

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2004 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the November 1, 2004 Regular Meeting (#1-11)
 - B. Minutes of the November 4, 2004 Special Meeting (#12-14)
 - C. Bills and Payroll
 - D. Receipts
 - E. Communications (#61-71)
 - III. Public Forum
 - A. Public Hearing – Redevelopment Plan
 - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor’s Report
 - B. City Administrator’s Report
 - 1. 2005 Licenses (#15)
 - C. Director of Public Work’s Report
 - 1. Recycling Agreement (#16-28)
 - D. Director of Parks and Recreation’s Report
 - E. City Attorney’s Report
 - F. Sheriff’s Department Report
 - G. City Engineers Report
 - 1. Pay Request Number 1 (#29-30)
 - H. Planning and Zoning Commission
 - 1. Pearson Variance (#31-35)
 - 2. Pearson Conditional Use Permit (#36-39)
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - A. 2005 Budget Review (#40-52)
 - B. HRA Board (#53)
 - C. New Recycling Area (#54)
 - D. 4-Mile Development (#55)
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Resolution 44-04 Adopting Redevelopment Plan (#56-58)
 - B. Board/Commission Appointments (#59)
 - C. Director/Assistant Director of Public Works (#60)
 - D. Anns Acres Street Lights (#61)
 - E. Downtown Warming Shack (#62)
 - F. Fire Department Thank You (#63)
 - G. Communications (#64-74)
 - VII. Open Discussion
 - VIII. Announcements
 - IX. Adjourn
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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 1, 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; and Larry Nanti, Director of Parks and Recreation.

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

1. Approve the minutes of the October 18, 2004, City Council meeting as submitted.
2. 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.
3. To acknowledge the receipts for the period October 16-31, 2004, totaling \$120,071.96, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
4. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period October 16-31, 2004, totaling \$196,127.71, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

During the public forum, Tom Cvar, Fire Chief, advised the Council that the City of Mountain Iron, Volunteer Fire Department, was awarded a FEMA grant for safety equipment in the amount of \$88,682 with the City contributing a 10% match. The Fire Chief advised the Council that the City accepted delivery of the 2004 Fire Truck on October 19, 2004.

During the Mayor's report, the Mayor advised the Council that he had spoke with Rod Flannigan, the City Engineer, and he assured him that Heather Avenue would be upgraded before winter.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to submit a request to Saint Louis County to order the appropriate street signs for the Mashkenode Lake area and request that the County erect the signs as soon as possible. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Irish to approve the Temporary On-sale Liquor License for the Virginia Regional Medical Center for their "Festival of Trees" event on November 17, 19, & 20, 2004, subject to the final approval of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. The motion carried.

Councilor Roskoski requested that the Mountain Iron Street and Alley Committee meet with the Virginia Street and Alley Committee regarding the 16th Avenue Improvement Project. Councilor Roskoski felt that the City of Virginia uses the road more than the City of Mountain Iron does and the road costs should be divided differently than 50% for each City. Councilor Roskoski also stated that the assessment rate for 16th Avenue should be reviewed and determined. Councilor Prebeg felt that Mr. Renzaglia from the Utility Advisory Board should also attend the joint meeting because there are utilities involved in the project. The City Administrator was directed to set up a meeting with the City of Virginia.

Councilor Irish asked who was responsible for removing the burnt trailer in the Desert Area by the City Garage. The City Administrator stated that the trailer was owned by the Mesabi Range College and they are responsible for disposing of the debris. The Fire Chief said that he would follow up on the trailer removal.

Councilor Irish questioned the City Administrator regarding providing maps for the recent land acquisition with U. S. Steel Corporation. The City Administrator advised the Council that the maps were still being prepared by Benchmark Engineering and he had not received them as of this meeting.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to authorize the purchase of tires for the loader from Pomp's Tire Service, Virginia, Minnesota in the amount of \$5,314.00. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Irish, yes; Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes; and Skalko, yes.

The Director of Parks and Recreation advised the Council that he received signed blight complaints on 8537 Mud Lake Road and 8539 Mud Lake Road. He further advised the Council that there is more than just blight problems at these properties. He stated that there are fire problems with the old buildings, hazardous materials present, building problems that would involve the Zoning Administrator, legal and law enforcement issues.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to authorize a meeting to be set up with the Fire Chief, the Zoning Administrator, the Building Inspector, the City Attorney, the Sheriff Sergeant, Councilor Prebeg, and the Blight Officer to review severe blight problems. The motion carried with Councilor Roskoski voting no.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to authorize the Blight Officer to proceed with enforcing our blight ordinance and begin towing vehicles that are out of compliance with the ordinance. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish to authorize the Library Director to allow the Library Substitute Worker to work an additional 30 hours so the Library Director and the Assistant Librarian have time to weed out the library collection, with the City Administrator outlining the procedure for this additional time. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to accept the resignations of the following Housing and Redevelopment Authority members: Larry P. Johnson, John Filander, Michael E. Lambert, Mary Jacobsen, Jason Goehring. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to adopt Resolution Number 41-04, calling for a public hearing on the proposal of the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority to establish a redevelopment Project and adopt a Redevelopment Plan therefor and establish a Development District and adopt a Development Program therefor, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 42-04, calling for a public hearing on a modification to the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 1 and the modifications to the Tax Increment Financing Plans for Tax Increment Financing Districts Numbers 1 and 3 therein and the adoption of the modifications therefor, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

The Council reviewed the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Labor and Employee Relations Program. No formal action was taken on the matter.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to authorize the firm of Walker, Giroux, and Hahne, Ltd. to prepare the 2004 audit as per the proposal submitted and the rates specified. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to change the next regular meeting date to Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to direct the City Administrator to apply for a grant from IRRRA in the amount of \$85,000 for the Dump Cleanup Project because it is part of the JOBZ Zone area, with the application being completed this year. The motion carried.

The Council reviewed the letter received from the Department of Education regarding the Library. It was the consensus of the Council to forward the letter to the Library Board and the Architect.


It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to authorize the remaining balance of the \$300 donation to the Wacootah Wheelers to be released to the Wacootah Wheelers ATV Club. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, yes; Nelson, no; Irish, yes; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Skalko to direct the City Administrator to go on the JOBZ Zone web site and print out the information sheets and provide copies to the City Council and the Economic Development Authority members. The motion carried with Nelson voting no.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to direct the Building Custodian to work with City Staff and put the pictures on the walls in the Community Center with a deadline for this project as April 1, 2005. The motion carried with Nelson voting no.

At 7:58 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. MediaCom, advising the City of Mountain Iron of a change in fees for late payments.
2. Erik Wedge, DSGW, forwarding a fax received on October 21, 2004 from Chesley and Sons, Inc. for tuckpointing the Mountain Iron Library.

Summary By Category And Distribution

| Category | Distribution | Amount |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| UTILITY | UTILITY | 88,198.25 |
| BUILDING RENTALS | NICHOLS HALL | 45.00 |
| BUILDING RENTALS | BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS | 550.00 |
| SALE OF PROPERTY | SALE OF PROPERTY | 260.00 |
| METER DEPOSITS | ELECTRIC | 1,385.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | ASSESSMENT SEARCHES | 60.00 |
| CHARGE FOR SERVICES | ELECTRIC-CHG FOR SERVICES | 161.67 |
| PERMITS | BUILDING | 152.50 |
| BUILDING RENTALS | COMMUNITY CENTER | 150.00 |
| FINES | CRIMINAL | 1,022.99 |
| METER DEPOSITS | WATER | 15.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE | 25,227.85 |
| CD INTEREST | CD INTEREST 101 | 600.00 |
| CD INTEREST | CD INTEREST 301 | 900.00 |
| CD INTEREST | CD INTEREST 378 | 425.00 |
| CD INTEREST | CD INTEREST601 | 75.00 |
| CD INTEREST | CD INTEREST 602 | 175.00 |
| CD INTEREST | CD INTEREST 603 | 325.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | REIMBURSEMENTS | 185.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS | 157.70 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | ELECTRICAL INSPEC FORMS | 1.00 |
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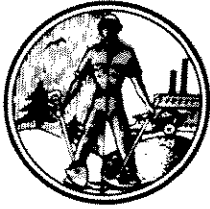
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Totals:

108,557.52

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| Payroll-PP Ending 10/22/04 | 79,000.59 |
| Electronic Transfer-Sales Tax 10/22 | <u>8,569.60</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>\$196,127.71</u> |



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 41-04

CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE MOUNTAIN IRON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND ADOPT A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN THEREFOR AND ESTABLISH A DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND ADOPT A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THEREFOR

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL (THE "COUNCIL") OF THE CITY OF
MOUNTAIN IRON, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA (THE 'CITY'),** as follows:

Section 1. Recitals of Fact. The Council makes the following recitals of fact:

- A. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.090 through 469.1081, the City has established the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority (the "Authority") and authorized the Authority to exercise development and redevelopment powers under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.001 through 469.047, 469.090 through 469.108 and 469.124 through 469.134 (collectively, the 'Act').
- B. In furtherance of the objectives of the Authority, the Authority is considering establishment of a Project Area (the 'Redevelopment Project') in the City and adoption of a Redevelopment Plan therefore (the 'Redevelopment Plan') pursuant to Sections 469.027 and 469.028 of the Act. The Authority has prepared the Redevelopment Plan in accordance with Sections 469.027 and 469.028 of the Act.
- C. In furtherance of the objectives of the Authority, the Authority is considering establishment of a Development District (the "Development District") in the City and adoption of a Development Program therefore (the "Development Program") pursuant to Sections 469.125 and 469.126 of the Act. The Authority has prepared the Development Program in accordance with Sections 469.125 and 469.126 of the Act.
- D. The Authority has expressed its intent that the Redevelopment Project and the Development District be coterminous, encompassing the entire jurisdiction of the City (the "Project Area").

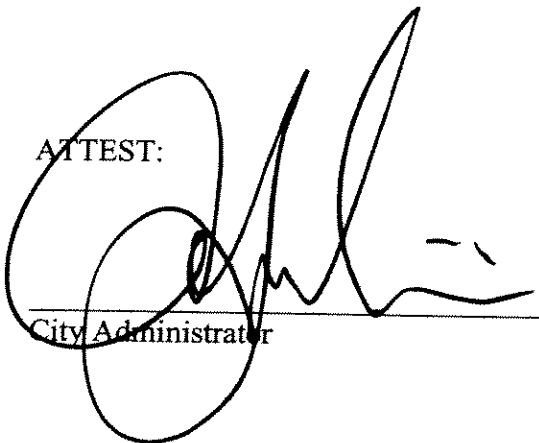
- E. The Authority has incorporated the Redevelopment Plan and the Development Program into one document entitled "Redevelopment Plan/Development Program for Project Area No. 1" (the "Plan").
- F. The Authority has informed the Council that it has transmitted the Plan to the Planning Commission pursuant to Section 469.027 and Section 469.126, subdivision 1 of the Act, for its study and has requested the written comments of the Planning Commission.
- G. The Authority has requested that the Council hold a public hearing on the Plan and approve Project Area No. 1 and the Plan pursuant to Section 469.028, subdivision 1 and Section 469.126, subdivision 1.

Section 2. Public Hearing.

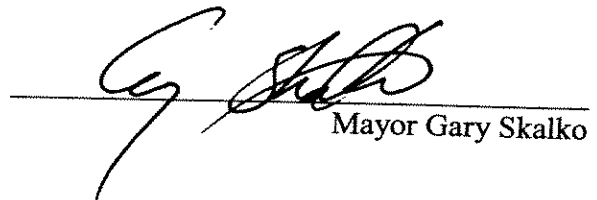
- A. The Council will hold a public hearing on the Plan at a regular meeting of the Council to be held in City Hall on Monday, November 15, 2004, commencing at 6:30 p.m. The Administrator, or his designee, is authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Public Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not less than 10 nor more than 30 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2004.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko

EXHIBIT A

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE MOUNTAIN IRON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND ADOPT A
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN THEREFOR AND ESTABLISH A DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT AND ADOPT A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THEREFOR**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota (the "City"), will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall, 8586 Enterprise Drive South, in the City on Monday, November 15, 2004, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered, to consider the proposal of the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority (the "Authority") to approve a redevelopment plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") for a Redevelopment Project (the "Redevelopment Project") and approve a Development Program (the "Development Program") for a Development District (the "Development District"), all in the City. The Redevelopment Plan and Development Program are proposed to be approved pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 469.

The area to be included in the Redevelopment Project and the Development District encompass the entire area of the City. Draft copies of the Redevelopment Plan and Development Program are contained in a document entitled "Redevelopment Plan/Development Program for Project Area No. 1" (the "Plan") and are available for public inspection in the office of the City Administrator during normal business hours.

