

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the September 20, 2004 Regular Meeting (#1-16)
 - B. Bills and Payroll
 - C. Receipts
 - D. Communications (#39-45)
 - III. Public Forum
 - A. MPCA Representative – Steve Duerre (#17)
 - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor’s Report
 - 1. Wolf Park Mowing (#18-19)
 - B. City Administrator’s Report
 - C. Director of Public Work’s Report
 - 1. Water Connection Quotes (#20-21)
 - 2. Substation Upgrade (#22-23)
 - D. Director of Parks and Recreation’s Report
 - E. City Engineers Report
 - 1. 16th Avenue Feasibility Report *
 - 2. Pay Request Number 3 (#24-26)
 - F. Planning and Zoning Commission
 - 1. Wilken’s Variance (#27-29)
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Heather Avenue (#30-33)
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Locomotive Park Quotes (#34-36)
 - B. Pike Sandy Britt Fire Department (#37)
 - C. Tuck Pointing Bids (#38)
 - D. Communications (#39-45)
 - VII. Open Discussion
 - VIII. Announcements
 - IX. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet
* Enclosed in packet

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 20, 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: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Larry Nanti, Director of Parks and Recreation; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer; and Sam Aluni, City Attorney.

The Mayor made some comments regarding the last City Council meeting and he said there were some things that bothered him. He stated that he would take full responsibility for what happened at the end of the last meeting. The Mayor said that at times the Council is getting too personnel at the meetings, he requested the Council to stick with the issues and not the personalities.

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

1. Approve the minutes of the September 7, 2004, City Council meeting with the following correction: Page 3, add after paragraph 10, "At 8:06 p.m., Councilor Prebeg returned to the meeting."
2. Approve the minutes of the September 15, 2004, Special 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 September 1-15, 2004, totaling \$114,556.53, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
5. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period September 1-15, 2004, totaling \$433,145.99, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

At 6:35 p.m., it was moved by Prebeg and supported by Irish to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing on the USDA Loan Application. The motion carried.

The Mayor explained that the public hearing was a requirement if the City decides to obtain a loan for the library from the USDA. He explained that the public hearing was just part of the loan application process.

Councilor Irish asked the Mayor what the interest rate on the loan would be. The Mayor stated that he did not know.

Councilor Prebeg asked if a loan amount had to be stipulated. The Mayor said that the application that the City Administrator was working on was for \$250,000.

At 6:38 p.m., it was moved by Irish and supported by Prebeg to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. The motion carried.

During the public forum, two Representatives from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities spoke.

The Mayor's reported that he received information from Saint Louis County Commissioner Nelson that County Road 102 would be overlaid next Summer. The Mayor stated that Mr. Skube from Minntac put in writing that there would be a ten year period that there would be no mining on the County Road 102.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the Conditional Use Permit for Larry Tviet, 5494 Carnation Avenue, Parcel Code 175-0013-00020, to construct an accessory building 1500 square feet. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to approve the final accounting report for the Park Ridge Development Project, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Councilor Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to call for quotes for the emergency water line extension from the Mountain Iron water system to the Virginia water system. The motion carried.

The Director of Public Works reported that Saint Louis County would be repairing the pot holes on County Road 761 and Old Highway 169. He said that the overlay process was in the Saint Louis County Engineering Department and there was no confirmation yet from the County when this project would be done. He said that the Intersection at County Road 761 and Old Highway 169 was going to be redone and the access further to the west would be eliminated.

The Mayor questioned the Director of Public Works regarding the digging by the Corner Spur. The Director of Public Works said that the work was being completed by a contractor hired by the owners of the Corner Spur, they were looking for a water line leak on their property.

Councilor Irish asked the Director of Public Works if when Saint Louis County was contacted about overlaying County Road 102 that a request be made to overlay Mineral Avenue through the Downtown Mountain Iron area and South Grove. The Director of Public Works stated that the original request to the County was to have the County Road 102 overlay completed from Highway 53 through to County Road 7.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish that the Insurance Report received from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust be filed and tabled for further study and consideration. After further discussion, Councilor Roskoski amended the motion to include the report being sent to the Parks and Recreation Board, the Downtown Committee, and the Streets and Alley Committee for review and recommendations. Councilor Irish supported the amendment. The amended motion carried with Councilor Nelson voting no.

The Mayor asked the Recreation Director to contact other Cities to see if there were issues regarding the displays in their towns for insurance purposes.

At 7:47 p.m., Councilor Roskoski left the meeting.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and approve the amendment to the services agreement with the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Irish, yes; Roskoski, absent; Prebeg, yes; and Skalko, yes.

At 7:49 p.m., Councilor Roskoski returned to the meeting.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Prebeg to authorize the Recreation Director to purchase advertising in the Iron Trail Convention and Visitors Bureau ads in the amount of \$1,685.00. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to authorize payment request number one for the Water Treatment Plant Backflush Tank to Hibbing Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$31,234.10. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Mayor said he was approached by a resident on Spring Park Road asking what the status of the upgrades to the water extension, sewer extension, and road upgrades in the Spring Park area were. The City Engineer said that all of the cost estimates were prepared. It was the consensus of the Council to have the City Engineer review this project.

Councilor Roskoski asked the City Engineer regarding the granular options for Heather Avenue. The City Engineer stated that he looked into the ground up asphalt option and that if the contractors ground up the asphalt fine enough for usage, they would recycle it and use it in their own bituminous.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to direct the City Administrator to contact the two firms that did the original appraisals on the desert/dump/USX land site in Section 9 & 10 and use their original information plus the new Benchmark Engineering study information and each would prepare two new appraisals. One value with the old garbage dump that is circa 1920-1950 left as is, not abated, and another value as if the garbage dump were dug out and refilled with dirt. After further discussion, Councilor Roskoski amended his motion to change from calling for new appraisals to ask the appraisers to modify, clarify, or supplement their appraisals. Councilor Irish supported the amendment. The amended motion carried with Councilor Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Nelson to drop the entire USX Land site clean-up project. The motion died for lack of support.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish that the City of Mountain Iron use the old garbage dump area between Downtown and South Grove on the east site of Mineral Avenue, the most southerly dump site, as a permanent site for temporary storage of various types of soils, construction materials, and related items as confirmed by numerous recent

correspondences from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and have all current correspondences on the pages 51, 52, and 53 of the current City Council meeting packet from the MPCA reaffirming that the City is in compliance with pertinent rules and regulations will be attached and become a part of this motion and become a part of this meeting's minutes. After further discussion, Councilor Roskoski amended his motion to include applying to the MPCA regional office as stated in the attached e-mail and contingent on the approval from the MPCA. Councilor Irish supported the amendment. The amended motion carried with Councilor Prebeg and Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish that the City Council accept the Locomotive Park upgrading specifications as presented and seek quotes on this project with the quotes being made available to the City Council before the October 4, 2004, meeting with Benchmark Engineering calling for the quotes. The motion carried with Councilors Prebeg and Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to adopt Resolution Number 39-04, rescinding the dissolution of the Mountain Iron Housing and Redevelopment Authority, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Councilor Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to adopt Resolution Number 40-04, reserving recreation lands, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to authorize an advertisement to be published in the Mountain Iron-Buhl School Yearbook in the amount of \$120. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to authorize Councilor Irish to contact the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding the noise and odor problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. After further discussion, Councilor Irish amended his motion to change the contact from Councilor Irish to City Staff to set up meeting before October 4, 2004. Councilor Roskoski supported the amendment. The amended motion carried with Councilor Prebeg voting no.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish that in regards to Locomotive Park:

1. That City Workers remove the large bolts down to the concrete level, from the concrete hoist bases and the hoist house foundations using any method that they can think of, i.e. torch, grinder, etc.
2. That the City Workers remove all dirt and debris left over from the utility installation project down to the original grass level except for necessary small mounding over the trenched areas to allow for settling.

