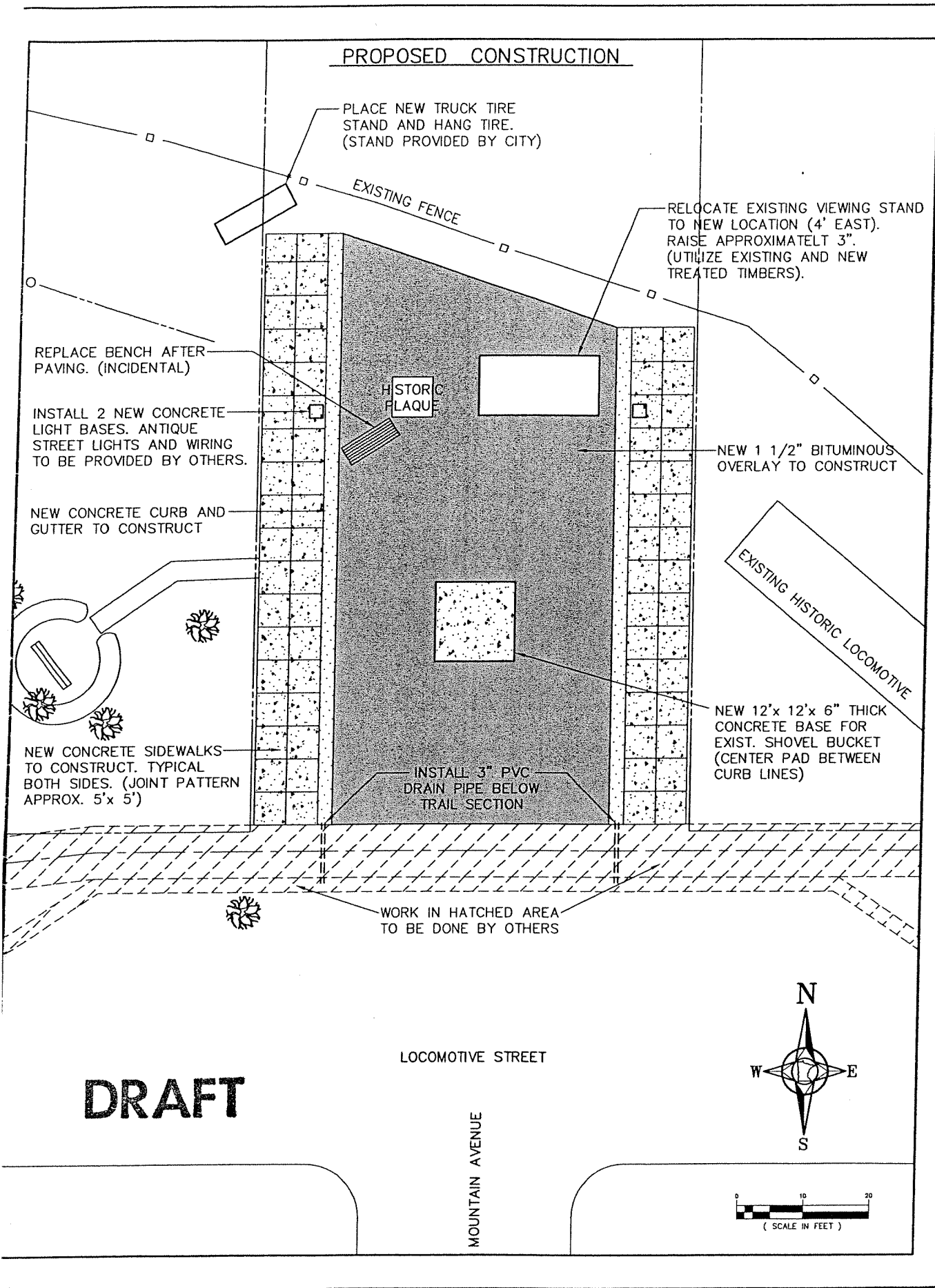
We need Council approval to seek quotes on Locomotive Park upgrades. Include the specs for quotes we received from Benchmark before the last council meeting.

Councilor Roskoski also requested the following locomotive parking item be placed on agenda with the following background information:

City crew members should clean up all left over dirt material down to current grass level except for small mounding over the trenched areas for the new sewer and water lines.

Plotted By: jph  
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I hereby certify that this plan, specification or report was prepared by me or under my supervision and that I am a duly licensed PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA.