Any person wishing to be heard with respect to the approval of the Plan and establishing Project Area No. 1 will be heard orally or in writing at the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

/s/ Craig Wainio, City Administrator



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 42-04

CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A MODIFICATION TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. 1 AND THE MODIFICATIONS TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLANS FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NOS. 1 AND 3 THEREIN AND THE ADOPTION OF THE MODIFICATIONS THEREFOR

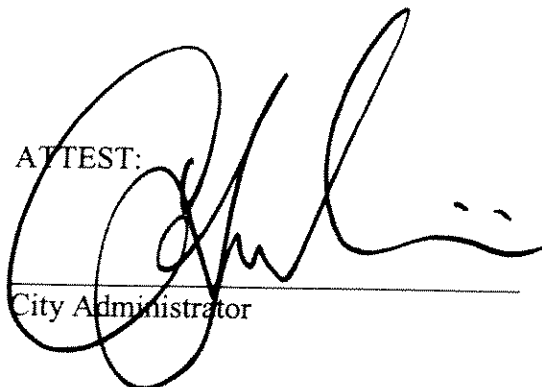
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL (THE "COUNCIL") OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA (THE "CITY"), as follows:

Section 1. Public Hearing. This Council shall meet on December 20, 2004, at approximately 6:30 PM, to hold a public hearing on the proposed adoption of a Modification to the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 1 (the "Redevelopment Plan Modification") and the proposed adoption of the modifications to the Tax Increment Financing Plans (the "TIF Plan Modifications") for Tax Increment Financing District Nos. 1 and 3 therefore (the Redevelopment Plan Modification and the TIF Plan Modifications are referred to collectively herein as the "Modifications"), all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.001 to 469.047, and Sections 469.174 to 469.1799, inclusive, as amended, in an effort to encourage the development and redevelopment of certain designated areas within the City; and

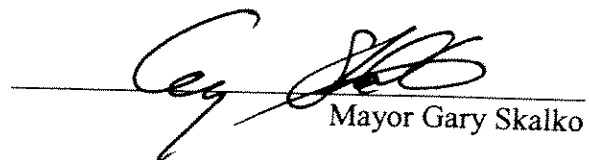
Section 2. Notice of Public Hearing, Filing of Modifications. City staff is authorized and directed to work with Ehlers & Associates, Inc., to prepare the Modifications, and to forward documents to the appropriate taxing jurisdictions including St. Louis County and Independent School District No. 712. The City Administrator is authorized and directed to cause notice of the hearing, together with an appropriate map as required by law, to be published at least once in the official newspaper of the City not later than 10, nor more than 30, days prior to December 20, 2004, and to place a copy of the Modifications on file in the City Administrator's office at City Hall and to make such copy available for inspection by the public.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2004.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko

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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2004

Mayor Skalko called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m. with the following members present: Allen Nelson, Dale Irish, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Absent members included: Ed Roskoski and Joe Prebeg, Jr. Also present were: Larry Nanti, Director of Parks and Recreation.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Irish to adopt Resolution Number 43-04, General Election, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

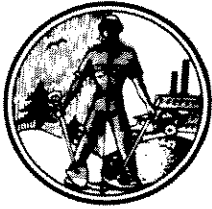
At 5:24 p.m., it was moved by Irish and supported by Nelson that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Larry Nanti
Director of Parks and Recreation

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 43-04

GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, at the Municipal General Election of the City of Mountain Iron, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, held in the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota on November 2, 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 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, to a two year term, and two (2) Councilors, to four year terms, 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:

| MAYOR | NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Gary Skalko | 1,145 |
| Stephen Skogman | 542 |
| Write-Ins | 4 |

| COUNCILOR | NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Ed Roskoski | 931 |
| Alan Stanaway | 792 |
| Joe Prebeg, Jr. | 1,062 |
| Write-ins | 3 |

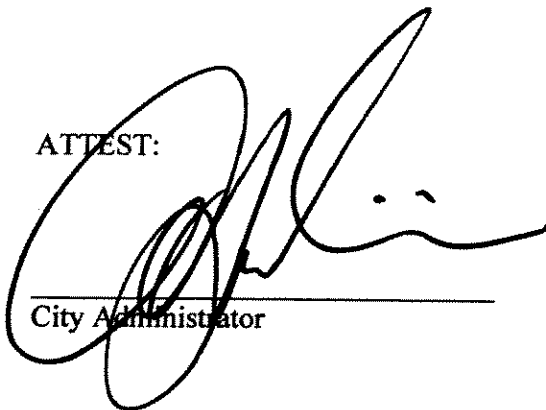
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, SAINT LOUIS COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, does hereby accept the foregoing as a true statement of the results of tabulating and canvassing of votes by ballot, at said Municipal General Election held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004 and does hereby elect the following, each of whom will assume office commencing January 1, 2005:

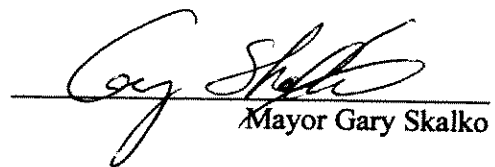
Gary Skalko To the Office of Mayor for a two (2) year term;
Joe Prebeg, Jr. To the Office of City Councilor for a four (4) year term; and,
Ed Roskoski To the Office of City Councilor for a four (4) year term.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2004.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko

EXCERPT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2004

It was moved by Councilor _____ and supported by Councilor _____ that the liquor and cigarette license applications for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, be approved and issued to the following individuals and business establishments pursuant to the approval, where necessary, of the Liquor Control Commission and pursuant to the payment of all outstanding license fees and charges:

Jeff & Greg Properties, Inc.
DBA: B. G.'s Saloon
5494 Highway 7
Mountain Iron, MN 55792

On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
Off-Sale Non-Intoxicating Liquor
Cigarette

Mike Lambert
DBA: Silver Creek Liquor Company
5489 Highway 7
Mountain Iron, MN 55792

Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
Cigarette

Commander
American Legion Post #220
5748 Mountain Avenue, PO Box 361
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Club On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
Off-Sale Non-Intoxicating Liquor
Cigarette

Mac's Bar, Inc.
DBA: Mac's Bar
8881 Main Street, PO Box 313
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
Cigarette

Bruce A. Carlsen
Corner Spur
5499 Highway 7, Box 1207
Mountain Iron, MN 55792

Cigarette

Joseph Giru
Little Joe's
5537 Nichols Avenue, PO Box 356
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Off-Sale Non-Intoxicating Liquor
Cigarette

Jay Ryan Moehlenbrock
Jay Ryan Enterprise, Inc.
DBA: Sawmill Saloon & Restaurant
5478 Mountain Iron Drive
Mountain Iron, MN 55792

Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
Cigarette

Rezavor, Inc.
John Gorsha
5235 Campground Road
Mountain Iron MN 55768

Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
Cigarette

Adventures, Va., Inc.
Greg Hartnett
5475 Mountain Iron Drive
Mountain Iron MN 55792

Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor



Saint Louis County

Solid Waste Department • 307 First Street South, Suite 115 • Virginia, MN 55792
Phone: (218) 749-9703 or 1-800-450-9278 • Fax: (218) 749-0650
Email: troolint@co.st-louis.mn.us

Ted Troolin
Director

November 1, 2004

Craig Wainio
City of Mt. Iron
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

SUBJECT: 2005 CITY CURBSIDE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS PROCESSING AGREEMENT

Dear Mr. Wainio:

As you know, since the mid-1990's the City of Mt. Iron and St. Louis County through its Solid Waste Department have cooperated in offering the residents of Mountain Iron an opportunity to recycle at the curb. Under the arrangement, Mountain Iron provides curbside collection services to its residents. St. Louis County accepts and processes the recycled materials at no further cost to the City. Revenue from the sale of recycled materials is used by the County to offset processing costs.

The City/County arrangement is developed through contractual agreement. Attached is a copy of the most current agreement. This Agreement expires at the end of the year.

The County believes that the current system is working well. We propose entering into a new agreement for 2005 (with two possible additional 1-year extensions if mutually agreed to). The terms of this new agreement would be the same as those included in the current contract. I intend to bring an updated version of the current agreement to the County Board for authorization to proceed.

We also believe that it would be useful for the curbside cities (Chisholm, Eveleth, Gilbert, Hibbing, Mountain Iron, and Virginia) and the County to jointly evaluate our recycling activities during 2005 with the goal of identifying possible ways to improve services to residents and provide services in a more economical fashion. Towards that end, your staff will be invited to a meeting early in 2005 where we will discuss current recycling programs and begin to identify ways to improve those programs.

Please give either me (749-0639) or Mark St. Lawrence (749-0647) a call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Ted Troolin
Director, St. Louis County Solid Waste Department

cc: Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works, City of Mountain Iron

Attachment: Current Agreement

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**AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between **ST. LOUIS COUNTY**, a body corporate and politic existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, (the "County") and the **CITY OF MT. IRON** (the "Provider").

WHEREAS, the County relies on clean curbside or alley ("Curbside") collected recyclable materials as one of the primary methods of recyclables collection to achieve SCORE and County recycling goals; and

WHEREAS, the Provider will continue to provide Curbside recyclable materials collection for its residents and businesses in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Provider will continue to provide the County with all Curbside collected recyclable materials collected by or for the Provider in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the County will pay for the processing and marketing of Curbside collected recyclable materials, up to a predetermined maximum tonnage, weighed and hauled by the Provider to the County-designated recyclables processing facility or recyclables transfer station.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the Provider agree as follows:

SECTION I. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall be from January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000, unless earlier terminated by law or as provided herein. The term of this Agreement may be extended for an additional period of four (4) years at one (1) year intervals, upon mutual agreement of the parties.

SECTION II. SERVICES

The Provider shall provide collection services of recyclable materials as set forth in Attachment A, attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein. The Provider shall collect recyclables only within its corporate limits.

SECTION III. COUNTY-PAID PROCESSING

Conditions to Qualify for County-Paid Processing:

1. The Provider will provide a minimum of one Curbside recycling collection per resident/business per month.

2. At a minimum of once per month, the Provider will accept:
 - A. Commingled fiber items (newspaper, magazines, catalogs and telephone books up to ½-inch thick, junk mail (including “window” envelopes), office paper, file folders, brown paper bags, and boxboard).
 - B. Commingled core recyclables, delivered source-separated to the County-contracted recyclables processor (glass containers (clear, brown, and green), aluminum and bi-metal cans, tin-coated steel cans, and “necked” high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and “necked” polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic containers).
 - C. At the discretion of the Provider, corrugated cardboard may be included in the Provider’s Curbside collection program.
 - D. The Provider shall deliver to the County all program approved recyclable materials collected in the Provider’s Curbside collection program.
 - E. The Provider shall pay all costs including, but not limited to, the collection and haulage of recyclable materials to the County-designated recyclable materials processing facility or transfer station.

The County requires all recyclables collection vehicles be weighed at the Regional Landfill or Hibbing Roll-off Container Site. Prior to being weighed, the recyclables collection vehicles shall unload glass at a designated glass stockpile located at the Regional Landfill or the Hibbing Roll-off Container Site. Once weighed, the Provider shall deliver the curbside collected materials and the corresponding weigh slip to the County-designated recyclable materials processing facility or transfer station.

The County will pay the Provider’s processing cost for Curbside collected recyclable materials, up to a maximum of 230 tons, delivered to the County-designated recyclables processing facility or recyclables transfer station during the period January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.

It will be the responsibility of the Provider to pay processing and marketing costs for Curbside recyclable materials delivered by the Provider to the County-designated recyclables processing facility or recyclables transfer station exceeding the 230-ton maximum.

The County will have the right to charge the Provider a \$40.00 per ton pre-processing fee for contaminated loads of Curbside collected recyclable materials collected in the Provider’s Curbside recycling program and delivered to the County-designated recyclables processing facility or recyclables transfer station. The County may also charge the Provider a \$39.00 per ton landfill tipping fee for the disposal of any non-recyclable residuals resulting from the contaminated loads.

SECTION IV. LICENSES

The Provider shall be responsible for securing and maintaining in effect, for the duration of this Agreement, all permits and licenses required for performance of the Agreement.

SECTION V. FINES

The Provider shall pay all fines due to lack of plates or permits, speeding, overweight or similar charges that may be duly and lawfully imposed or assessed by reason of the Provider's failure to comply with the rules and regulations and orders of any or all regulatory bodies having jurisdiction.

SECTION VI. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of agents, partners, joint ventures, or associates between the parties hereto.

At all times and for all purposes hereunder, the Provider is an independent contractor and Provider's employees are not employees of the County for any purpose. This Agreement shall not be construed so as to find the Provider or any employee or agent of the Provider to be an employee of the County, and neither the Provider nor the Provider's employees and agents shall be entitled to any of the rights, privileges, or benefits of employees of the County, including but not limited to, workers' compensation, health/death benefits, and indemnification for third-party personal injury and property damage claims.

The Provider may not present itself, actually or impliedly, as an employee of the County and shall disclose itself as an independent contractor only.

SECTION VII. INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE

Except as may be caused by the sole negligence of the County or its employees, Provider shall indemnify and save harmless the County, its employees, and its agents from all claims, actions, demands, and judgments of any kind caused by the sole negligence of the Provider or its employees or subcontractors.

Provider agrees, in order to protect itself and the County under the indemnity provisions set forth above, that it will at all times during the term of this Agreement keep in force policies of insurance required in Section VIII, entitled Insurance.

This provision is not intended to create any cause of action in favor of any third party against the Provider or the County or to enlarge in any way the Provider's liability, but it is intended solely to

provide for indemnification of the County from liability for damages or injuries to third persons or property arising from the Provider's or the Provider's agents' performance hereunder.

SECTION VIII. INSURANCE

The following insurance must be maintained for the duration of this Agreement. A Certificate of Insurance for each policy must be on file with the County Purchasing Agent within ten (10) days of execution of this Agreement and prior to commencement of any work. Each certificate must include a ten (10) day notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change to all named and additional insureds.