The completion of these projects will be before Fall freeze-up of 2004, except for the dirt and debris that may have to be removed sooner to facilitate any Mesabi Trail construction in that area. The motion carried with Councilors Prebeg and Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to have the City Council recommend that the EDA/HRA invite Eric Oakman and any other P & H Representatives to an HRA/EDA regular meeting as soon as possible to discuss any future P & H relocation plans and also review with those people any potential usable sites that the City has in town. And further, that whenever that meeting is set up, to have the Mayor and all City Council members to be notified when and where that meeting will take place. The motion carried with Councilors Prebeg and Nelson voting no.

At 9:12 p.m., it was moved by Roskoski and supported by Prebeg that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. 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.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	75,546.64
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	ELECTRIC-CHG FOR SERVICES	89.50
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	SPECIAL ASSESS.-BOND MONEY	4,774.05
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	INTEREST-SP.ASSESS.-BONDS ISSU	258.29
PERMITS	VARIANCE	150.00
PERMITS	BUILDING	27.25
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	394.88
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	25,157.55
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	759.51
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	818.27
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	326.72
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST601	70.01
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	260.43
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	136.30
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 604	59.14
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	75.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	50.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 103	1,512.74
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	2,054.00
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	450.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	10.00
MISCELLANEOUS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS	382.01
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	300.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BAD DEBT PYMT-GARBAGE	92.01
MISCELLANEOUS	BAD DEBT-ELECTRIC	667.82
MISCELLANEOUS	BAD DEBT-SEWER	50.59
MISCELLANEOUS	BAD DEBT - WATER	82.32
COPIES	COPIES	.50
MISCELLANEOUS	FAX CHARGES	1.00
Summary Totals:		<u>114,556.53</u>

Check Issue Date(s): 09/15/2004 - 09/24/2004

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
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09/04	09/21/2004	30585	940	DUSTIN PETERSON	002-20200	12.98
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09/04	09/21/2004	30587	938	ERIN GRIGAL	002-20200	81.75
09/04	09/21/2004	30588	60015	FERRELLGAS	002-20200	12.47
09/04	09/21/2004	30589	70029	GUARDIAN PEST CONTROL INC	002-20200	56.82
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09/04	09/21/2004	30605	140012	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY	002-20200	15.90
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09/04	09/21/2004	30623	937	ZACH SMITH	002-20200	37.11
09/04	09/22/2004	30624	946	CITY OF MAPLEWOOD	002-20200	100.00
Totals:						<u>374,882.06</u>
Payroll-PP Ending 9/10/04						49,046.43
Electronic Transfer-Sales Tax 9/20						<u>9,217.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES						<u>\$433,145.99</u>

IRRRB FINAL ACCOUNTING REPORT

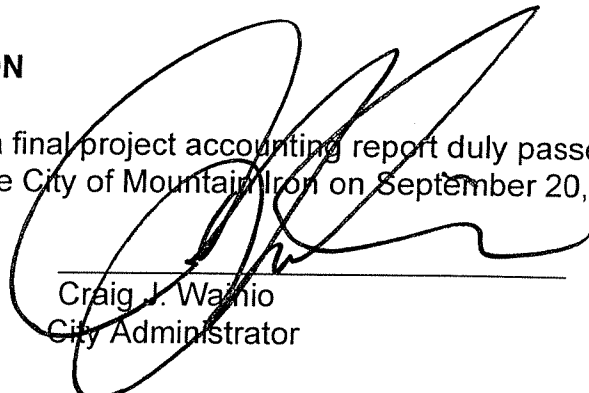
**PROJECT: COMMERCIAL FORTY DEVELOPMENT
PARK RIDGE DEVELOPMENT**

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

<u>USES</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>IRRRB</u>	<u>TOTAL PROJECT</u>
<u>DETAILED PROJECT COSTS</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>GRANTS</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.

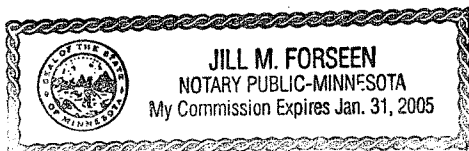


Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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



Notary



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.

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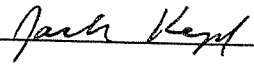
By 

Title Mayor

Date 9-20-04

Purchase Order # _____

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

By 

Title Executive Director

Date August 31, 2004

Craig J. Wainio

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 of 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: 'cityadm@mtniron.com'
Subject: FW: Former City Dump

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

From: Scheer, Dave
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2004 11:56 AM
To: 'cityadmin@mtniron.com'
Cc: Beckwith, Douglas; Miller, Amy; Moeger, John
Subject: Former City Dump

Mr. Craig Wainio;

I have recently been in contact with Mountain Iron city councilman Dale Irish. Mr. Irish had some questions with regard to potential use of a former city dump site. As I understand it, the parcel of land that Mr. Irish has in question is not the same parcel of land currently considered for Response Action under the direction of the MPCA Voluntary Investigation and Clean up program (VP17060). Rather, the parcel in question is former city dump that is currently covered and seeded and is located nearby the VIC project site.

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 proposal 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.

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

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Craig J. Wainio

From: Scheer, Dave [Dave.Scheer@state.mn.us]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2004 11:58 AM
To: cityadmn@mtniron.com
Subject: FW: Former City Dump

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

From: Scheer, Dave
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2004 11:56 AM
To: 'cityadmn@mtniron.com'
Cc: Beckwith, Douglas; Miller, Amy; Moeger, John
Subject: Former City Dump

Mr. Craig Wainio;

I have recently been in contact with Mountain Iron city councilman Dale Irish. Mr. Irish had some questions with regard to potential use of a former city dump site. As I understand it, the parcel of land that Mr. Irish has in question is not the same parcel of land currently considered for Response Action under the direction of the MPCA Voluntary Investigation and Clean up program (VP17060). Rather, the parcel in question is former city dump that is currently covered and seeded and is located nearby the VIC project site.

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 proposal to use the area for storage of recyclable 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.

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

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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.