Printed name: ERIC E. FALLSTROM Lic. No. 40351  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE	REVISIONS	DESCRIPTION

**LOCOMOTIVE PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN**  
**MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**

**PLAN**

SHEET NO.  
**1** OF **2**

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES AND DETAILS

LOCOMOTIVE PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
MOUNTAIN PARK, MINNESOTA

DATE

REVISIONS

DESCRIPTION

Printed name: ERIC E. FALSTROM  
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Date:

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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED QUANTITIES				
NOTE	SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNIT	TOTAL QUANTITY
1	2104.501	REMOVE CURB AND GUTTER	LIN. FT.	185.0
1	2104.503	REMOVE CONCRETE SIDEWALK	SQ. FT.	1561.0
	2105.525	TOPSOIL BORROW	CU. YD.	1561.0
	2211.503	AGGREGATE BASE, CL. 5	CU. YD.	20.0
	2350.609	TYPE LV4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	35.0
	2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	20.0
	2503.511	3" PVC PIPE	LIN. FT.	16.0
	2521.501	4" CONC. WALK	SQ. FT.	1561.0
	2531.604	CONC. CURB AND GUTTER, DESIGN V618	LIN. FT.	165.0
2	2543.515	6" CONCRETE PAD	SQ. FT.	144.0
3	2575.505	CONCRETE LIGHT BASE	EACH	2.0
		SODDING LAWN TYPE	SQ. YD.	60.0
		REMOVE AND REPLACE TIRE RACK	LUMP SUM	1.0
		RELOCATE VIEWING STAND	LUMP SUM	1.0

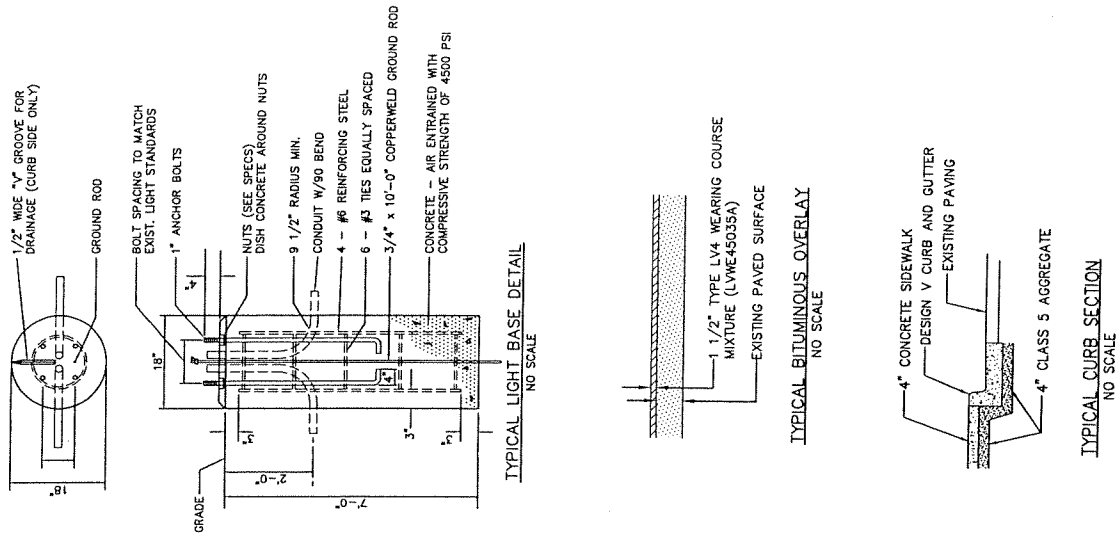
BASIS FOR ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 5 - 2211.503  
4" THICK UNDER SIDEWALK  
4" THICK UNDER CURB AND GUTTER

TYPE LV4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE  
115 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER IN. OF DEPTH  
PERCENTAGE OF BIT. MATERIAL DETERMINED BY JOB MIX FORMULA

BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT - 0.05 GAL./SQ. YD.

- NOTES:
1. THESE ITEMS SHALL BECOME PROPERTY OF THE CONTRACTOR FOR LAWFUL DISPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE PROJECT LIMITS.
  2. CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE CITY OF MT. IRON UTILITIES PRIOR TO POURING BASE TO DETERMINE BOLT PATTERN.
  3. TO BE UTILIZED AT THE BACK OF SIDEWALK AS REQUIRED.