The County reserves the right to rescind any contract not in compliance with these requirements and retains all rights thereafter to pursue any legal remedies against Contractor. All insurance policies shall be open to inspection by the County, and copies of policies shall be submitted to the County upon written request. All subcontractors shall provide evidence of similar coverage.

1. General Liability Insurance

- a. - \$300,000 for claims of wrongful death and each Person for other claims
- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
- No Less Than \$2,000,000 Aggregate
- b. Property damage shall include any theft, fire, or damage whatsoever occurring to County-owned property.
- c. Policy shall include at least premises, operations, completed operations, independent contractors and subcontractors, and contractual liability.
- d. St. Louis County **must be named additional insured.**

2. Business Automobile Liability Insurance

- a. - \$300,000 Each Person
- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
- No Less Than \$2,000,000 Aggregate
- b. Must cover owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles.

3. Workers' Compensation Per Statutory Requirements

St. Louis County reserves the right to rescind any contract not in compliance with these requirements and retains all rights thereafter to pursue any legal remedies against bidder.

SECTION IX. SUBCONTRACTORS AND ASSIGNMENT

The Provider shall neither enter into subcontracts for the performance of any of the services contemplated under this Agreement, nor assign any interest in this Agreement without the prior written approval of the County, and subject to such conditions and provisions as the County may deem necessary. The Provider shall be responsible for the performance of all subcontractors.

SECTION X. TERMINATION

The County may immediately terminate this Agreement under the following conditions:

A. Failure to Collect or Transport Recyclable Materials

The County reserves the right to terminate the Agreement if the Provider fails to collect or transport the recyclable materials in accordance with agreed schedule, County Ordinances and Specifications, MPCA Rules and Regulations, or other local, state, or federal regulations and all amendments thereto.

B. Bankruptcy

This Agreement shall terminate in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of the Provider. In the case of bankruptcy, such termination shall take effect on the day and at the time the bankruptcy is filed.

C. Default

The County may terminate immediately in the event of the Provider's default of this Agreement.

D. Other

The County reserves the right to terminate this Agreement immediately as a result of non-discretionary acts of others beyond its control, to include, but not limited to, action(s) of regulatory agencies, acts of nature, etc.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the County or the Provider may terminate this Agreement at any time with or without cause upon one hundred twenty (120) days written notice delivered by mail or in person to the other party.

SECTION XI. DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT - Minnesota Statutes Section 181.59

The Provider agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and executive orders pertaining to unlawful discrimination on account of race, color, creed, religion,

national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability or age.

SECTION XII. COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

The Provider agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, and ordinances and amendments thereto and all applicable rules, regulations, and standards established by any agency or such governmental units that are now or hereinafter promulgated insofar as they relate to the Provider's performance of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION XIII. TIME OF ESSENCE

Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION XIV. NOTICES

All notices and communications arising pursuant to this Agreement shall be directed to the County through the St. Louis County Solid Waste Department Director, St. Louis County Solid Waste Department, 110 Northland Office Center, 307 First Street South, Virginia, Minnesota 55792 (218) 749-9703 and to Provider through the Mt. Iron City Administrator, City Hall, Mt. Iron, MN 55768.

SECTION XV. WAIVER

Any waiver by any party of any provision of this Agreement shall not imply subsequent waiver of that or any other provision.

SECTION XVI. SERVICES NOT INCLUDED

No claim for services provided by the Provider but not specifically included in this Agreement will be honored by the County.

SECTION XVII. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

The books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Provider relevant to the Agreement are subject to examination by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and either the Legislative Auditor or the State Auditor as appropriate. Minn. Stat. § 16B.06, subd. 4.

SECTION XVIII. AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to the provisions of this Agreement, and/or Attachment A, shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing, and signed by the authorized representatives of both parties.

SECTION XIX. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

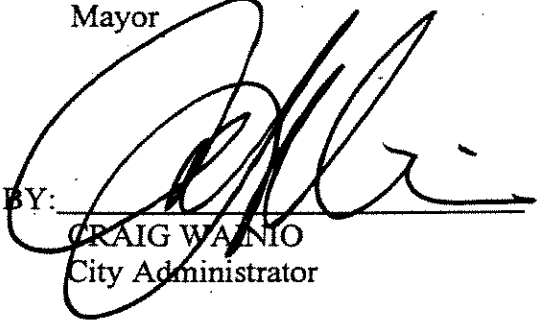
This Agreement, including any attachments, constitutes the entire Agreement between the Provider and the County and supersedes all prior written or oral agreements. Any term, condition, prior course of dealing, course of performance, usage of trade, understanding, purchase order, or agreement purporting to modify, vary, supplement, or explain any provision of this Agreement, is null and void and of no effect unless in writing and signed by representatives of the parties authorized to amend this Agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed the Agreement the date and year first written above.

CITY OF MT. IRON

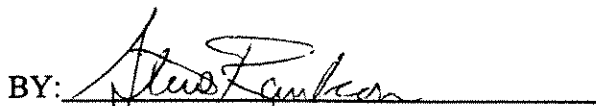
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Mayor

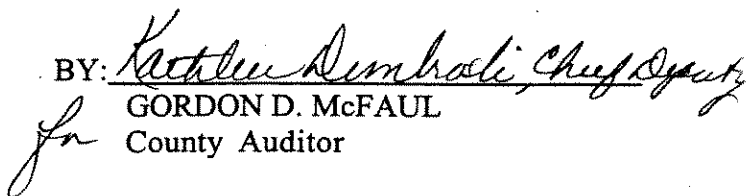
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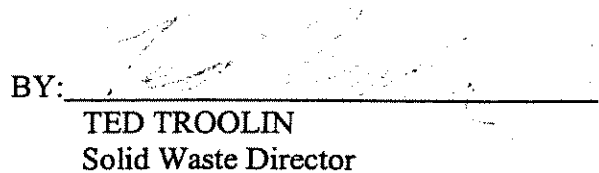
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City Administrator

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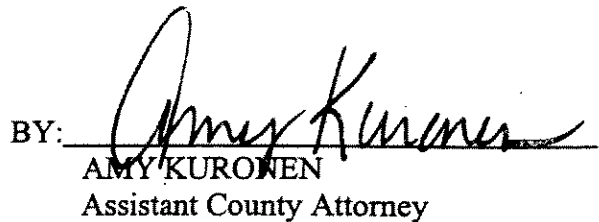
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County Board of Commissioners

BY: 
for
GORDON D. McFAUL
County Auditor

BY: 

TED TROOLIN
Solid Waste Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
EXECUTION:

BY: 

AMY KUROMEN
Assistant County Attorney

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ATTACHMENT A

1. Residential Collection of Recyclables

The Provider shall collect recyclable materials from the curbside or alley from each residence currently receiving municipal garbage collection in the City of Mt. Iron. It is understood that each Provider shall collect recyclables only within its corporate limits. At a minimum, collection shall be monthly for glass containers (clear, brown, and green), aluminum cans, bi-metal cans, tin-coated steel food cans, and plastic "necked" containers of high density polyethylene (HDPE) and polyethylene terephthalate (PET), newspaper, magazines, catalogs and telephone books up to ½-inch thick, junk mail, office paper, brown paper bags, and box board.

At the discretion of the Provider, corrugated cardboard may be included in the curbside collection.

Provider shall allow homeowners to commingle these materials as one group, in their own containers (bins, bags, or boxes), as follows:

- 1) Glass containers
- 2) Plastic containers
- 3) Aluminum cans
- 4) Metal cans

Provider shall allow homeowners to commingle these materials as one group, in their own containers (bins, bags, or boxes), as follows:

- 1) Newspaper
- 2) Magazines
- 3) Catalogs and telephone books (up to ½-inch thick)
- 4) Junk mail
- 5) Office paper
- 6) Brown paper bags
- 7) Box board

The Provider shall pick up the recyclable materials and place them source-separated into the collection vehicles. Provider shall ensure that the contents of the collection vehicles do not spill out. The materials collected shall be separated into the following groups on the collection vehicles and unloaded in separate groups:

- 1) Glass
- 2) Tin
- 3) Aluminum

- 4) Plastic
- 5) Newspaper, magazines, catalogs and telephone books (up to ½-inch thick), junk mail, office paper, box board
- 6) Corrugated cardboard

2. Commercial Collection of Recyclables

The Provider shall collect recyclable materials from the curbside or alley from each commercial establishment currently receiving municipal garbage collection in the City of Mt. Iron. The collection schedule will be set up for a minimum of once a month collection at each establishment or as otherwise necessary (see Section 5 below).

The commercial collection shall include:

Same as residential collection

The Provider shall pick up the recyclable materials and put them into the collection vehicles. Provider shall ensure that the contents of the collection vehicles do not spill out. The materials collected shall be separated into the following groups on the collection vehicles:

Same as residential collection

3. Materials Preparation

Through public education, the Provider shall inform households and commercial establishments to prepare the recyclable materials for collection in the following manner:

Glass Bottles and Jars:

1. Remove caps and rings
2. Rinse

NO ceramics, light bulbs, windows, mirrors, dishes, or drinking glasses

Newspaper, magazines, catalogs and telephone books (up to ½-inch thick), junk mail, file folders, and box board:

1. Bundle clean, dry fiber products in brown paper sacks

"Necked" Plastic Containers:

1. Remove caps, lids, and rings
2. Rinse
3. Check for recycling codes 1 and 2 on container

4. Flatten

NO plastic bags, toys, hose, pipe, or containers with codes 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7

Tin or Steel Food Cans:

1. Remove labels
 2. Rinse
 3. Flatten can or pinch opened end
- NO screw-on lids, scrap metal, paint

Aluminum Cans:

1. Empty and dry
2. Flatten

Commingled Fiber Items (newspaper, magazines, catalogs and telephone books up to ½-inch thick, junk mail (including "window" envelopes), office paper, file folders, brown paper bags, and boxboard):

1. Place clean and dry in container
2. Office paper includes:
 - White letterheads
 - Uncoated white bond
 - White computer print-out paper
 - White typing paper
 - White note paper
 - White call slips
 - White forms

High-grade paper does not include:

Stickers
Pressure sensitive labels
Carbon paper or NCR (carbonless) paper
Paper clips, staples, tape, glue, glued bindings, rubber bands, or plastics
Fluorescent paper
Previously recycled paper
Food or tobacco wrappers
Thermofax paper, glossy paper, or coated paper
Tissues, napkins, or paper cups

Corrugated Cardboard:

1. Flatten clean, dry corrugated cardboard
2. Separate from other materials

The Provider may refuse to collect materials that are improperly prepared. If Provider picks up improperly prepared materials, the Provider is responsible for properly preparing the materials before unloading at the County-designated site. The County will receive from the Provider \$40.00 per ton for Curbside collected materials delivered to the County-

designated recyclable materials processing facility that, at the discretion of the County, contain a significant volume of non-recyclable materials. The Provider shall notify any generator of improperly prepared materials.

4. Materials Delivery and Ownership

Upon collection of the Curbside recyclable materials by the Provider, the recyclable materials become the property and responsibility of the County.

The Provider shall transfer all collected recyclable materials to sites designated by the County at the Provider's expense.

5. Schedule

Each Provider will have a regular collection schedule. The Provider will be available to provide collection service five days per week, Monday through Friday. The Provider will not be required to provide service on Saturdays, Sundays, or the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas. If any of the above holidays fall on Sunday, Monday will be celebrated as the holiday, or if on Saturday, Friday will be celebrated as the holiday. The schedule may be revised periodically and shall be approved by the County. Failure to comply with the County-approved schedule may result in termination.