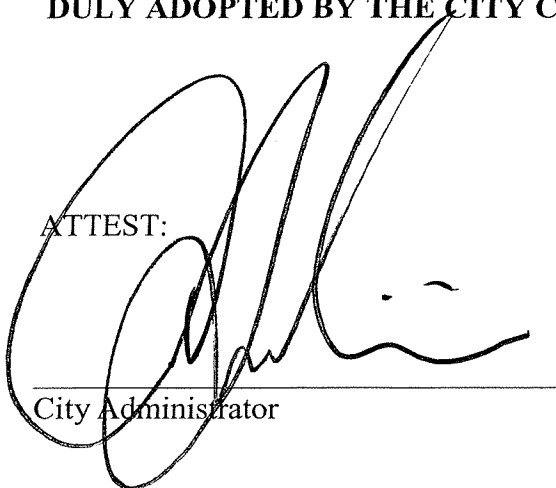
- 3.02 Transfer. The City of Mountain Iron consents to the transfer of all records, all employees, and all reasonably transferable assets of the Mountain Iron HRA to the authority, supervision, and control of the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority.
- 3.03 HRA to Hold Title. It shall be the 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.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 40-04

RESERVING RECREATIONAL LANDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL 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.

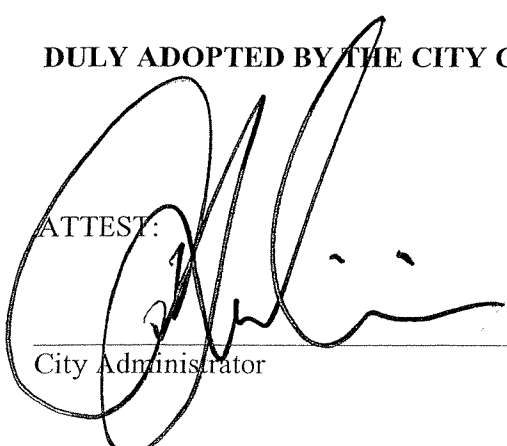
2. The aforesaid real property is subject to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant Program 0R99-055 known as South Grove Park.

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:

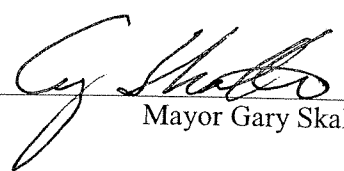
1. The property shall be permanently managed and maintained for outdoor recreation purposes consistent with the approved Grant Agreement 0R99-055.
2. The City of Mountain Iron shall not at any time convert any portion of the park area to uses other than public outdoor recreation uses specified in the 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:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko

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COUNCIL LETTER 100404-III A

CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL REQUESTED MPCA REPRESENTATIVE

DATE: September 30, 2004

FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Mr. Steve Duerre, staff representative from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, will be present at the October 4, 2004 City Council meeting to address any Council concerns with the Wastewater Treatment facility.

COUNCIL LETTER 100404-IVA1

MAYOR SKALKO

WOLF PARK

DATE: September 30, 2004

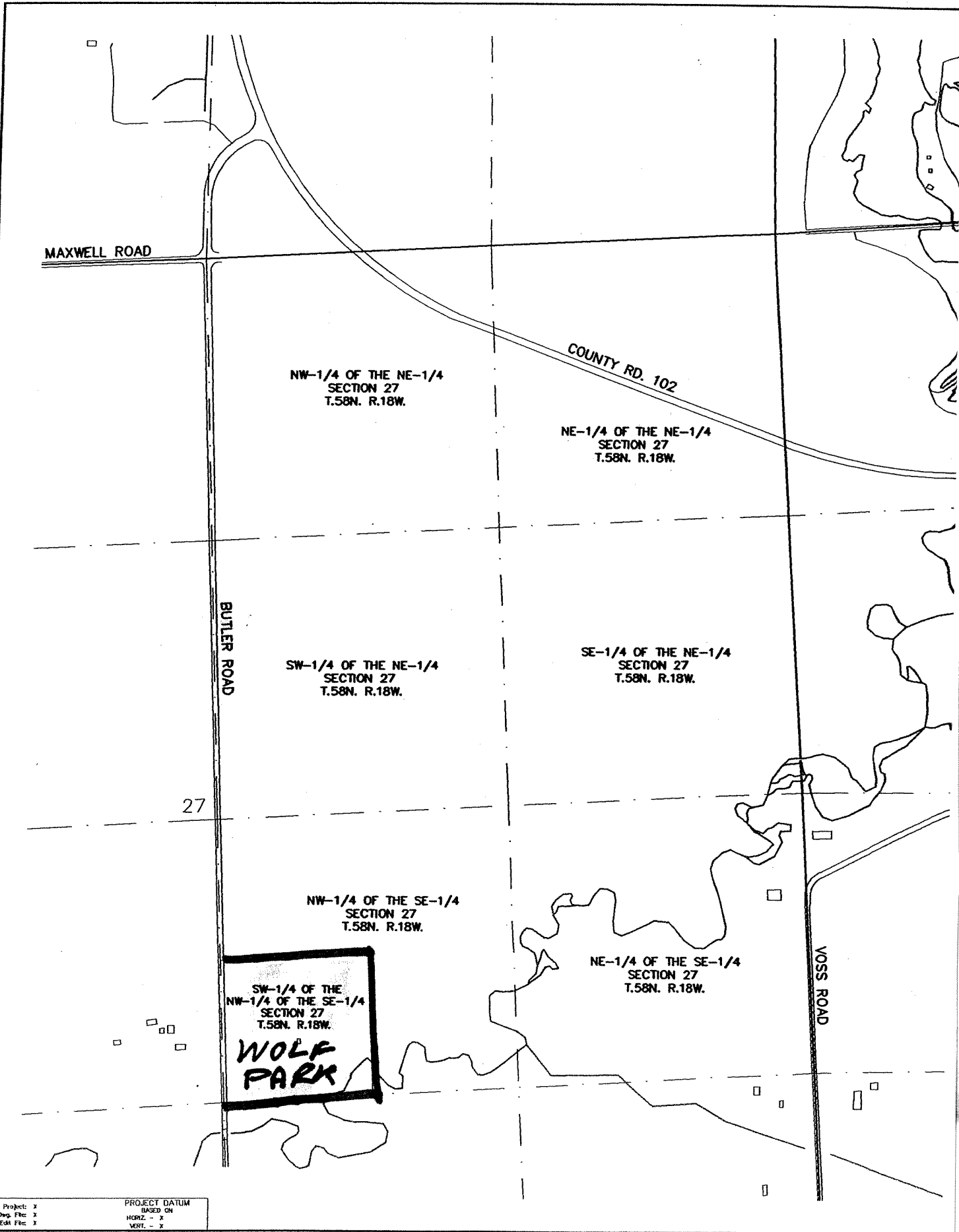
FROM: Mayor Skalko

Larry Nanti
Parks & Recreation Director

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The City has had a request to cut the ten (10) acres that makeup the Wolf Park. Please see the attached map. At present, we have about five (5) acres that we do already cut.

Staff recommends this be referred to the Parks & Recreation Board.