September 15, 2004

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES AND OPINION OF COST  
 LOCOMOTIVE PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
 MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA  
 PROJECT NO: MI04-27

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	ITEM COST	PROJECT QUANTITIES	TOTAL AMOUNT
2104.501	REMOVE CONC. CURB & GUTTER	LIN. FT.	\$2.00	165.0	\$330.00
2104.503	REMOVE CONCRETE SIDEWALK	SQ. FT.	\$1.00	1,561.0	\$1,561.00
2105.525	TOPSOIL BORROW	CU. YD.	\$20.00	6.0	\$120.00
2211.503	AGG. BASE CL. 5 (CV)	CU. YD.	\$20.00	20.0	\$400.00
2350.501	TYPE LV 4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE(A)	TON	\$45.00	35.0	\$1,575.00
2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	\$1.50	20.0	\$30.00
2503.511	3" PVC PIPE	LIN. FT.	\$35.00	16.0	\$560.00
2521.501	4" CONCRETE WALK	SQ. FT.	\$3.00	1,561.0	\$4,683.00
2531.604	6" CONCRETE PAD	SQ. FT.	\$3.50	144.0	\$504.00
2545.515	CONCRETE LIGHT BASE	EACH	\$750.00	2.0	\$1,500.00
2575.505	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER-DES. V618	LIN. FT.	\$15.00	165.0	\$2,475.00
2575.505	SODDING LAWN TYPE	SQ. YD.	\$4.00	60.0	\$240.00
	RELOCATE VIEWING STAND	LUMP SUM	\$500.00	1.0	\$500.00
	REMOVE AND REPLACE TIRE RACK	LUMP SUM	\$400.00	1.0	\$400.00

SUBTOTAL: \$14,878.00  
 CONTINGENCIES: \$1,487.80  
 ENGINEERING: \$1,500.00  
 ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$17,865.80

BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: **MT. IRON CITY COUNCILOR**  
FROM: **PAUL D. CERKENIK AND SAM ALUNI**  
SUBJECT: **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ASSETS**  
DATE: **9/9/2004**  
CC: **CRAIG WAINIO**

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Per the direction of Mayor Skalko and Mr. Wainio, we have talked with Mary Frances Skala regarding the issues raised in connection with the dissolution of the Mt. Iron HRA and the transfer of its assets to the new EDA. In her letter dated August 10, 2004, Mary Frances Skala points out that it will be difficult, costly, and impracticable to transfer existing HRA development projects (such as the Northeast Service Cooperative, Mountain Manor, and the Arrowhead Library Services projects), to the EDA. She further points out that some of the existing obligations of the HRA may preclude its termination at this time.

Therefore, it is our recommendation, after consultation with Mary Frances Skala, that the Council rescind its earlier Resolution dissolving the HRA, but that going forward any new development projects be conducted under the authority of the EDA. The HRA would remain in existence for the purpose of holding title to those assets which cannot easily and cost effectively be transferred to the EDA, such as Northeast Service Cooperative, Mountain Manor, and the Arrowhead Library Services projects. The HRA would be a largely dormant entity remaining in existence for the purpose of holding title to these assets. The EDA would be authorized to manage the HRA's assets to the maximum extent possible.

Any unencumbered assets of the HRA could be transferred to the EDA, either at this time or on a case-by-case basis as those assets are necessary for the EDA's development activities.

We have attached a draft resolution to implement the foregoing approach.

+Civil Trial Specialist Certified by the National Board Trial Advocacy

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**THE TRENTI LAW FIRM**

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Memorandum to Mt. Iron Mayor Skalko and City Councilors

September 9, 2004

In addition to the attached resolution, Mary Frances Skala indicated to us that two subsequent resolutions will be necessary, as follows:

- (1) A resolution establishing a development district or redevelopment project area and related program or plan for the EDA (this could be the same as the existing HRA project area and plan); and
- (2) A resolution transferring administration of the HRA's projects to the EDA.

Mary Frances Skala indicated that she would prefer to prepare these two resolutions, and that they can be adopted later this year, after the City's adoption of the attached resolution.