RECOMMENDATION OF PAYMENT

No. 1

Engineer's Project No. MI04-22

Project: Metz Bakery Waterline

CONTRACTOR: Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc., P.O. Box 738, Eveleth, MN 55734

For Period Ending November 8, 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 November 12, 2004

By 

STATEMENT OF WORK

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Original Contract Price | \$ <u>45,478.00</u> | Work & Materials to Date | \$ <u>39,127.00</u> |
| Net Change Orders | \$ _____ | Amount Retained (5%) | \$ <u>1,956.35</u> |
| Current Contract Price | \$ <u>45,478.00</u> | Subtotal | \$ <u>37,170.65</u> |
| | | Previous Payments | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| | | Amount Due this Payment | \$ <u>37,170.65</u> |



REVISED PAY REQUEST NO. 1
METZ BAKERY WATERLINE
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA
PROJECT NO: MI04-22

| SPEC. NO. | ITEM | UNITS | PROJECT QUANTITY | ITEM COST | QUANTITY TO DATE | TOTAL AMOUNT |
|-----------|---|----------|------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2101.511 | CLEARING & GRUBBING | LUMP SUM | 1.0 | \$500.00 | 1.0 | \$500.00 |
| 2104.501 | REMOVE CURB & GUTTER | LIN. FT. | 20.0 | \$10.00 | 38.0 | \$380.00 |
| 2104.503 | REMOVE CONCRETE SIDEWALK | SQ. FT. | 80.0 | \$2.00 | 370.0 | \$740.00 |
| 2104.505 | REMOVE PAVEMENT | SQ. YD. | 310.0 | \$2.00 | 446.0 | \$892.00 |
| 2104.513 | SAWING PAVEMENT (FULL DEPTH) | LIN. FT. | 166.0 | \$6.00 | 401.0 | \$2,406.00 |
| 2105.501 | COMMON EXCAVATION (CV) | CU. YD. | 100.0 | \$6.00 | 70.0 | \$420.00 |
| 2105.535 | SALVAGED TOPSOIL (EV) | CU. YD. | 90.0 | \$5.00 | 0.0 | \$0.00 |
| 2211.503 | AGGREGATE BASE (CV) CLASS 5 | CU. YD. | 70.0 | \$15.00 | 70.0 | \$1,050.00 |
| 2350.501 | TYPE LV4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (B) | TON | 30.0 | \$71.00 | 36.0 | \$2,556.00 |
| 2350.502 | TYPE LV3 NON-WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (B) | TON | 70.0 | \$71.00 | 84.8 | \$6,020.80 |
| 2357.502 | BIT. MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT | GAL. | 16.0 | \$5.50 | 0.0 | \$0.00 |
| 2504.602 | CONNECT TO EXISTING WATERMAIN | EACH | 2.0 | \$1,000.00 | 2.0 | \$2,000.00 |
| 2504.602 | 8" GATE VALVE AND BOX | EACH | 2.0 | \$1,000.00 | 0.0 | \$0.00 |
| 2504.603 | 8" WATERMAIN D.I. CL. 52 | LIN. FT. | 780.0 | \$30.00 | 548.0 | \$16,440.00 |
| 2504.608 | WATERMAIN FITTINGS | POUND | 310.0 | \$3.00 | 110.0 | \$330.00 |
| 2521.501 | 4" CONCRETE WALK | SQ. FT. | 80.0 | \$4.40 | 380.0 | \$1,672.00 |
| 2531.501 | CONC. CURB & GUTTER, DESIGN B618 | LIN. FT. | 20.0 | \$33.00 | 38.0 | \$1,254.00 |
| 2573.502 | SILT FENCE | LIN. FT. | 600.0 | \$4.40 | 0.0 | \$0.00 |
| 2575.555 | TURF ESTABLISHMENT | LUMP SUM | 1.0 | \$1,732.00 | 0.0 | \$0.00 |
| MATERIALS | 8" WATER MAIN D.I. CLASS 52 | LIN. FT. | 0.0 | \$12.98 | 190.0 | \$2,466.20 |

COMPLETED TO DATE: **\$39,127.00**


BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

COUNCIL LETTER 112204-IVH

PLANNING AND ZONING

VARIANCE AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

DATE: November 17, 2004

FROM: Planning and Zoning Commission

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Planning Zoning Commission will be meeting the same night as the City Council meeting to consider the application for a variance and application for a conditional use permit as presented herein. Due to the limited time frame available for construction, the applicants are requested an expedited review. The City Council should act upon these applications once a recommendation is received from the Planning and Zoning Commission which should be during the City Council meeting or the City Council could approve the applications contingent upon the approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
 VARIANCE APPLICATION *

Name of Applicant Glenn Conve Signature Applicant [Signature] Date 11-8-04
Pearson 9232 Old Hwy 169, Mountain Iron

Legal Description: (Sec/Lot) 17 (Twp) Block 58 (Rge/Subd) 18 Parcel Code # 175-0071-0203

Area for which Variance Requested: Set garage 40' closer to e/L of old 169 than 110' setback

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

Cannot place garage anywhere else - soft soil - wet conditions - best location for pre-built garage-shed

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

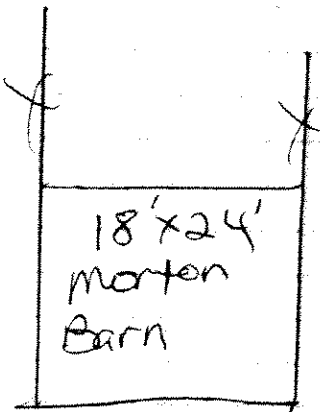
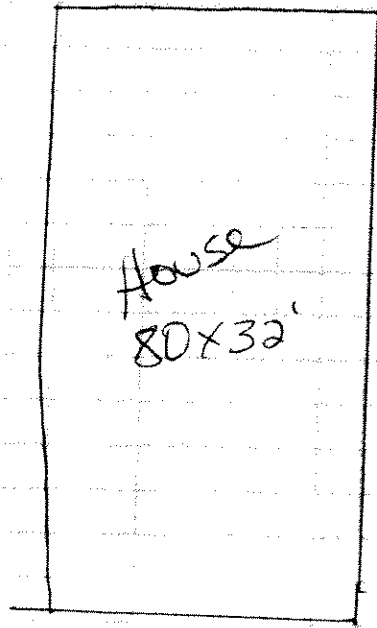
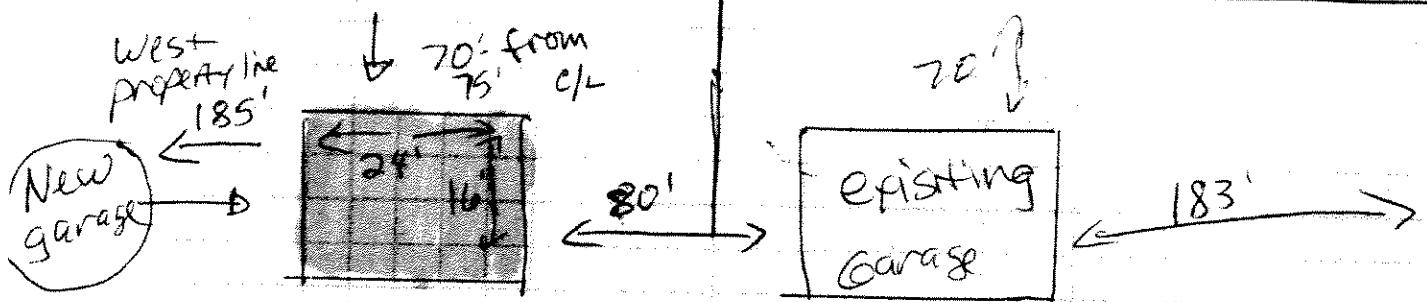
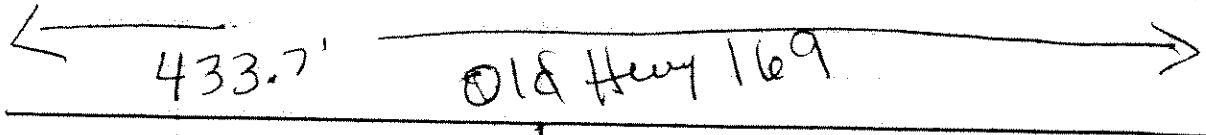
Pd # 15003 11-8-04 Re. 1.014063 OFFICE USE ONLY

| ITEM | ACTION | DATE | INITIAL |
|--|-------------------|----------|---------|
| Zoning Administrator Review | Mailed to JAK | 11-9-04 | gmt |
| Public Hearing Set | Set for 11-22-04 | 11-9-04 | gmt |
| Hearing Notice Published | Mesabi Daily News | 11-10-04 | gmt |
| Board of Adjustment and Appeals Recommendation | | | |
| Council Action | | | |
| Filed with County Recorder | | | |

Conditions Attached _____



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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Client: <u>Glenn + Connie Pearson</u> | Page: |
| Project: <u>Garage</u> | Proj. No: |
| Calculations For: | Prepared By: |
| | Reviewed By: |
| | Date: <u>11-8-04</u> |
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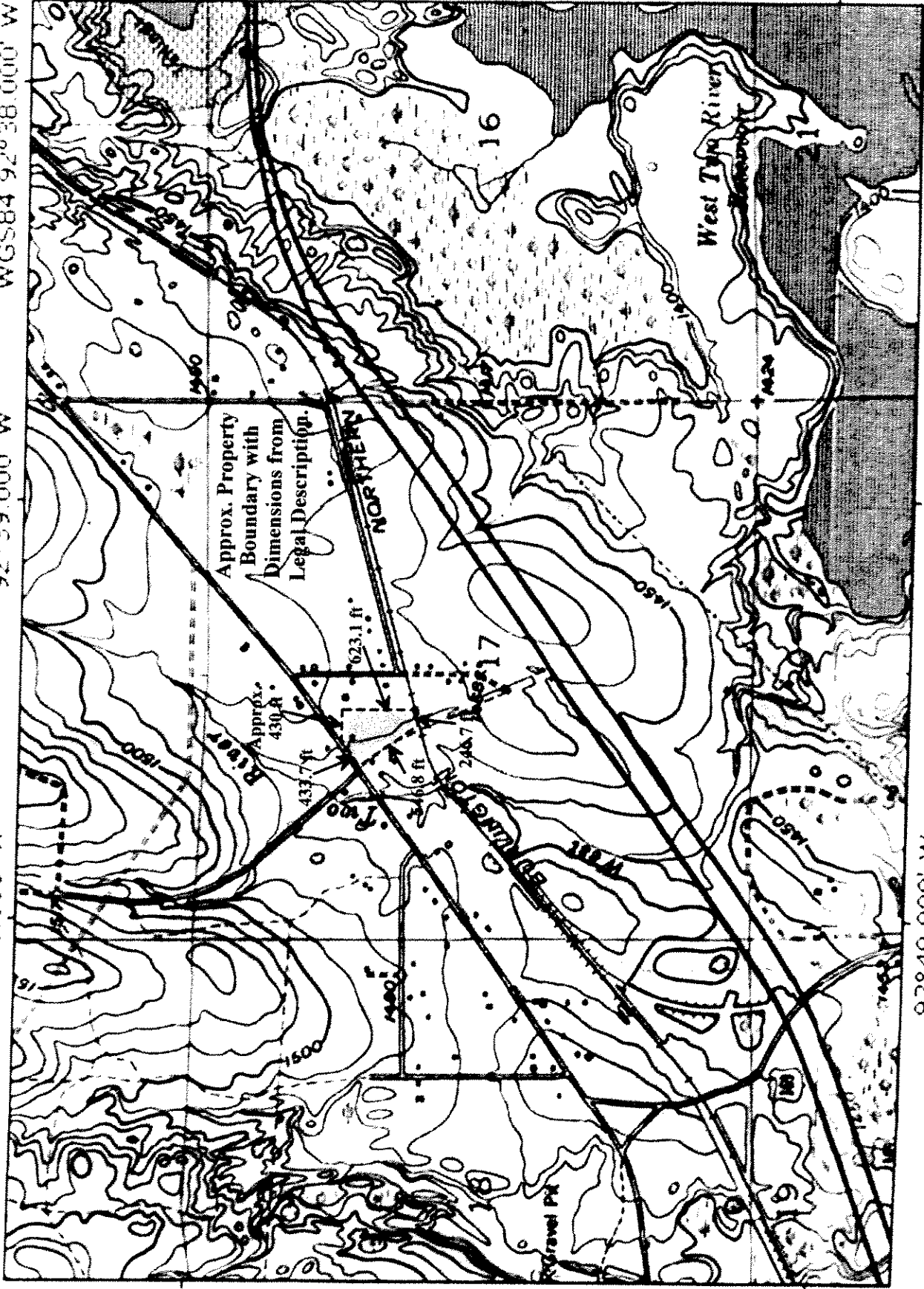
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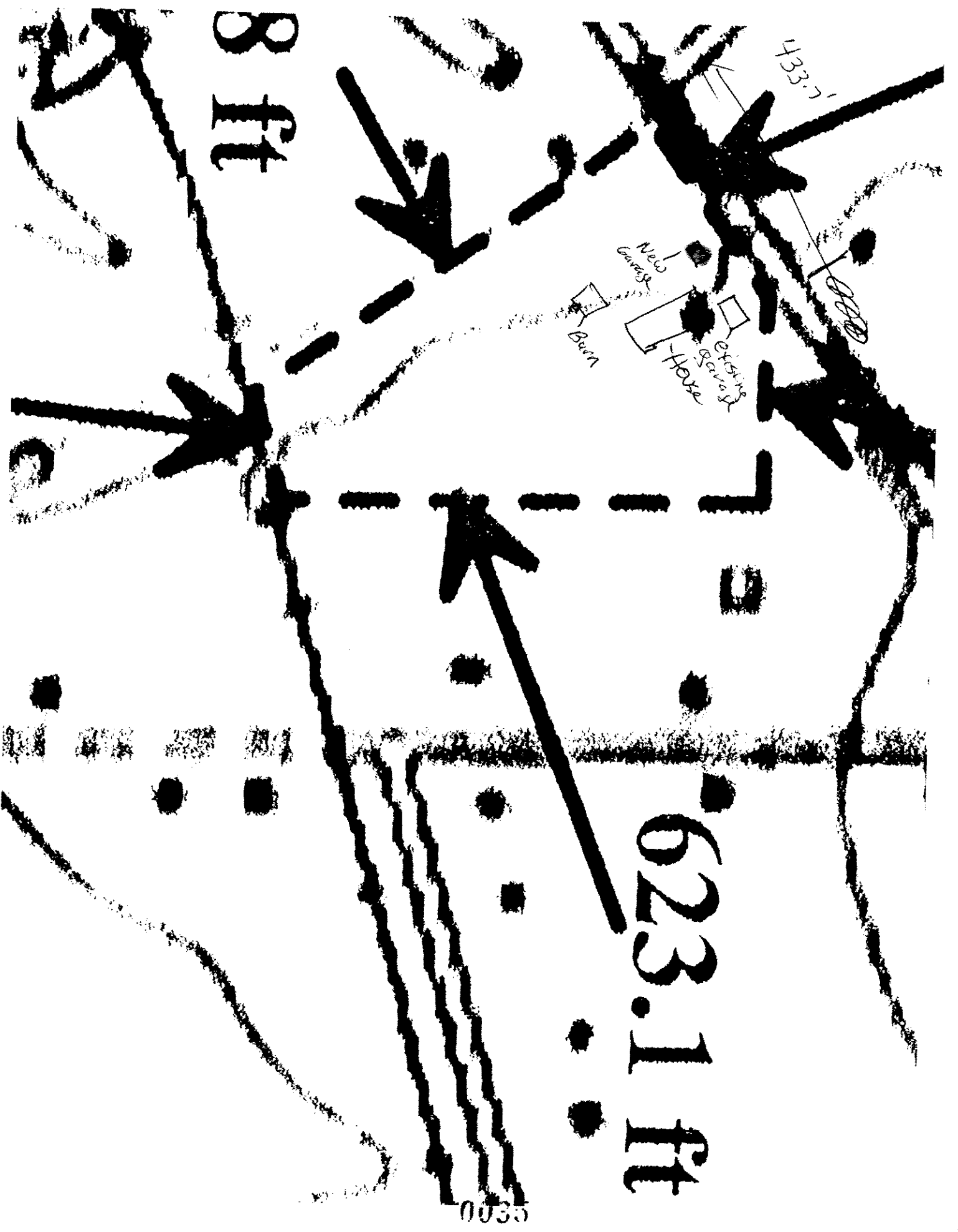
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TN MIN 0%