Plotted By: frenchy
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 Feb 13, 2002 - 4:15pm

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COUNCIL LETTER 100404-IVC1

PUBLIC WORKS

**EMERGENCY WATER CONNECTION
WITH THE CITY OF VIRGINIA**

DATE: September 30, 2004

FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

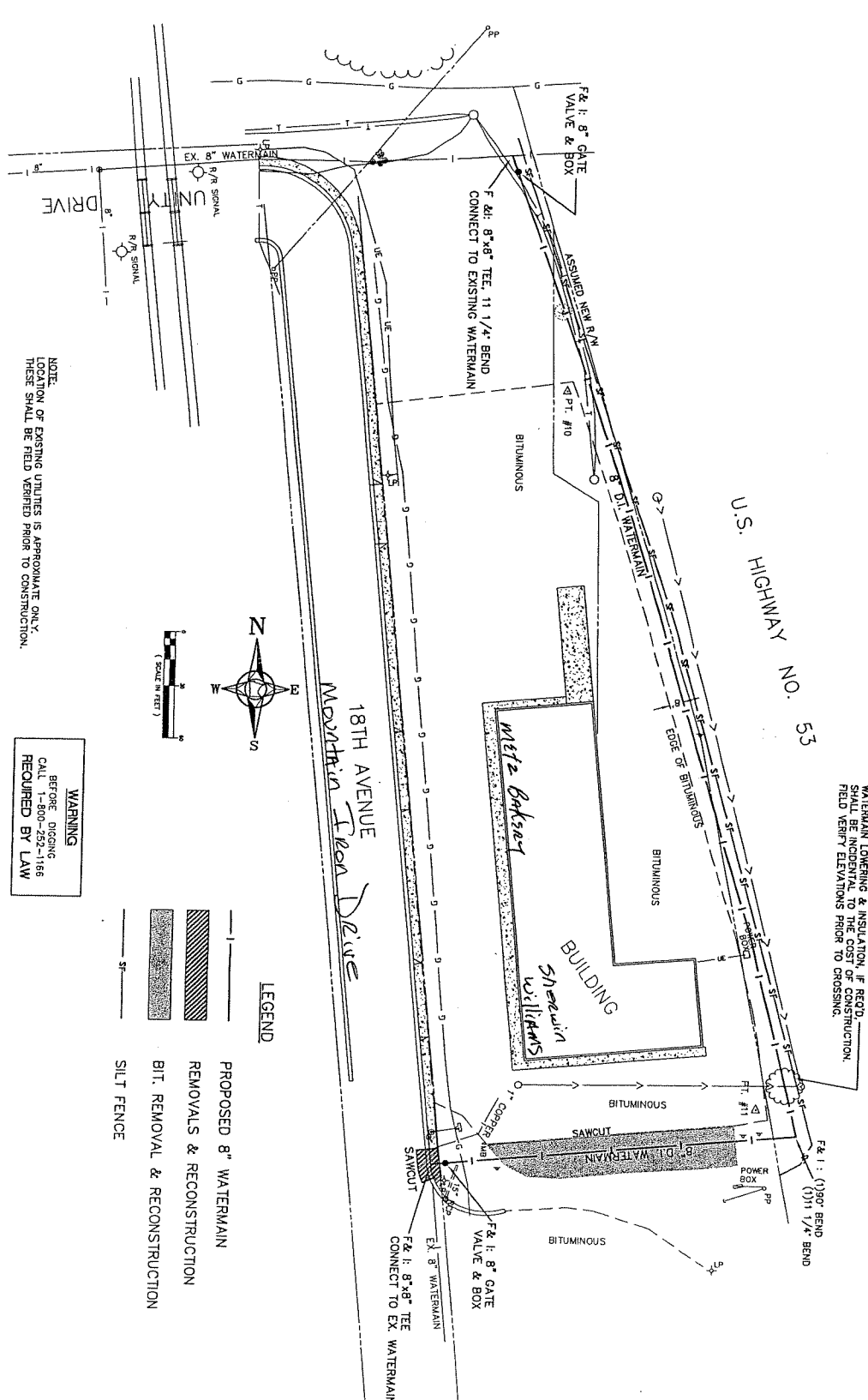
Enclosed are the plans for the emergency water connection to the City of Virginia water system.

Quotes for construction of the project will be opened on Monday, October 4, 2004. Staff will have a recommendation to the City Council ready for the meeting that evening.

Reference	East	North	Elevation	Description
10	472417.990	197526.480	97.260	CONTROL POINT
11	472532.290	197122.990	97.770	CONTROL POINT

CONTROL POINTS

Plotted By: john \\lbserver\lan\projects\MQ4-22\dwg\MQ4-22.dwg Sep 28, 2004 - 7:45am



WATERMAIN LOWERING & INSULATION, IF REQ'D, SHALL BE INCIDENTAL TO THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION. FIELD VERIFY ELEVATIONS PRIOR TO CROSSING.

NOTE:
LOCATION OF EXISTING UTILITIES IS APPROXIMATE ONLY.
THESE SHALL BE FIELD VERIFIED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

WARNING
BEFORE DIGGING
CALL 1-800-252-1166
REQUIRED BY LAW

- LEGEND**
- PROPOSED 8" WATERMAIN
 - REMOVALS & RECONSTRUCTION
 - BIT. REMOVAL & RECONSTRUCTION
 - SILT FENCE

SHEET NO. **3** OF 4

METZ BAKERY WATERLINE
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA

DATE: 9/30/2004

PLAN VIEW

DATE	REVISIONS	DESCRIPTION
9/30/2004	21	

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.

Eric F. Falstrom
ERIC F. FALLSTROM
Date: 9/29/04 Lic. No. 40351

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COUNCIL LETTER 100404-IVC2

PUBLIC WORKS

ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION UPGRADE

DATE: September 30, 2004

FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Utility Advisory Board is recommending to the City Council acceptance of the proposal from Minnesota Power to complete the substation construction at a cost not to exceed \$62,960.00. Furthermore, the City of Mountain Iron line crew will work with the Minnesota Power substation crew which will directly reduce the construction cost.



minnesota power / 3215 arrowhead road / duluth, minnesota 55811-4257 / 218-722-5642 / www.mnpower.com

September 29, 2004

Mr. Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works
City of Mt. Iron
PO Box 505
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

Re: City of Mt. Iron, Substation Upgrade Project No. MI04-11

I have estimated the costs to perform and furnish all work necessary to complete the substation upgrade as described in the owner document for Project No. MI04-11. Minnesota Power (MP) will work with the Director of Public Works to mutually agree on the arrangement of the proposed design details and construction process. MP will work with the City of Mt. Iron to limit required scheduled outages necessary to complete this work.

Minnesota Power will provide all crossarms, timbers, hardware, and minor materials not provided by owner. Owner will provide all equipment as specified in the project documents. Minnesota Power will provide the services of a Distribution Engineer to work with owner to resolve any design conflicts, changes, or field questions.

The costs include all labor, materials and vehicle expenses to perform all work as described. Any labor provided by the City of Mt. Iron would reduce the total cost billed to the City from MP.

As in the past, MP appreciates the opportunity to perform projects of this type with our municipal customers.

Total cost to provide construction service as described above shall be actual costs not to exceed:

\$62,960.00

Please call Dale Sundin with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

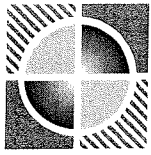
Reed Rosandich, P.E.
Supervisor, Distribution Engineering
Minnesota Power, Herbert Service Center
3215 Arrowhead Road
Duluth, MN 55811: Ph. 218-722-1972 X2760

Cc: Dale Sundin

9/30/2004

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September 28, 2004

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

Re: 2004 City Street Overlay Project
Pay Request No. 3
Project No. MI03-25

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Enclosed please find Pay Request No. 3 for the 2004 City Street Overlay project in the amount of **\$7,095.30**.