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 39-04

### RESCINDING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE MOUNTAIN IRON HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUCNIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**, as follows:

#### Section 1. Findings.

- 1.01 The City Council did, on the 19th day of April, 2004, establish the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority pursuant to Minn. Stat. §469.090 to §469.108, and did grant the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority all of the powers, authority, and duties of a Housing and Redevelopment Authority.
- 1.02 The City Council finds that notwithstanding the establishment of the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority ("Mountain Iron EDA"), there is a need for the continued existence of a separate Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Mountain Iron (the "Mountain Iron HRA") for the purpose of holding title to certain Mountain Iron HRA assets, the transfer of which would be costly, difficult, impracticable, or impossible.
- 1.03 The City Council did, on the 19th day of April, 2004, adopt Resolution Number 19-04, which provided for the transfer and dissolution of the Mountain Iron HRA.

#### Section 2. Rescission of Dissolution of HRA.

- 2.01 Rescission of Dissolution. Resolution Number 19-04, adopted by the City Council on the 19th day of April, 2004, providing for the dissolution of the Mountain Iron HRA, is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

#### Section 3. Authority.

- 3.01 Authority. It shall be the policy of the City of Mountain Iron that upon adoption of this Resolution any and all new development projects of any type or kind undertaken within the City of Mountain Iron be conducted under the authority of the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority. It shall be the further policy of the City of Mountain Iron that the administration of existing development projects in the City of Mountain Iron under the authority of the HRA be hereby transferred to the EDA to the maximum extent possible.

- 3.02 Transfer. The City of Mountain Iron consents to the transfer of all records, all employees, and all reasonably transferable assets of the Mountain Iron HRA to the authority, supervision, and control of the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority.
- 3.03 HRA to Hold Title. It shall be the policy of the City of Mountain Iron that the Mountain Iron HRA remain in existence for the purpose of holding title to assets of the HRA involving existing HRA development projects which are impracticable to transfer to the EDA because of encumbrances and/or other restrictions. The City of Mountain Iron consents to the transfer to the EDA of any unencumbered assets of the HRA which are to be used in conjunction with new development projects within the City of Mountain Iron.

Section 4. Implementation.

- 4.01 Officers Authorized to Act. The Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and other appropriate City Officials are authorized and directed to take the actions and execute and deliver the documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution. To the extent the consent of the City of Mt. Iron is required as a condition precedent to the members and officers of the HRA and EDA taking such actions and executing and delivering such documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution, such consent is hereby given.
- 4.02 Effective Date. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

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

ATTEST:

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City Administrator

**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-VIB**

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 40-01**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

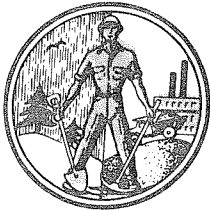
**FROM:** Larry Nanti  
Parks & Recreation Director

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Per attached letter, these add-ons to the lease for the South Grove Recreation Complex are needed to final-out the grant and to receive the \$5,000 that is being withheld.

All other concerns have been completed and approved by the DNR.



# CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 40-04

### RESERVING RECREATIONAL LANDS

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUCNIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**, as follows:

1. This Resolution is made with respect to the following real property owned by the City of Mountain Iron, a statutory city and municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota, to-wit:

The North 550 feet of the East One-half of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (E1/2 of NW1/4 of SE1/4), Section Fifteen (15), Township Fifty-eight (58) North, Range Eighteen (18) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, according to the United States Government Survey thereof EXCEPT that part thereof platted as SOUTHERN ADDITION TO MOUNTAIN IRON and EXCEPT all iron ore and any and all other minerals within, upon or under said land, and RESERVING unto USX Corporation, its successors and assigns, forever, the rights and privileges to explore for, mine and remove the same; it being the intention of USX Corporation to modify its mineral estate and appurtenant rights and privileges so as to be as herein provided and not as heretofore appearing in the chain of title.

2. The aforesaid real property is subject to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant Program 0R99-055 known as South Grove Park.

In order to comply with the Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Project Agreement, the City of Mountain Iron does hereby impose the following restrictions on the subject real property:

1. The property shall be permanently managed and maintained for outdoor recreation purposes consistent with the approved Grant Agreement 0R99-055.
2. The City of Mountain Iron shall not at any time convert any portion of the park area to uses other than public outdoor recreation uses specified in the aforesaid Agreement without the prior written approval of the State of Minnesota.
3. This restrictive covenant shall run with the land.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

ATTEST:

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

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

Faxed 218-748-7523



## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

500 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4010

August 30, 2004

Larry Nanti  
Director, Parks & Rec  
City of Mountain Iron  
8586 Enterprise Drive So.  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Re: Outdoor Recreation Grant Program, OR99-055, South Grove Park

Dear Mr. Nanti:

Please have the following condition recorded with the property deed for South Grove Park and submit an attested copy for our records. I have enclosed a copy of the grant agreement describing this grant program requirement. The area described in the condition should be the same as that shown on the enclosed project boundary map.