Map created with TOPO © 2003 National Geographic (www.nationalgeographic.com/topo)

4300



8 ft

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New Garage
Existing Garage
House

Barn

623.1 ft

0035

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

Name of Applicant Connie Pearson Signature of Applicant Connie Pearson Date of Applications 11-10-04
9232 Old Hwy 169, Mountain Iron

Legal Description:
 Sec/Lot 17 Twp/Block 58 Rge/Subd 18 Parcel Code # 17S-0071-02055

Description of Proposed Use Fenced 2 acres - 2 horses

Statement as to why proposed use will not cause injury to value of adjoining property. fencing in approx. 2 acres - + posts + electric straps, very secure for 2 horses.

Statement as to how proposed use is to be designed, arranged and operated in order to permit development and use of neighboring property. 19

* 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.

Ad \$150.00 11-10-04 Rec. 5.001075 OFFICE USE ONLY

| ITEM | ACTION | DATE | INITIAL |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Zoning Administrator Review | <u>Mailed to JDK</u> | <u>11-10-04</u> | <u>gmr</u> |
| Public Hearing Set | <u>Hearing set 11-22-04 Thom</u> | <u>11-10-04</u> | <u>gmr</u> |
| Hearing Notice Published | <u>Missabi Daily News</u> | | |
| Planning & Zoning Recommendation | | | |
| Council Action | | | |
| Filed with County Recorder | | | |

Conditions Attached _____

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

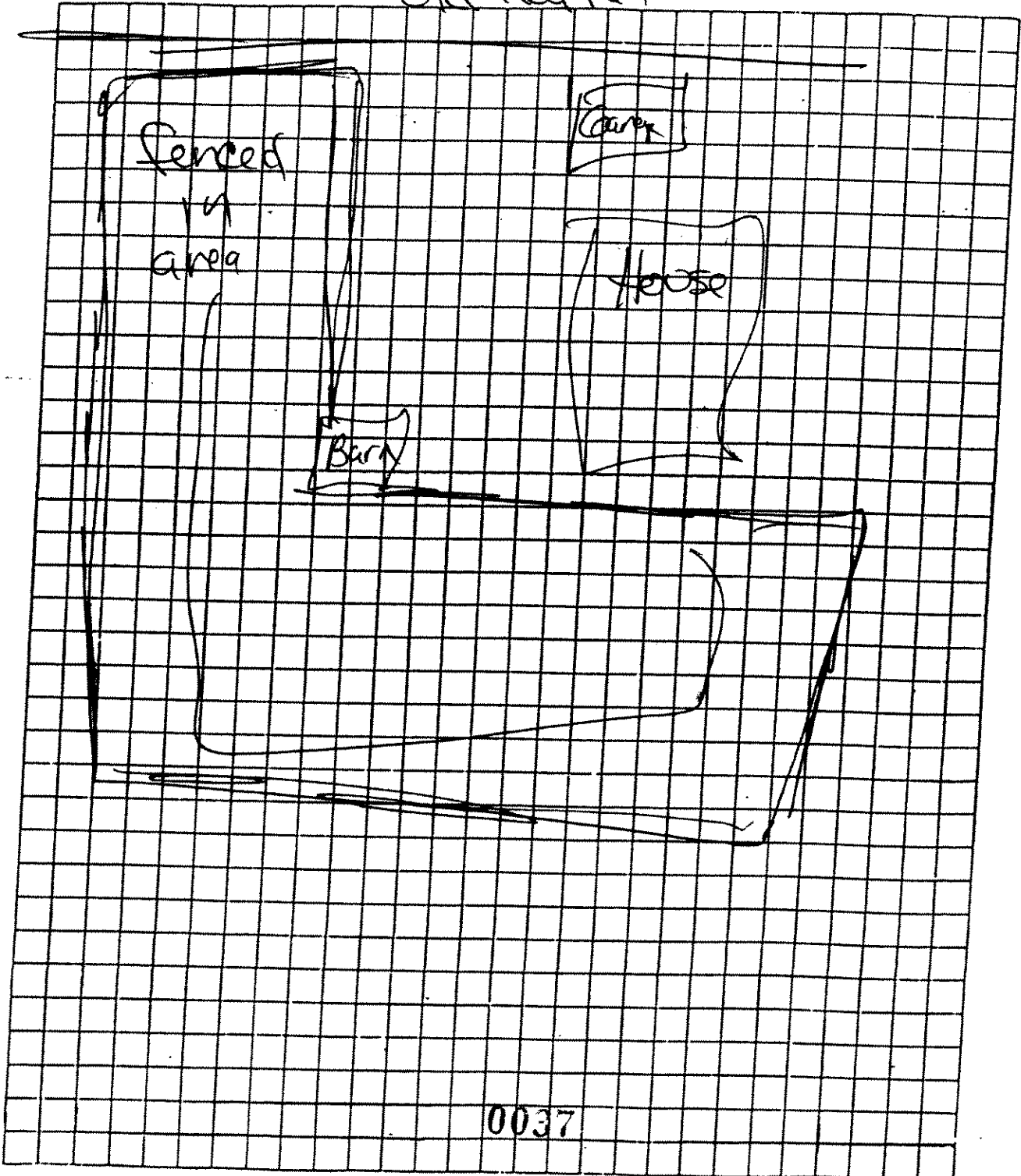
I/We certify that the proposed construction will conform to the dimensions and uses shown and that no changes will be made without first obtaining approval.

Signature Conrad Pea

Date 11-10-04

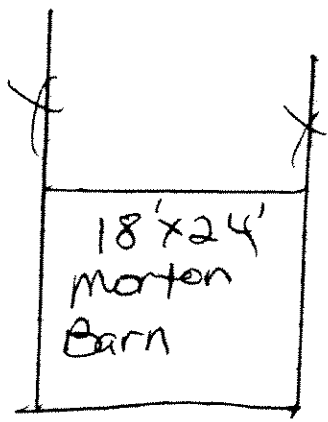
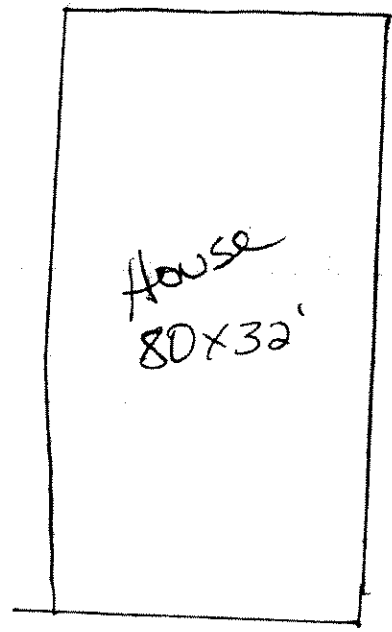
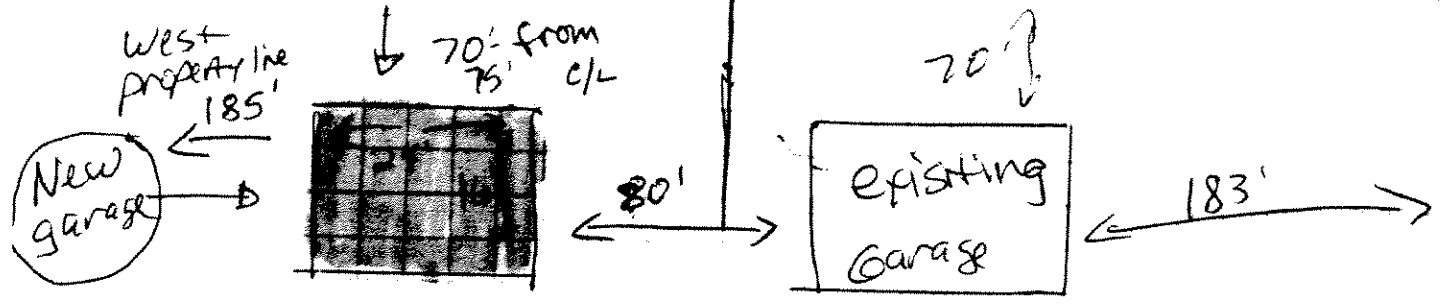
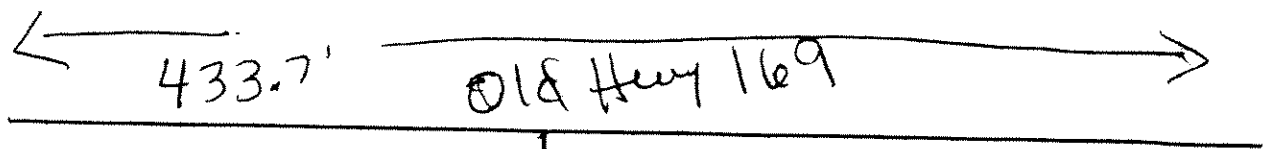
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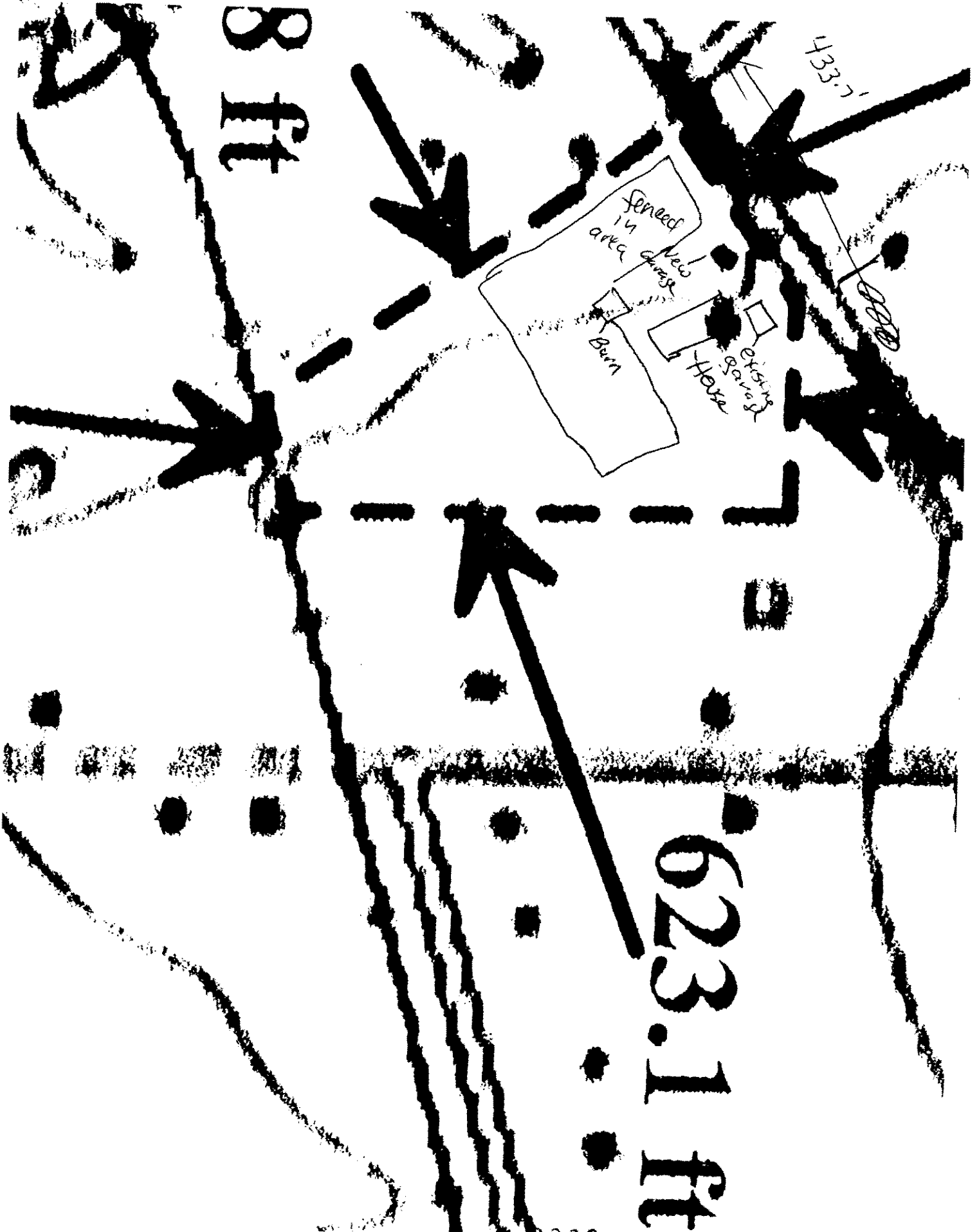
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| Client: Glenn + Connie Pearson | Page: | |
| Project: Garage | Proj. No: | |
| Calculations For: | Prepared By: | Date: 11-8-04 |
| | Reviewed By: | Date: |





8 ft

433.7

fenced
14
New
area along

Barn

House

existing
garden

623.1 ft

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COUNCIL LETTER 112204-VA

ADMINISTRATION

2005 BUDGET

DATE: November 17, 2004

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Enclosed, please find the proposed 2005 budget. The City Council should start to determine in what direction they would like to proceed in the budget development process. Especially in terms of a 2005 levy amount. Please review and comment in reference to the proposed 2005 budget.