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

Sincerely,
Benchmark Engineering, Inc.

Eric E. Fallstrom, P.E.

EEF: js

Enclosures

cc: Hardrives, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION OF PAYMENT

No. 3

Engineer's Project No. MI03-25

Project: 2004 Street Overlay Project

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

For Period Ending September 17, 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 28, 2004

By 

STATEMENT OF WORK

Original Contract Price	\$ <u>192,556.72</u>	Work & Materials to Date	\$ <u>192,416.73</u>
Net Change Orders	\$ <u>0.00</u>	Amount Retained (5%)	\$ <u>9,620.84</u>
Current Contract Price	\$ <u>192,556.72</u>	Subtotal	\$ <u>182,795.89</u>
		Previous Payments	\$ <u>175,700.59</u>
		Amount Due this Payment	\$ <u>7,095.30</u>



PAY REQUEST NO. 3
2004 STREET OVERLAY PROJECT
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA
PROJECT NO: MI03-25

SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNITS	PROJECT QUANTITY	ITEM COST	QUANTITY TO DATE	TOTAL AMOUNT
2104.501	REMOVE PIPE CULVERT	LIN. FT.	27.0	\$20.00	60.0	\$1,200.00
2104.501	REMOVE CURB & GUTTER	LIN. FT.	154.0	\$4.00	163.0	\$652.00
2104.503	REMOVE CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	105.0	\$10.00	82.1	\$821.00
2104.505	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	33.0	\$4.00	45.3	\$181.20
2104.513	SAWING BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	LIN. FT.	148.0	\$3.50	187.0	\$654.50
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	25.0	\$10.00	29.7	\$297.00
2105.525	TOPSOIL BORROW (CV)	CU. YD.	31.0	\$27.00	37.0	\$999.00
2105.604	GEOTEXTILE FABRIC SPECIAL (PAVING)	SQ. YD.	10677.0	\$1.44	10,677.0	\$15,374.88
2211.503	AGGREGATE BASE (CV), CLASS 5	CU. YD.	93.0	\$15.40	35.0	\$539.00
2221.503	AGGREGATE SHOULDERING (CV), CLASS 1	CU. YD.	253.0	\$15.40	306.0	\$4,712.40
2331.604	BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT RECLAMATION (6")	SQ. YD.	2150.0	\$1.65	2,545.6	\$4,200.24
2350.501	TYPE LV 4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (B)	TON	4183.0	\$30.00	4,266.1	\$127,983.00
2350.502	TYPE LV 3 NON WEAR COURSE MIXTURE (B)	TON	364.0	\$32.00	259.0	\$8,288.00
2357.502	BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL.	2002.0	\$1.17	2,333.0	\$2,729.61
2501.511	8" CMP PIPE CULVERT	LIN. FT.	55.0	\$55.00	60.0	\$3,300.00
2503.541	8" CMP PIPE APRON	EACH	2.0	\$190.00	2.0	\$380.00
2504.602	ADJUST VALVE BOX - WATER	EACH	1.0	\$125.00	0.0	\$0.00
2506.522	ADJUST FRAME AND RING CASTING	EACH	25.0	\$190.00	25.0	\$4,750.00
2531.501	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER - DES. B618	LIN. FT.	154.0	\$20.00	163.0	\$3,260.00
2531.507	7" CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SQ. YD.	112.0	\$43.00	82.1	\$3,530.30
2563.601	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1.0	\$1,500.00	1.0	\$1,500.00
2564.603	4" DOUBLE SOLID LINE YELLOW - EPOXY	LIN. FT.	4268.0	\$0.95	4,268.0	\$4,054.60
2564.603	4" SOLID LINE WHITE - EPOXY	LIN. FT.	3184.0	\$0.50	3,136.0	\$1,568.00
2575.505	SODDING TYPE LAWN	SQ. YD.	390.0	\$4.00	360.5	\$1,442.00

COMPLETED TO DATE: **\$192,416.73**


BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES
September 27, 2004

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

1. Minutes from the September 13, 2004 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Saari, second by Giorgi.
2. At 7:05 p.m. the regular meeting was recessed and a Public Hearing for a Variance for Becky Wilkins was opened on a motion by Skogman, second by Saari. Wilkins needed a Variance for her garage because of setbacks. She has a corner lot and needs a 25 foot setback. Where she wants to put the garage she only has a 17 foot setback from the road right-away. Wilkins stated that she had to place her garage where it is shown on the lot because other building on her lot prevents her from placing it anywhere else. Because of her handicap she needed the garage placed as close to her house as possible. Ed Roskoski stated the garage would be way back and doesn't look like it is even on the property. Zoning Administrator Kujala said that Public Works Director Don Kleinschmidt had contacted him and opposed the placement of the garage because of a possible road in that area in the future. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.
3. There was no Old Business.
4. New Business:

Wilkins Variance was discussed. Because the construction season is nearing an end, the motion was passed on a motion by Skogman, second by Saari with the stipulation that Zoning Administrator Kujala would view the site to make sure that the plan presented was the only option. He will get his recommendation to the City Council for their Monday October 5, 2004 meeting.

A temporary shelter on Eagle Avenue at the Skaudis residence was discussed. Zoning Administrator Kujala is going to check it out and take appropriate action.
5. Zoning Administrator Kujala had nothing to report.
6. There were no announcements.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Skogman, second by Saari.

Respectfully Submitted

Steve Skogman

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
VARIANCE APPLICATION *

Name of Applicant Becky Wilkin Signature of Applicant Becky Wilkin Date 9-2-04

Legal Description: Sec/lot 1 Twp/Block 2 Rge/Subd Spring Park Parcel Code # 17505700

Area for which Variance Requested: Closing to lot line than set back
Allowed 17 feet not 25 feet

Statements addressing condition of "undue hardship" for which variance is requested.