*In order to comply with the Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Project Agreement, the City of Mountain Iron does hereby impose the following restrictions on the property:*

- 1. The property shall be permanently managed and maintained for outdoor recreation purposes consistent with the approved grant agreement OR99-055.*
- 2. The Grantee shall not at any time convert any portion of the park area to uses other than public outdoor recreation uses specified in this Agreement without the prior written approval of the State.*

This grant has now expired. If this restriction is not completed quickly, the State will request reimbursement of the \$45,000 already paid to the City. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joe Hiller'.

Joe Hiller  
Community Development Representative  
651-296-4891

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### Funding Acknowledgment

Upon project completion, the Grantee shall post a permanent funding acknowledgment sign at the entrance to the project site, or at an alternative conspicuous location on the site.

### Termination

If the Grantor finds that there has been a failure on the part of the Grantee to comply with the provisions of this Agreement; that reasonable progress has not been made by the first 6 month reporting period, or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled; the Grantor may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

### Conversion of Use

The Grantee shall not at any time convert any property acquired or developed pursuant to this Agreement to uses other than the public outdoor recreation uses specified in this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Grantor.

The Agency shall have the following condition recorded with the deed and submit a copy to the State.

***In order to comply with the Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Project Agreement, The City of Mountain Iron does hereby impose the following restrictions on the property:***

- 1. The property shall be managed and maintained for outdoor recreation purposes consistent with the approved grant application.***
- 2. The property may not be used for any other purpose without the express prior written approval of the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.***

### Facility Operation and Maintenance

The Grantee shall operate and maintain, or cause to be maintained, the property or facilities acquired and/or developed pursuant to this Agreement. Sanitation and sanitary facilities shall be maintained in accordance with the applicable public health standards. Properties and facilities shall be kept reasonably safe for public use. All state and federal accessibility laws, regulations and standards shall be adhered to. Fire prevention, lifeguards and similar safeguards and use supervision shall be provided to the extent feasible. Buildings, roads, trails and other structures and improvements shall be kept in reasonable repair throughout their estimated lifetime to prevent undue deterioration and to encourage recreational use of the project and associated facilities. Failure to adequately maintain and properly operate the facility assisted through this grant may result in the withholding by the Grantor of any current or future payments to the

**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-VIC**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**T21 GRANT PROGRAM MEETING**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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

Include copies of all information you received at the recent meeting.

Staff note: Outside of what is included, the information presented was on a CD-ROM. All information is also available at: [www.ardc.org/projects/enhancements/](http://www.ardc.org/projects/enhancements/)



## Transportation Enhancements

**Transportation Enhancement** –a project or activity that adds community or environmental value to surface transportation projects. Produces a quality of life benefit.

### ISTEA & TEA-21:

*ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act)*

1991-1997, authorized how the federal government spends \$155 billion on transportation. \$2.6 billion was set aside for enhancements projects.

*TEA-21 (Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century)*

1998-2003, reauthorized how the federal transportation program \$220 billion. \$3.5 billion for enhancements.

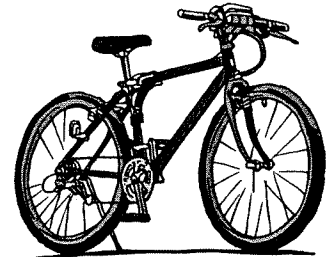


Under these bills NE MN has received \$1.5 million/year on average for Enhancement projects.