Councilor Roskoski also requested the following items concerning the 2005 Budget:

2005 Budget Request List - Back-up: This should be a master list from department heads and council members. Estimated costs should be included also.

C.O.W. Budget Review Date - Back-up: The Council should set a date for a budget work only meeting.

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON**

| EXPENDITURES | 2004 Budget | 2005 Budget | Difference | Percent |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Administration | \$ 441,500.00 | \$ 451,000.00 | \$ 9,500.00 | 2.2% |
| Public Safety | \$ 483,300.00 | \$ 494,300.00 | \$ 11,000.00 | 2.3% |
| Public Works | \$ 638,500.00 | \$ 670,000.00 | \$ 31,500.00 | 4.9% |
| Culture and Rec | \$ 328,930.00 | \$ 336,080.00 | \$ 7,150.00 | 2.2% |
| General Government | \$ 666,490.00 | \$ 694,894.00 | \$ 28,404.00 | 4.3% |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,558,720.00 | \$ 2,646,274.00 | \$ 87,554.00 | 3.4% |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 115,324.00 | \$ 113,625.00 | \$ (1,699.00) | -1.5% |
| Intergovernmental Aid | \$ 1,293,084.00 | \$ 1,388,747.00 | \$ 95,663.00 | 7.4% |
| General Revenue | \$ 278,500.00 | \$ 228,500.00 | \$ (50,000.00) | -18.0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,686,908.00 | \$ 1,730,872.00 | \$ 43,964.00 | 2.6% |
| GENERAL LEVY | \$ 871,812.00 | \$ 915,402.00 | \$ 43,590.00 | 5.0% |

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
REVENUE**

| GENERAL REVENUE | 2003 Budget | 2004 Budget | Difference | Percent |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Lic. & Permits | \$ 21,500.00 | \$ 21,500.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Charges for Service | \$ 28,000.00 | \$ 28,000.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Fines | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Interest | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Refunds | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ (50,000.00) | -33.3% |
| General | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Subtotal | \$ 278,500.00 | \$ 228,500.00 | \$ (50,000.00) | -18.0% |

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| Local Government Aid | \$ 430,584.00 | \$ 526,247.00 | \$ 95,663.00 | 22.2% |
| Taconite Production Tax | \$ 450,000.00 | \$ 450,000.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Taconite Municipal Aid | \$ 300,000.00 | \$ 300,000.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Mining Effects Tax | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Other | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Subtotal | \$ 1,293,084.00 | \$ 1,388,747.00 | \$ 95,663.00 | 7.4% |

TAXES

| | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Tax Levy | \$ 871,812.00 | \$ 871,812.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Market Rate Levy | \$ 84,824.00 | \$ 83,125.00 | \$ (1,699.00) | -2.0% |
| Misc. Taxes | \$ 10,500.00 | \$ 10,500.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Franchise | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ - | 0.0% |
| Subtotal | \$ 987,136.00 | \$ 985,437.00 | \$ (1,699.00) | -0.2% |

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|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Total | \$ 2,558,720.00 | \$ 2,602,684.00 | \$ 43,964.00 | 1.7% |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
REVENUE**

| TAXES | 2002 ACTUAL | 2003 ACTUAL | 2004 BUDGET | 2004 YTD | 2005 BUDGET | % |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| Tax Levy | \$ 708,314.00 | \$ 814,938.00 | \$ 871,812.00 | \$ 456,663.00 | \$ 871,812.00 | 0.0% |
| Bond Levy | \$ 87,206.00 | \$ 85,763.00 | \$ 84,824.00 | \$ 55,253.00 | \$ 83,125.00 | -2.0% |
| Misc Taxes | \$ 5,050.00 | \$ 26,032.00 | \$ 10,500.00 | \$ 16,593.00 | \$ 10,500.00 | 0.0% |
| Franchise | \$ 22,165.00 | \$ 23,286.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 17,138.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 822,735.00 | \$ 950,019.00 | \$ 987,136.00 | \$ 545,647.00 | \$ 985,437.00 | -0.2% |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE | | | | | | |
| LGA | \$ 528,046.00 | \$ 430,584.00 | \$ 430,584.00 | \$ 215,292.00 | \$ 526,247.00 | 22.2% |
| Tac. Prod Aid | \$ 539,555.00 | \$ 562,748.00 | \$ 450,000.00 | \$ 665,573.00 | \$ 450,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Tac. Aid | \$ 330,404.00 | \$ 311,221.00 | \$ 300,000.00 | \$ 315,386.00 | \$ 300,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Mining Effects | \$ 104,935.00 | \$ 109,018.00 | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 100,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Misc. Aid | \$ 62,696.00 | \$ 45,812.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 3,265.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,565,636.00 | \$ 1,459,383.00 | \$ 1,293,084.00 | \$ 1,199,516.00 | \$ 1,388,747.00 | 7.4% |
| GENERAL REVENUE | | | | | | |
| Lic. & Permits | \$ 25,567.00 | \$ 14,863.00 | \$ 21,500.00 | \$ 8,468.00 | \$ 21,500.00 | 0.0% |
| Charges for Service | \$ 30,296.00 | \$ 196,170.00 | \$ 28,000.00 | \$ 36,650.00 | \$ 28,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Fines | \$ 6,747.00 | \$ 11,797.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 6,232.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Interest | \$ 52,218.00 | \$ 33,715.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 23,192.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Refunds | \$ 154,738.00 | \$ - | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 98,936.00 | \$ 100,000.00 | -33.3% |
| General | \$ 94,929.00 | \$ - | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 2,701.00 | \$ 30,000.00 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 364,495.00 | \$ 256,545.00 | \$ 278,500.00 | \$ 176,179.00 | \$ 228,500.00 | -18.0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,752,866.00 | \$ 2,665,947.00 | \$ 2,558,720.00 | \$ 1,921,342.00 | \$ 2,602,684.00 | 1.7% |

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
EXPENDITURES**

| DEPARTMENT | 2004 Budget | 2005 Budget | Difference | Percent |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| City Council | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 500.00 | 4.0% |
| Administration | \$ 375,000.00 | \$ 393,000.00 | \$ 18,000.00 | 4.8% |
| Election | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ - | \$ (9,000.00) | 100.0% |
| Assessing | \$ 24,000.00 | \$ 24,000.00 | - | 0.0% |
| Planning & Zoning | \$ 21,000.00 | \$ 21,000.00 | - | 0.0% |
| Sheriffs | \$ 405,000.00 | \$ 416,000.00 | \$ 11,000.00 | 2.7% |
| Fire Protection | \$ 66,300.00 | \$ 66,300.00 | - | 0.0% |
| Emergency Management | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | - | 0.0% |
| Animal Control | \$ 11,000.00 | \$ 11,000.00 | - | 0.0% |
| Streets | \$ 490,000.00 | \$ 520,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 | 6.1% |
| Buildings | \$ 148,500.00 | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | 1.0% |
| Campground | \$ 42,330.00 | \$ 42,780.00 | \$ 450.00 | 1.1% |
| Recreation | \$ 177,000.00 | \$ 182,600.00 | \$ 5,600.00 | 3.2% |
| Government | \$ 249,570.00 | \$ 158,730.00 | \$ (90,840.00) | -36.4% |
| Library | \$ 109,600.00 | \$ 110,700.00 | \$ 1,100.00 | 1.0% |
| Transfers | \$ 416,920.00 | \$ 536,164.00 | \$ 119,244.00 | 28.6% |
| Total | \$ 2,558,720.00 | \$ 2,646,274.00 | \$ 87,554.00 | 3.4% |

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

| CITY COUNCIL | 2002 | | 2003 | | 2004 | | 2005 | | % |
|------------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|---|
| | ACUTAL | | ACUTAL | BUDGET | YTD | BUDGET | BUDGET | | |
| Council Salaries | \$ 11,816.00 | \$ | \$ 19,800.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 11,095.00 | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 13,000.00 | 4% | |
| TOTAL | \$ 11,816.00 | \$ | \$ 19,800.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 11,095.00 | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 13,000.00 | 4% | |

ADMINISTRATION

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|----|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|
| Salaries | \$ 161,533.00 | \$ | \$ 166,842.00 | \$ 165,000.00 | \$ 126,989.00 | \$ 170,000.00 | \$ 170,000.00 | 3% |
| Payroll Taxes | \$ 22,183.00 | \$ | \$ 22,623.00 | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 18,162.00 | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 | 0% |
| Insurance-Group | \$ 39,374.00 | \$ | \$ 44,602.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 35,543.00 | \$ 48,000.00 | \$ 48,000.00 | 20% |
| Insurance-General | \$ 51,475.00 | \$ | \$ 63,397.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 39,159.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | 0% |
| Independent Audit | \$ 9,860.00 | \$ | \$ 9,900.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00 | 20% |
| Engineering Fees | \$ 46,036.00 | \$ | \$ 69,624.00 | \$ 31,000.00 | \$ 26,055.00 | \$ 31,000.00 | \$ 31,000.00 | 0% |
| Legal Fees | \$ 33,468.00 | \$ | \$ 27,625.00 | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 29,623.00 | \$ 29,000.00 | \$ 29,000.00 | 16% |
| Communications | \$ 9,700.00 | \$ | \$ 9,679.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 8,391.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | 0% |
| Supplies | \$ 3,628.00 | \$ | \$ 4,910.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 2,841.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | -20% |
| Operations | \$ 43,791.00 | \$ | \$ 52,385.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 32,397.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 421,048.00 | \$ | \$ 471,587.00 | \$ 375,000.00 | \$ 331,660.00 | \$ 393,000.00 | \$ 393,000.00 | 5% |

ELECTION

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------------|----|----------|-------------|-------------|------|------|------|
| Salaries | \$ 2,868.00 | \$ | \$ - | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 1,088.00 | \$ - | \$ - | 100% |
| Operations | \$ 3,820.00 | \$ | \$ 72.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 438.00 | \$ - | \$ - | 100% |
| TOTAL | \$ 6,688.00 | \$ | \$ 72.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 1,526.00 | \$ - | \$ - | 100% |

ASSESSING

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|
| Contract Services | \$ 19,306.00 | \$ | \$ 19,531.00 | \$ 23,000.00 | \$ 26,941.00 | \$ 23,000.00 | \$ 23,000.00 | 0% |
| Operations | \$ - | \$ | \$ 454.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 19,306.00 | \$ | \$ 19,985.00 | \$ 24,000.00 | \$ 26,941.00 | \$ 24,000.00 | \$ 24,000.00 | 0% |

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | % |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | BUDGET | YTD | BUDGET | |
| Salaries | \$ 12,807.00 | \$ 12,062.00 | \$ 16,000.00 | \$ 5,520.00 | \$ 16,000.00 | 0% |
| Payroll Taxes | \$ 1,688.00 | \$ 1,026.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 796.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | 0% |
| Operations | \$ 3,011.00 | \$ 1,836.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,265.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 17,506.00 | \$ 14,924.00 | \$ 21,000.00 | \$ 8,581.00 | \$ 21,000.00 | 0% |
| ADMINISTRATION | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$ 476,364.00 | \$ 526,368.00 | \$ 441,500.00 | \$ 379,803.00 | \$ 451,000.00 | 2% |