want a man door of garage to match door of house
cannot walk long distance

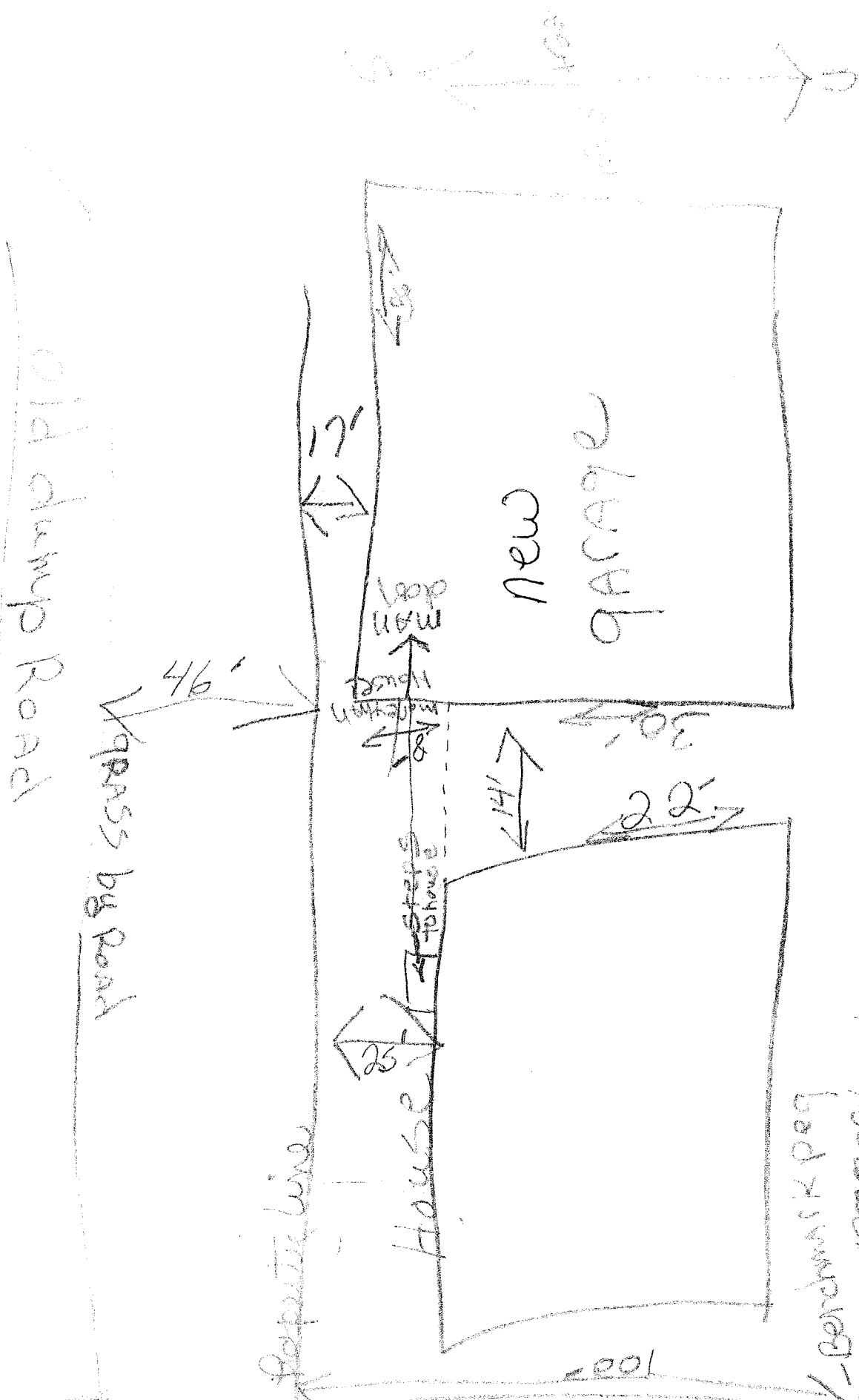
* Applicant is required to submit a vicinity map, drawn to scale, showing applicant's and adjoining property including all existing or proposed buildings or uses. Use reverse side of this form.

Pl \$150.00
9-2-04 Rec. 1.013223

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ITEM	ACTION	DATE	INITIAL
Zoning Administrator Review	<u>Gave to JOK</u>	<u>9-2-04</u>	<u>JMT</u>
Public Hearing Set	<u>Set for 9-27-04 7PM</u>	<u>9-3-04</u>	<u>JMT</u>
Hearing Notice Published	<u>Sent MANS 9-10-04</u>	<u>9-14-04</u>	<u>JMT</u>
Board of Adjustment and Appeals Recommendation			
Council Action			
Filed with County Recorder			

Conditions Attached _____



COUNCIL LETTER 100404-IVA

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

NISKA/HEATHER AVENUE

DATE: September 30, 2004

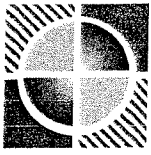
FROM: Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

City Council members – this is the poorest dirt road/street we have in town. We must do something – mill feed, class 5, a combination of both. Let's have a positive vote on getting this job done.

Mr. Wainio – include in our packet, the costs per yard of various usable materials Benchmark Engineering provided to the Council several meetings back for Niska/Heather Avenue project.



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July 7, 2004

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

Re: Options for Granular Road Base

Dear Mayor Skalko and City Staff:

As requested I have researched the availability and cost of various granular road base material.

Recycled concrete makes a good durable road base and has pieces of reinforcement steel in the crushed material, which presets a road hazard problem and would not be a recommended for a granular surface.

Recycled bituminous creates a good granular surface, but this material compacts to a very hard surface and can only be graded in warm weather conditions due to the residual oils in the material which becomes hard during cooler weather. Also, the addition of material for maintenance purposes should also be recycled bituminous to keep the road base uniform. This would require a stockpile of the recycled bituminous material.

I have contacted MnDOT materials personal due to the fact that the recycled bituminous, as a street surface, is experimental at this time. Recycled bituminous for base material is typically done by milling the existing bituminous into the existing base and then paving over the top of that milled and graded material. Preliminary conversations with contractors have indicated that the recycled bituminous is valuable to them as a bituminous paving material and they would have to charge more for the recycled bituminous than the standard class-5 used for road base. Availability of the recycled bituminous is uncertain due to contractors need for the material. Contractors have also indicated that the material solidifies in the stockpile and is difficult to work loose, therefore a small stockpile of about 40 yards is recommended.


July 7, 2004
Mayor Skalko and City Staff
Page 2

Another material being used for road base is the crushed waste rock from the mines, which is called mill feed. Mill feed meets the specifications for class-5 and is more moisture tolerant than normal class-5. Mill feed does contain sharp edged material due to the fact that it is crushed from a hard rock formation.

Attached are some costs for the various materials for comparison.

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

CITY OF MT. IRON
 OPTIONS FOR GRANULAR ROAD BASE

Heather Avenue - 4" Granular Surface			
Material	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
Mill Feed	500 CU. YD.	\$10.50 <i>13.00</i>	\$5,250.00 <i>\$6,500.00</i>
Class-5	500 CU. YD.	\$ 11.00	\$ 5,500.00
Recycled Bituminous	500 CU. YD.	\$ 12.00	\$ 6,000.00

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Spring Park Drive - 4" Granular Surface			
Material	Quantity	Unity Price	Cost
Mill Feed	600 CU. YD.	\$10.50 <i>13.00</i>	\$6,300.00 <i>\$7,800.00</i>
Class-5	600 CU. YD.	\$ 11.00	\$ 6,600.00
Recycled Bituminous	600 CU. YD.	\$ 12.00	\$ 7,200.00

RLF

**COUNCIL LETTER 100404-VIA
ADMINISTRATION
LOCOMOTIVE PARK**

DATE: September 30, 2004
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Enclosed are the plans for Locomotive Park.

Quotes for construction of the project will be opened on Monday, October 4, 2004. Staff will have a recommendation to the City Council ready for the meeting that evening.