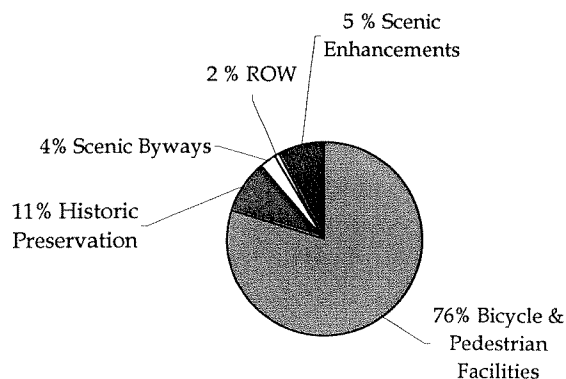


### Enhancement activities eligible for funding:

- 1) Facilities for pedestrians or bicycles.
- 2) Bicycle and pedestrian safety and educational activities.
- 3) Historic Preservation.
- 4) Scenic or highway programs.
- 5) Landscaping and other scenic beautification.
- 6) Acquisition of scenic easements or historic sites.
- 7) Rehabilitation and operation of historic facilities.
- 8) Preservation of abandoned railway corridors.
- 9) Control and removal of outdoor advertising.
- 10) Archaeological planning and research.
- 11) Environmental mitigation addressing highway runoff.
- 12) Establishment of transportation museums.



How Funds Are Being Spent in NE MN



## TE Process

*Work Shop:* Held in September to give an overview of project qualifications.

*Pre-Application:* ARDC works with project applicants to work out any potential problems. Pre-applications are due November 5th.

*Applications:* Due on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Enhancement Task Force Review:* Recommends to the ATP top projects for funding.

## Enhancement Task Force

The Task Force reviews the applications submitted and formally votes on the top projects in February. The ATP finalizes the process in April by reviewing and approving the Task Force recommendations. Applicants are notified in late April if their project received funding.

### Task Force Members Include:

Walter Leu- Mn/DOT

Mark Anderson- Mn/DOT

Kevin Arends- Mn/DNR

Jeff Brown- Bike/Ped

Lee Radzak- Historical Society

Mike Forsman- Local Government

Catherine McLynn - Local Government

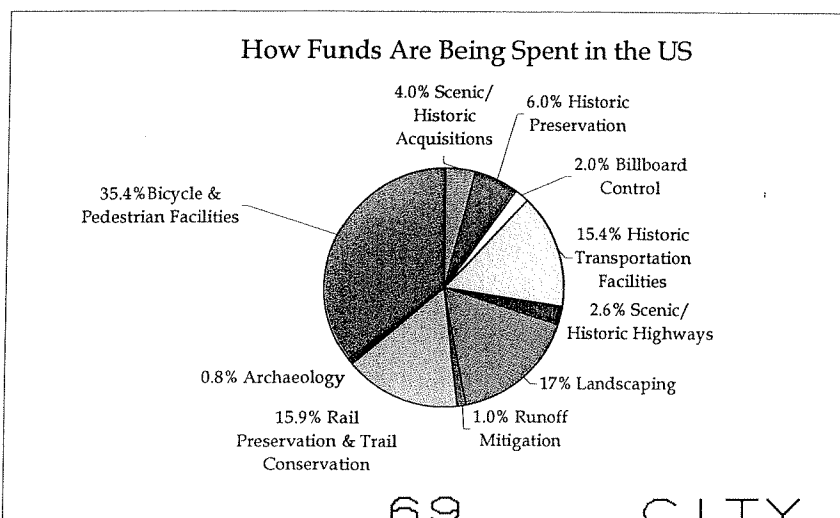
Chuck Lepper- Local Government

Tom Peterson- Environmental

John Foschi- ATP Steering Committee Rep.

## Enhancement Facts

- ◆ Extremely competitive only 20-30% of proposals funded.
- ◆ 20% local match is required
- ◆ A project must be sponsored by one of the following: A city over the population of 5,000, County, State Agency, Federal Agency, Regional Rail Authority, Tribal Government, or an organization with a demonstrated ability to manage the project.
- ◆ Project maximum request is \$400,000. Minimum request \$50,000.



**COUNCIL LETTER 092004-VID**

**COUNCILOR IRISH**

**ADVERTISING REQUEST**

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

**FROM:** Councilor Irish

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Irish requested this item be placed on the agenda.

September 13, 2004

City of Mountain Iron  
8586 Enterprise Drive South  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Dear City Officials:

It is time once again to get our sponsors together for our yearbook. Would you like us to place a 1/2 page ad in our book again this year? If so, the cost is still \$120 and we will be happy to bill you as we have in the past.

We appreciate your willingness to be a sponsor in the Laurentian. Our sponsors make it possible for us to keep our cost to the students down as well as informing our community of many business opportunities.

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Maria Reynolds  
Laurentian Yearbook  
5720 Marble Avenue  
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

Once again, thank you for your continued sponsorship.