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
PUBLIC SAFETY**

| POLICE PROTECTION | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | % |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
| | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | BUDGET | YTD | BUDGET | |
| Contract Services | \$ 401,625.00 | \$ 427,850.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 299,998.00 | \$ 410,000.00 | 3% |
| Other Expenditures | \$ 7,356.00 | \$ 5,332.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 6,666.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | 20% |
| TOTAL | \$ 408,981.00 | \$ 433,182.00 | \$ 405,000.00 | \$ 306,664.00 | \$ 416,000.00 | 3% |
| FIRE PROTECTION | | | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 17,480.00 | \$ 13,033.00 | \$ 18,000.00 | \$ 8,344.00 | \$ 18,000.00 | 0% |
| Payroll Taxes | \$ 2,705.00 | \$ 2,261.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 1,068.00 | \$ 500.00 | 0% |
| Training | \$ 10,726.00 | \$ 7,155.00 | \$ 11,000.00 | \$ 6,149.00 | \$ 11,000.00 | 0% |
| Maintenance | \$ 6,800.00 | \$ 6,884.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 1,147.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | 0% |
| Operations | \$ 13,910.00 | \$ 10,925.00 | \$ 11,000.00 | \$ 9,186.00 | \$ 11,000.00 | 0% |
| Firemen's Relief | \$ 20,244.00 | \$ 22,090.00 | \$ 19,800.00 | \$ 5,400.00 | \$ 19,800.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 71,865.00 | \$ 62,348.00 | \$ 66,300.00 | \$ 31,294.00 | \$ 66,300.00 | 0% |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | | | | | | |
| Operations | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | 0% |
| ANIMAL CONTROL | | | | | | |
| Contract Services | \$ 10,258.00 | \$ 10,259.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 7,694.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | 0% |
| Operations | \$ 741.00 | \$ 274.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 224.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 10,999.00 | \$ 10,533.00 | \$ 11,000.00 | \$ 7,918.00 | \$ 11,000.00 | 0% |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$ 491,870.00 | \$ 506,088.00 | \$ 483,300.00 | \$ 345,876.00 | \$ 494,300.00 | 2% |

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
PUBLIC WORKS**

| STREETS | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | % |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
| | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | BUDGET | YTD | BUDGET | |
| Salaries | \$ 287,949.00 | \$ 278,856.00 | \$ 255,000.00 | \$ 222,360.00 | \$ 265,000.00 | 4% |
| Payroll Taxes | \$ 38,409.00 | \$ 37,494.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 31,506.00 | \$ 45,000.00 | 13% |
| Insurance-Group | \$ 79,344.00 | \$ 95,022.00 | \$ 75,000.00 | \$ 66,270.00 | \$ 90,000.00 | 20% |
| Utilities | \$ 52,347.00 | \$ 47,234.00 | \$ 45,000.00 | \$ 28,023.00 | \$ 45,000.00 | 0% |
| Maintenance | \$ 45,826.00 | \$ 51,454.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 48,893.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | 0% |
| Supplies | \$ 14,605.00 | \$ 21,235.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 17,286.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | 0% |
| Operations | \$ 27,973.00 | \$ 8,364.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 9,373.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 546,453.00 | \$ 539,659.00 | \$ 490,000.00 | \$ 423,711.00 | \$ 520,000.00 | 6% |
| BUILDINGS | | | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 52,072.00 | \$ 49,613.00 | \$ 56,000.00 | \$ 37,963.00 | \$ 56,000.00 | 0% |
| Payroll Taxes | \$ 6,780.00 | \$ 6,418.00 | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 5,024.00 | \$ 9,500.00 | 19% |
| Insurance-Group | \$ 17,485.00 | \$ 19,360.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 13,315.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | 0% |
| Utilities | \$ 27,948.00 | \$ 24,519.00 | \$ 45,000.00 | \$ 23,152.00 | \$ 45,000.00 | 0% |
| Communications | \$ 1,256.00 | \$ 1,274.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 847.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | 0% |
| Supplies | \$ 17,970.00 | \$ 3,505.00 | \$ 9,500.00 | \$ 9,057.00 | \$ 9,500.00 | 0% |
| Operations | \$ 16,048.00 | \$ 13,931.00 | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 9,391.00 | \$ 13,000.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 139,559.00 | \$ 118,620.00 | \$ 148,500.00 | \$ 98,749.00 | \$ 150,000.00 | 1% |
| PUBLIC WORKS | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$ 686,012.00 | \$ 658,279.00 | \$ 638,500.00 | \$ 522,460.00 | \$ 670,000.00 | 5% |

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
CULTURE AND RECREATION**

| CAMPGROUND | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | % |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----|
| | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | BUDGET | BUDGET | |
| Salaries | \$ 17,365.00 | \$ 15,907.00 | \$ 14,600.00 | \$ 13,759.00 | 0% |
| Payroll Taxes | \$ 1,827.00 | \$ 1,541.00 | \$ 1,530.00 | \$ 1,276.00 | 0% |
| Insurance-Group | \$ 1,908.00 | \$ 1,936.00 | \$ 2,550.00 | \$ 1,453.00 | 18% |
| Utilities | \$ 4,618.00 | \$ 4,164.00 | \$ 7,350.00 | \$ 3,314.00 | 0% |
| Operations | \$ 15,248.00 | \$ 14,460.00 | \$ 14,300.00 | \$ 13,970.00 | 0% |
| Advertising | \$ - | \$ 120.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 40,966.00 | \$ 38,128.00 | \$ 42,330.00 | \$ 33,772.00 | 1% |

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Salaries | \$ 90,362.00 | \$ 91,525.00 | \$ 101,350.00 | \$ 71,242.00 | 4% |
| Payroll Taxes | \$ 11,281.00 | \$ 11,259.00 | \$ 11,300.00 | \$ 9,376.00 | 6% |
| Insurance-Group | \$ 20,738.00 | \$ 21,284.00 | \$ 13,400.00 | \$ 16,964.00 | 49% |
| Utilities | \$ 9,305.00 | \$ 10,008.00 | \$ 10,300.00 | \$ 6,828.00 | 0% |
| Maintenance | \$ 5,355.00 | \$ 5,247.00 | \$ 5,650.00 | \$ 6,258.00 | 6% |
| Operations | \$ 25,490.00 | \$ 19,246.00 | \$ 20,200.00 | \$ 20,339.00 | 4% |
| Mesabi Trail | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ - | -100% |
| Special Events | \$ 14,077.00 | \$ 11,674.00 | \$ 8,300.00 | \$ 7,044.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 176,608.00 | \$ 170,243.00 | \$ 177,000.00 | \$ 138,051.00 | 3% |

LIBRARY

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----|
| Salaries | \$ 69,065.00 | \$ 68,884.00 | \$ 67,350.00 | \$ 45,674.00 | 0% |
| Payroll Taxes | \$ 9,022.00 | \$ 8,839.00 | \$ 8,750.00 | \$ 6,147.00 | 0% |
| Insurance-Group | \$ 7,348.00 | \$ 8,017.00 | \$ 4,900.00 | \$ 4,031.00 | 22% |
| Utilities | \$ 4,869.00 | \$ 6,704.00 | \$ 8,400.00 | \$ 4,908.00 | 0% |
| Books | \$ 15,346.00 | \$ 15,943.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 5,675.00 | 0% |
| Communications | \$ 2,985.00 | \$ 4,560.00 | \$ 4,900.00 | \$ 3,591.00 | 0% |
| Operations | \$ 3,960.00 | \$ 3,927.00 | \$ 2,800.00 | \$ 4,913.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 112,595.00 | \$ 116,874.00 | \$ 109,600.00 | \$ 74,939.00 | 1% |

CULTURE AND RECREATION

| | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----|
| TOTAL | \$ 330,169.00 | \$ 325,245.00 | \$ 328,930.00 | \$ 246,762.00 | 2% |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----|

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | % |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|
| | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | BUDGET | YTD | BUDGET | |
| Cash Short and Over | \$ 1.00 | \$ 3.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 380.00 | \$ 10.00 | 0% |
| Cemeteries | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | 0% |
| Retire/Pension Contrib. | \$ 64,671.00 | \$ 71,223.00 | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ 55,462.00 | \$ 80,000.00 | 14% |
| Public Expense | \$ 17,167.00 | \$ 16,276.00 | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 5,006.00 | \$ 6,500.00 | 0% |
| Promotion and Tourism | \$ 311.00 | \$ 1,505.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | - | \$ 2,500.00 | 0% |
| EMT Equipment | \$ 2,850.00 | \$ 544.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 259.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | 0% |
| Intergovernmental Coop | \$ 1,473.00 | - | - | \$ 1,078.00 | - | 0% |
| Contribution - QCJRA | \$ 34,232.00 | \$ 20,664.00 | \$ 7,560.00 | \$ 7,560.00 | \$ 6,720.00 | -11% |
| Contribution - QCEDA | \$ 30,102.00 | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Contribution - V/MI/GCC | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | - | - | - | 0% |
| Hydrants | \$ 2,139.00 | \$ 7,242.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 380.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | 0% |
| TCBDA | \$ 41,930.00 | \$ 42,945.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 32,711.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | 0% |
| QCEDA | \$ 64,753.00 | \$ 64,842.00 | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 20,791.00 | - | 0% |
| VRMC Contribution | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 272,129.00 | \$ 235,244.00 | \$ 249,570.00 | \$ 128,627.00 | \$ 158,730.00 | -36% |
| TRANSFERS | | | | | | |
| Capital Improvement | \$ 322,804.00 | \$ 166,782.00 | \$ 136,920.00 | \$ 102,690.00 | \$ 249,164.00 | 82% |
| Mining Effects | \$ 30,200.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | - | \$ 50,000.00 | 0% |
| Debt Service | \$ 203,000.00 | \$ 228,170.00 | \$ 230,000.00 | \$ 172,500.00 | \$ 237,000.00 | 3% |
| TOTAL | \$ 556,004.00 | \$ 444,952.00 | \$ 416,920.00 | \$ 275,190.00 | \$ 536,164.00 | 29% |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | \$ 828,133.00 | \$ 680,196.00 | \$ 666,490.00 | \$ 403,817.00 | \$ 694,894.00 | 4% |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
DEBT SERVICE FUND**

| REVENUE | 2002 | | 2003 | | 2004 | | 2005 | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | BUDGET | YTD | BUDGET | BUDGET | |
| Interest Earnings | \$ 16,502.00 | \$ 7,053.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 4,869.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Special Assessments | \$ 34,216.00 | \$ 97,226.00 | \$ 17,500.00 | \$ 13,572.00 | \$ 17,500.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | |
| Electric Fund | \$ - | \$ 8,106.00 | \$ 8,024.00 | \$ 6,019.00 | \$ 8,024.00 | \$ 8,334.00 | \$ 8,334.00 | |
| Water Fund | \$ - | \$ 17,868.00 | \$ 17,695.00 | \$ 13,271.00 | \$ 17,695.00 | \$ 18,379.00 | \$ 18,379.00 | |
| Capital Projects Fund | \$ 36,259.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| General Fund | \$ 203,000.00 | \$ 228,197.00 | \$ 230,000.00 | \$ 172,500.00 | \$ 230,000.00 | \$ 237,000.00 | \$ 237,000.00 | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 289,977.00 | \$ 358,450.00 | \$ 275,219.00 | \$ 210,231.00 | \$ 275,219.00 | \$ 280,713.00 | \$ 280,713.00 | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | | |
| Principle - Community Center | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 35,000.00 | |
| Interest - Community Center | \$ 48,935.00 | \$ 47,360.00 | \$ 45,785.00 | \$ 45,785.00 | \$ 45,785.00 | \$ 44,166.00 | \$ 44,166.00 | |
| Principle - Street Improvement | \$ 45,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 65,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 65,000.00 | \$ 65,000.00 | |
| Interest - Street Improvement | \$ 68,139.00 | \$ 65,615.00 | \$ 62,535.00 | \$ 62,535.00 | \$ 62,535.00 | \$ 59,253.00 | \$ 59,253.00 | |
| Principle - Water Revenue | \$ - | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 | |
| Interest - Water Revenue | \$ 13,147.00 | \$ 39,440.00 | \$ 38,815.00 | \$ 19,408.00 | \$ 38,815.00 | \$ 38,127.00 | \$ 38,127.00 | |
| Agent Fees | \$ 23,174.00 | \$ 125.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 125.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 233,395.00 | \$ 272,540.00 | \$ 274,135.00 | \$ 222,853.00 | \$ 274,135.00 | \$ 267,546.00 | \$ 267,546.00 | |

**2005 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
CHARITABLE GAMBLING**

| REVENUE | 2002 ACTUAL | 2003 ACTUAL | 2004 BUDGET | 2004 YTD | 2005 BUDGET |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Interest Earnings | \$ 935.00 | \$ 110.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 297.44 | \$ 200.00 |
| Gambling Proceeds | \$ 2,138.00 | \$ 3,189.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 3,607.00 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Transfer In | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 3,073.00 | \$ 3,299.00 | \$ 2,700.00 | \$ 3,904.44 | \$ 2,700.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Allowable Expenditures | \$ 4,066.00 | \$ 3,457.00 | \$ 2,600.00 | \$ 1,666.00 | \$ 2,700.00 |
| Administration | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 4,066.00 | \$ 3,457.00 | \$ 2,600.00 | \$ 1,666.00 | \$ 2,700.00 |

COUNCIL LETTER 112204-VB

LEGAL

HRA BOARD

DATE: November 17, 2004

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

In order to complete the process, the City Council must appoint a new HRA board.

COUNCIL LETTER 112204-VC

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

NEW RECYCLING AREA

DATE: November 17, 2004

FROM: Ed Roskoski
City Councilor

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda.

Back-up: Where are we/staff with the completion of this area?

COUNCIL LETTER 112204-VD

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

4 MILE DEVELOPMENT

DATE: November 17, 2004

FROM: Ed Roskoski
City Councilor

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda.

Back-up: The Council should revisit the issue of having road/street names reflect the location of roads/streets to make it easier for people to find each other.