EXISTING CONSTRUCTION

EXISTING FENCE

REMOVE EXISTING TRUCK TIRE STAND

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS TO BE REMOVED

CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER TO BE REMOVED

EXISTING BENCH. REMOVE PRIOR TO PAVING. (INCIDENTAL)

REMOVE EXISTING TRUCK TIRE

VIEWING STAND

HISTORIC PLAQUE

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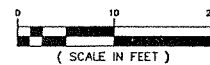
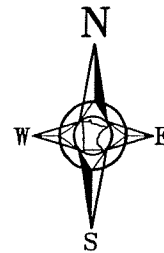
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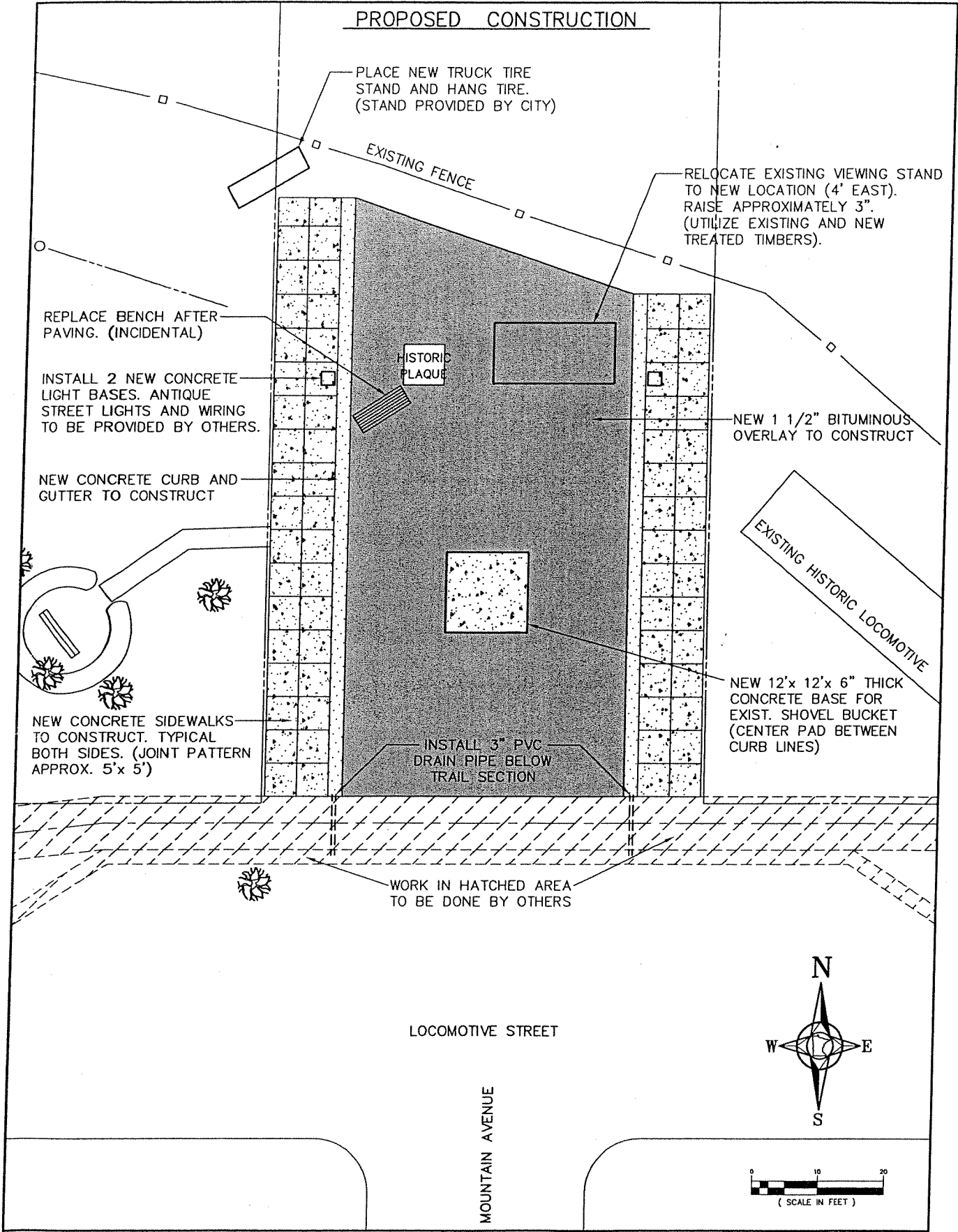
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[Signature]

DATE	REVISIONS	DESCRIPTION

LOCOMOTIVE PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN
MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA

SHEET NO
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Pike Sandy Britt Region Volunteer Fire Department
Po. Box 36
Virginia, Minnesota 55792

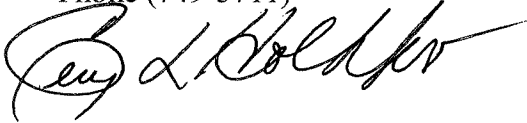
September 16, 2004

Subject: Mt Iron Fire Department 1975 Chevrolet Pumper.

Pike Sandy Britt Fire Dept would be interested in housing and using 1975-pumper truck in our service area, as our area covers approximately 250 square miles. Equipment can always be put to good use; it would be a good addition to our firefighting capabilities. Equipment that is still serviceable should not be "scrapped out" as it can always be used by some departments. If no other department is interested in this truck, we would be, this would be contingent on the Pike Sandy Britt Board approval, and if the truck would be donated to our department. Also Pike Sandy Britt borders on Mt. Iron fire protection area.

Members of our department have inspected the truck and find it to be serviceable, and as Mt Iron council meeting is fast upon us, our board has not had time to discuss the matter, but we would like to be considered for this truck.

Thank you very much for any consideration given.
Pike Sandy Britt Region Volunteer Fire Department
Contact person: Gerry Holkko
Phone (749-5711)



COUNCIL LETTER 100404-VIC

ADMINISTRATION

TUCKPOINTING BIDS

DATE: September 30, 2004

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

No bids were received for the tuckpointing project at the public library.

COMMUNICATIONS
OCTOBER 4, 2004

1. Minnesota Department of Education, forwarding the grant agreement and outlining the requirements of the \$112,500 grant.
2. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, forwarding information regarding becoming a committee member.
3. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, forwarding the September 27, 2004, small cities update.
4. Mountain Iron-Buhl CAPP Committee, forwarding a thank you for providing the hookup facility for the Rolling Plains Art Museum traveling artist at the West II Rivers Campground.



STATE LIBRARY SERVICES AND SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY

Phone: 651-582-8890
Fax: 651-582-8752
Email: bruce.pomerantz@state.mn.us

September 27, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Enclosed is the completed grant agreement for the public library accessibility project at the Mountain Iron Public Library. As specified in the application, the project must begin within 180 days of receipt of the grant agreement.

The grant proposal is part of the grant agreement. Any grant application additions or clarifications made to obtain the grant are now part of the grant agreement. If alteration to the accessibility plan must be made, you must consult with me first.. Altering any part of the plan without consultation and approval will jeopardize your grant. Additionally, as agreed to in the application, the grant funds will be used only for purposes specified in the proposal.

I have enclosed a recommended news release for the local news media. Please include in any publicity or flyers concerning the renovation the statement: "This project was funded in part with a public library accessibility grant administered by State Library Services and School Technology, Minnesota Department of Education."