The Laurentian Staff

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COMMUNICATIONS  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

1. Taylor Investment Corporation, a request to have the City of Mountain Iron accept and take over the maintenance of the roadways of the subdivisions of Mashkenode Lake East Addition and Mashkenode Lake West Addition.
2. Range Association of Municipalities and Schools, forwarding the Legislative Priorities.
3. Richard Moore, forwarding a letter of thanks and pictures for allowing him to complete his internship with the City of Mountain Iron at the Wastewater Treatment facility.

TAYLOR INVESTMENT CORPORATION

P.O. BOX 932  
BRAINERD, MN 56401

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FAX: (218) 828-0839

September 9, 2004

City of Mountain Iron  
Attention: Craig Wainio  
8586 Enterprise Drive South  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Re: Roads at Mashkenode Lake Subdivisions.

Dear Craig & Council Members:


On behalf of Taylor Investment Corporation, Four Seasons Realty and the property owners within our Subdivisions of Mashkenode Lake East Addition & Mashkenode Lake West Addition, I write you this letter of request.

We the property owners hereby formally request the City of Mountain Iron to accept and take over the maintenance of the roadways constructed by RK Construction to serve the West & East Side of Mashkenode Lake Subdivisions.

All the roadways have been completed according to the road specifications that were given to us and we feel the roadways are ready to be taken over by the City. We had all the roads re-graded on August 31<sup>st</sup>. I would appreciate it very much if you would have the roads inspected by the Street Commission & let us know if there is anything additional that needs to be done before the City takes over maintenance.

Once again, I appreciate all the assistance everyone has given on our project and look forward to our continued working relationship in the future on other project that may arise. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to call me at 1-800-543-4359 or email me at [sseeley@taylorinvest.com](mailto:sseeley@taylorinvest.com)

Sincerely



Scott A Seeley  
Project Coordinator

Cc: Ray Kongsjord

TO: RAMS Members  
FROM: Ron Dicklich  
DATE: September 14, 2004  
SUBJECT: Legislative Priorities

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It sounds like it is a little too early, but the session for us anyway is just around the corner.

We were successful, with a lot of help from our local legislators, in securing Local Government Aid levels and Education Revenue Recognition. These two items alone saved property tax payers in our area over \$5 Million Dollars. Remember to thank our legislators for their efforts.

Our top priority of course is to undo the Taconite Aid offset, which we were on our way to doing last session, before the session breakdown. There are many issues however that affect our Towns, Cities, and Schools. RAMS will begin constructing our legislative agenda within the next two weeks. We need and want your input. It may be a project or an issue that your council or board needs to help your residents. Please submit these to RAMS by mail, email, Fax, or phone.

We would like our legislative agenda finalized by our meeting in December so that we may submit it to our Legislative Delegation. Please help us help them become aware of our issues.

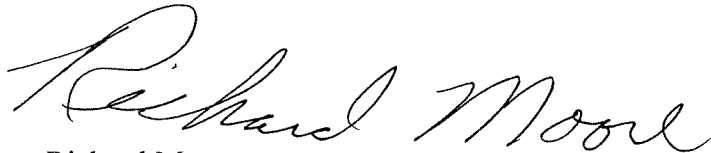
Thank you.

Mail: P. O. Box 705, Buhl, MN 55713  
Email: [rams@uslink.net](mailto:rams@uslink.net)  
Phone: (218) 258-3216  
Fax: (218) 258-3217

To Mayor Gary Skelko and council members Ed Roskoski, Allen Nelson, Joe Prebeg and Dale Irish.

I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to complete my internship at the Mountain Iron Water and Wastewater Treatment facility. I learned a lot of new information during my internship from both Tom Schur and Dave Takanen. During that time I learned the flow, operation and laboratory techniques for operating the water and wastewater system. I also helped complete some of the maintenance projects while I was there. Enclosed are pictures from the two major projects, the west clarifier skimmer arm replacement and the comminuter shaft rebuild and repair. The pictures of the west clarifier show the broken arm that was removed and the new one with parts reused from the original. The arm has been in service for over a month and is performing well. The shaft on the comminuter was sleeved and fit for new bearings at precision machine, the new bearings and barrel assembly were installed and the comminuter was put back into service. There is another worn shaft at Precision Machine getting sleeved. When that is complete I will help assemble and install that one also. My time at the plant has been informative and educational and also put my years of maintenance experience to good use.

Thank You again for letting me complete my internship with the City of Mountain Iron.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Moore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Richard Moore