Payment of up to \$112,500 will be made in accordance with Article IV after the project has been completed. When you apply for reimbursement, please provide the following documentation:

1. Certificate of Occupancy or such other type or form of certificate as is customarily issued by the municipality such as plumbing or electrical inspection
2. Photocopies of all required building permits
3. Photocopies of any change orders that substantially altered the grant proposal objective(s)
4. Photocopies of contracts let for this project
5. A budget grouping vendors and their costs relating to each accessibility component.
6. The amount of money the city anticipates receiving from the grant. If the project comes in under budget, the City receives only half of what was actually spent. If the project comes in over budget, the City receives only the maximum stated in the grant agreement.
7. Photocopies of invoices and payments for all items related to the accessibility project.
8. A statement from each contractor that prevailing wages were paid to personnel working on the project and that such documentation will be provided upon request. (Once contractors receive payment, they loathe any additional paper work. I recommend you obtain the statement as a condition for payment.)
9. A narrative summary indicating that the project described in Attachment D (the grant proposal) was accomplished.
10. Before and after print photographs of each accessibility project component. Renovations unrelated to accessibility matters should not be included.
11. If the renovation included costs not covered by the accessibility project, provide the total cost of the project.

Please complete the enclosed survey concerning your experience of the grant process. Your response will assist me in evaluating our procedures.

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

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I would appreciate any additional information about the project, such as publicity and formal or informal observations within six months after the project has been completed. The pictures and reports may ensure that accessibility grant money is available in the future to the Minnesota communities that have not yet had an opportunity to renovate their buildings.

Please keep me informed of the project status.

Sincerely,

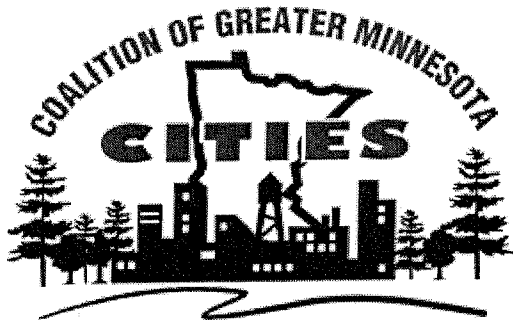
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Pomerantz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Bruce Pomerantz
Library Development Specialist

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

Craig J. Wainio

From: Kari J. Thurlow [Kjthurlow@flaherty-hood.com]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2004 4:09 PM
Subject: Committee Membership



Dedicated to a Strong Greater Minnesota

MEMORANDUM

To: CGMC members
From: Tim Flaherty & Kari Thurlow
Date: September 27, 2004
Re: Committee membership

We are currently in the process of updating our committee membership lists for the 2005 legislative session.

Membership on a committee means that you will receive all committee updates and action alerts. Each committee will also, from time to time, have meetings. These meetings will usually take place by conference call. As a member of the CGMC, you are entitled to be a member of any or all of its policy committees.

The CGMC policy committees are as follows:

- o Property Taxes
- o Annexation and Land Use
- o Environment
- o Economic Development

o Transportation

If you are currently signed up as a member of the Property Taxes, Annexation, Environment or Economic Development Committees, we will keep you on the list unless you notify us otherwise. If you would like to be removed from the membership list of one of these committees, please contact Shelly Czech via email at slczech@flaherty-hood.com.

The Transportation committee does not currently have any members except for the committee co-chairs: David Smiglewski, Mayor of Granite Falls and John Ellenbecker, Mayor of St. Cloud. The Transportation Committee will likely meet sometime in October. If you would like to join the Transportation Committee and be notified of this meeting, please let us know. You can do so by sending Shelly an email message at the address listed above.

The CGMC has also established a Labor Committee. The assessment for this committee is separate from the general CGMC assessment. If you are interested in joining this committee or if you would like more information about this committee, please contact Chris Hood at cmhood@flaherty-hood.com.

If you have any questions in this regard, please feel free to contact Kari Thurlow or Shelly Czech at 651-225-8840.

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SMALL CITIES UPDATE

September 27, 2004

Meet with MAOSC at the LMC Annual Conference

Sunday mornings are generally taboo times for meetings, but the League of Cities switch in dates and shortened timeframe for its annual meeting left no other time for affiliate groups like the Minnesota Association of Small Cities (MAOSC) to gather. So, as unlikely as it may seem, **we are inviting small city officials to join us for a morning brunch and information-sharing session at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 10, at the Holiday Inn, Duluth, Lake Michigan Room.** However, since it is only three months away from the next legislative session, **this will give us the opportunity to discuss small city issues that are already bubbling to the surface. Members will also have the chance to review, comment and adopt MAOSC's 2005 legislative priorities and annual budget.** We hope you can join us for food and shoptalk.

Earnings gap a concern for rural small cities

A study by the State Demographer has highlighted an issue of growing concern for many rural small cities. **The urban-rural earning gap, which has never been good, is rapidly widening, even within the same industries.** According to a story in the September 17 issue of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, "*per capita income in Hennepin County, the state's richest (\$44,302 in 2002), is more than twice as high as the state's poorest, Mahnomon County, in the northwestern part of the state (\$20,547).*" Some larger rural cities and small cities in the northern lakes areas are doing better, but red flags are going up in many parts of the state. **If your city is in an "income gap" area, make sure to contact your legislative candidates and tell them their help is needed now, more than ever. If viable communities are to be maintained throughout the state, the Local Government Aid program must be strengthened, not drained.**

Funding for wastewater projects trickling to a stop

Like the old nursery rhyme, "For lack of a nail... the war was lost," the lack of a bonding bill is having serious consequences on wastewater projects now and in years to come. **The inability of the legislature to pass the bonding bill in order to fund either the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program or the Wastewater Infrastructure Fund (WIF) grant program means that next year, federal dollars will be lost instead of leveraged, and cities that have not begun the bidding process will most likely be out of the running when it comes to funding.** Meanwhile, as the legislature stays idle, projects back up, costs rise, mandates increase and the needs list grows longer. This is particularly vexing for cities being fined for violations as they await funding for their long-overdue projects, and it affects the Metropolitan Waste Commission as well as individual communities. **It is a problem that erodes both the low-interest loan program and the grant program, and it is one that only the legislature can fix.** Please contact legislative candidates if you have current or future wastewater needs or if you simply care about the quality of Minnesota's ground and surface water and ask them to quickly pass a bonding bill that includes funding for wastewater projects.

Changes ahead in wastewater and storm water regs and funding

There are changes in the wind for both wastewater and storm water regulations and funding, so good communications with agencies such as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) are more important than ever. **MAOSC lobbyist Nancy Larson is working with the agencies in assessing the new Project Priority List (PPL) Point System for wastewater systems, developing a new solution to dealing with unsewered areas, and providing input regarding the MPCA's proposed changes to the agency's Administrative Penalty Orders.** We're all under the gun, so MAOSC's role is to make sure the unique needs of small cities are addressed. It's important for you to keep connected, too.

The Nanti + Mt. Iron Community

Thank you for providing the hook up facility for the Rolling Plains Art Museum traveling artist at West 2 Rivers Campground. It helped with the many expenses to bring these events to our school + community. We greatly appreciate your assistance.
MTB CASP Committee