**COUNCIL LETTER 112204-VIA
DEVELOPMENT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 44-04**

DATE: November 17, 2004
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 44-04 relates to the public hearing considering the redevelopment plan for the new Economic Development Authority. The City Council needs to pass this resolution in order to adopt the redevelopment plan.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 44-04

APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN THEREFOR AND APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THEREFOR AS PROPOSED BY THE MOUNTAIN IRON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota (the "City"), as follows:

- Section 1. Recitals. The Council makes the following recitals of fact:
- A. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.090 through 469.1081, the City has established the Mt. Iron Economic Development Authority (the "Authority") and authorized the Authority to exercise development and redevelopment powers under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.001 through 469.047, 469.090 through 469.108 and 469.124 through 469.134 (collectively, the "Act").
 - B. In furtherance of the objectives of the Authority, the Authority has proposed:
 - (i) establishment of a Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project") in the City and adoption of a Redevelopment Plan therefor (the "Redevelopment Plan") pursuant to Sections 469.027 and 469.028 of the Act; and
 - (ii) establishment of a Development District (the "Development District") in the City and adoption of a Development Program therefor (the "Development Program") pursuant to Sections 469.125 and 469.126 of the Act.
 - C. The Redevelopment Project and the Development District are coterminous, encompassing the entire jurisdiction of the City (the "Project Area").
 - D. The Redevelopment Plan and the Development Program are included in one document entitled "Redevelopment Plan/Development Program for Project Area No. 1" (the "Plan") which is now on file in the office of the City Administrator.

- E. The Authority has transmitted to the Council:
 - (i) a copy of Authority Resolution Number 01-04;
 - (ii) a copy of the written opinion of the Planning Commission on the Plan; and
 - (iii) a copy of the Plan.

- F. The Council has this day held a public hearing on the Plan and designation of the Project Area at which all desiring to speak were given an opportunity to be heard.

Section 2. Findings. It is hereby found, determined and declared, after investigation of the facts and reports and studies previously presented to this Council that:

- A. The land in the Project Area would not be made available for redevelopment without the financial aid to be sought by establishing the Project Area.
- B. The Plan will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the needs of the City as a whole, for the redevelopment of the Project Area by private enterprise.
- C. The Plan conforms to the general plan for the development of the City as a whole.

Section 3. Approval.

- A. The Project Area is approved.
- B. The Plan is approved.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 22nd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2004.

Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

City Administrator

COUNCIL LETTER 112204-VIB

MAYOR SKALKO

BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

DATE: November 17, 2004

FROM: Gary Skalko
Mayor

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Mayor Skalko requested this item be placed on the Agenda

COUNCIL LETTER 112204-VIC

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

**DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

DATE: November 17, 2004

FROM: Ed Roskoski
City Councilor

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda.

Back-up: Being we have two directors, one should be present at all regular and special (when necessary) City Council meetings.

COUNCIL LETTER 112204-VID

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

ANN'S ACRES STREET LIGHTING

DATE: November 17, 2004

FROM: Ed Roskoski
City Councilor

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda.

Back-up: Being lead time is needed for a project like this, we should start:

1. Contact Minnesota Power (it's their service territory) of the Cities intentions.
2. Seek preliminary prices for necessary light standards and related materials.
3. Have Benchmark Engineering complete any needed engineering for the project.

COUNCIL LETTER 112204-VIE
COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI
DOWNTOWN WARMING SHACK

DATE: November 17, 2004

FROM: Ed Roskoski
City Councilor

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda.

Back-up: The construction 1 & 2 classes of the ERSTC located in Virginia may have a window of time to build a warming shack for use at the Downtown Rink. We should authorize expenditures of up to around \$4,000 for one 12' X 16" in size.

COUNCIL LETTER 112204-VIF
COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI
FIRE DEPARTMENT THANK YOU

DATE: November 17, 2004

FROM: Ed Roskoski
City Councilor

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda.

Back-up: A "Thank You" from the City Council should be forwarded to Joe Buria and the other fire fighters for obtaining another FEMA Grant for over \$80,000.00.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Nancy Larson, Manager, Community Development Division, Saint Louis County, a letter concerning the CDBG Grant for the Library elevator.
2. Bryan Anderson, Enhancements Program, a memo concerning the federal Enhancement Funding.
3. Tim Flaherty, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, a memo concerning meetings with legislators
4. Minnesota Association of Small Cities, the Small Cities Update.
5. Comprehensive Arts Planning Program, a letter requesting a donation.



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November 4, 2004

Craig J. Wainio
City of Mountain Iron
8568 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

RE: CDBG Grant - **Mountain Iron Public Library Elevator**
Recommended Funding Level - \$50,000

Dear Craig:

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approved submission of the *2005-2009 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan* on November 2. The *Action Plan* is the County's one-year plan of action for allocating HUD entitlement funds. The plans are submitted to HUD in mid-November. HUD's review and approval of the plans takes approximately six weeks and we expect an approval of the plan in late December.

However, Congress has to pass an appropriations bill for HUD programs first before the County knows what funding will be received in 2005. Congress has passed a continuing resolution to keep the federal government operating through November 20, and once Congress returns for a "lame duck" session following the November 2 elections, it is expected to address remaining appropriations bills, including one funding HUD's housing and community development programs. HUD will then issue the County a contract after the Congressional release process is completed, possibly in late January or February.

The 2005 CDBG contracts will be distributed at a February or March workshop. You will be contacted with the workshop details in early 2005. Please note that contracts are contingent upon meeting certain conditions such as environmental clearance, full project funding in place, and other administrative issues. You are encouraged to complete your project budgets for our review and to address any administrative issues that have been communicated to you in writing.

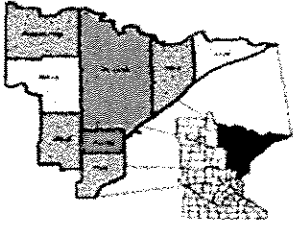
As a reminder, if you are required to conduct a bidding process for your construction project, you **must** contact Community Development staff **prior** to starting any process. Failure to do so will jeopardize your funding. Contact John Honkanen if you have any questions regarding the bidding process requirements.

We look forward to working with you in 2005. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me or Community Development staff at 749-9741.

Sincerely,

Nancy Larson, Manager
Community Development Division

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ENHANCEMENTS PROGRAM

MEMORANDUM

To: Enhancements Applicants

From: Bryan Anderson

Date: November 11th

Re: Application Information

Your project has met the preliminary qualifications to apply for federal Enhancement Funding. The enclosed CD includes the Enhancement application and instructions for Microsoft Word users. If you do not have access to this program please call Bryan Anderson at 218-529-7529 for other arrangements. Please read over all the information and directions for filling out the application carefully. Once you have completed the application print **12 copies**, attach necessary information including a detailed map of the project site, letter/resolution of commitment for the local match, letter/resolution for long-term maintenance, and a letter/sponsorship for communities under 5,000. After all the information is assembled mail to:

Bryan Anderson
221 W 1st St
Duluth, MN 55802

If any questions arise when filling out the application please feel free to contact:
Bryan Anderson 218-529-7529
Deadline for applications is December 17th, 2004.

MEMORANDUM

To: CGMC Members
From: Tim Flaherty
Date: November 8, 2004
Re: **Meetings with Legislators**

CGMC members should meet with their legislators in November. I have attached the following materials for use with legislators and you can give legislators a copy of the materials:

1. a summary of CGMC's legislative priorities (1 page)
2. five good reasons to restore \$60 million in LGA funding (1 page)
3. five good reasons LGA should not be used to increase school spending (1 page)
4. a guest column about LGA that ran in several Greater Minnesota newspapers (1 page)

Points two and three are very important for you to review with your legislators and ask for their support. Almost all legislative candidates proposed increasing funding for K-12 education, and many suburban legislators from both parties will want to increase K-12 education funding by reducing funding for LGA. You must make it clear from the beginning that cutting LGA to spend more on education or to address the state's budget deficit is not fair and it is not acceptable.

Let your legislators know that you and the CGMC want to work closely with them and that we will provide them with a lot of information on each of our positions throughout the session. If they want more background information on LGA and property taxes or annexation you can give them our information bulletins on these subjects. These bulletins are on our website at www.greatermncities.org.

Please call or send me an email after you meet with your legislators to let me know their views on CGMC positions.



2005 CGMC Legislative Positions

LGA/Property Tax

- Support restoration of \$60 million of LGA funding cuts
- Support an increase in school spending, but not by taking LGA funding

Transportation

- Support increasing gas tax and tab fee revenues but only if they continue to be constitutionally dedicated to highways; new revenues must be split equally between greater Minnesota and the metro area
- Support a half cent sales tax in the metro area to relieve urban traffic congestion

Economic Development and State Bonding

- Support \$14 million in state bonding for greater Minnesota business infrastructure grants
- Support \$5 million in state bonding for greater Minnesota redevelopment grants
- Support regional investment tax credits to attract private venture capital to greater Minnesota
- Support \$5 million in state bonding for grants to help cities meet new environmental mandates

Environment

- Oppose new statewide phosphorus mandates
- Support authority for cities to challenge new, questionable water quality mandates
- Oppose statewide water quality fees
- Support requirement that state pay at least one-half of new water quality mandates

Annexation

- Oppose new restrictions on annexations
- Support comprehensive annexation reform
 - Allow any willing property owner to join city
 - Allow cities to extend land use controls to growth areas
 - Streamline city annexation authority



Restore \$60 million in LGA funding

5 good reasons:

1. Economic health of greater Minnesota

Local Government Aid (LGA) is needed for the economic health of greater Minnesota. LGA is city tax relief for business and residential property taxpayers because it allows cities with low property wealth to provide municipal services at an affordable tax rate. Higher property taxes and lower services will harm the economy of greater Minnesota. The state should begin reversing the LGA funding cuts that it has made over the past two years.

2. Excessive cuts to LGA

LGA was cut \$150 million or 25% in 2003. The size of the state's deficit was only 14% of the state's general fund budget.

3. Unfair cuts to LGA

Taxpayers in greater Minnesota cities have received less tax relief and larger funding cuts than taxpayers in the suburbs. In 2001, the state took general school and transit levies off the property tax and increased LGA. When the state had a deficit, LGA was cut 25% and these other two property tax relief programs were not cut. Taxpayers in high wealth suburban cities received, on average, \$300 per capita in tax relief in 2001 compared to Greater Minnesota's per capita average of \$148. The high wealth suburban cities' 2003-2005 funding cuts were only \$3 per capita, while greater Minnesota's 2003-2005 cuts were \$33 per capita.

4. Higher tax increases in greater Minnesota

Greater Minnesota cities saw higher tax increases than suburban communities. On average, the high wealth suburban cities' property taxes increased 4% from 2003 to 2004, while greater Minnesota cities' property taxes increased 9.6% on average.

5. Higher tax rates in greater Minnesota

Greater Minnesota taxpayers suffered from higher property tax rates before the Legislature reduced LGA funding in 2003. The cut aggravated the urban-rural tax disparity. Restoring \$60 million in LGA funding will reduce that disparity.

| Region | Curr law 2004 city tax rate | City tax rate w/ Senate's \$60M of LGA restored in 2004 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Suburban cities | 33.89 | 33.31 |
| High wealth suburban cities | 28.66 | 28.66 |
| Greater MN cities | 47.28 | 42.59 |

Potential revenue sources to restore LGA include: Closing corporate loopholes, freezing the statewide business property tax rate at the 2002 level, and replacing state paid metro transit property tax relief with a metro half-cent sales tax.

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LGA should not be used to increase school spending

5 good reasons:

- 1. Greater Minnesota taxpayers lose money**
Using LGA funding to increase school spending results in a transfer of money from taxpayers in low wealth cities in greater Minnesota to high wealth suburban school districts. For example, if \$100 million were taken from LGA and shifted into schools in 2004, the taxpayers in the city of Moorhead would lose almost \$1.7 million and the Moorhead school district would receive only about \$628,000 in new school funding. Conversely, taxpayers in the city of Hopkins would not lose any LGA but the Hopkins school district would receive almost \$1 million in new school funding.
- 2. Property taxes are increased in poorer cities**
Cutting LGA will increase property taxes and cut city services – especially in low tax base/high need cities.
- 3. Funding schools with LGA promotes unequal taxation**
Cutting LGA to fund education would increase taxes in Wadena, but not in Edina. If property taxes are going to be used to increase school funding, a property tax should be imposed statewide, not just on taxpayers in low wealth/high need cities. Businesses and homes in Edina and Wadena should pay the same property tax rate increase for increased education spending.
- 4. Sharing LGA with schools increases property tax rate disparities**
The state is responsible for creating a fair tax system. Cutting LGA will increase tax rate disparities between property taxpayers in high and low tax base cities.
- 5. LGA is needed for economic development in greater Minnesota**
Cutting LGA results in increasing the property tax and service disparity between greater Minnesota cities and metro cities. This will hinder economic development in greater Minnesota.

The following guest column by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities appeared in the Albert Lea Tribune September 24, 2004. It also appeared in other greater Minnesota newspapers.

<http://www.albertleatribune.com/articles/2004/09/24/opinion/opinion3.txt>

Column: LGA cuts hurt economic development

By John Ellenbecker, St. Cloud mayor

Given the pitched national debate about terrorism and Iraq, it is easy to forget that the fall elections are also about important issues close to home. But to ignore those local issues is to discount our own well-being.

Rural Minnesota will not thrive through political neglect. Our economy will continue to struggle, and we will continue hemorrhaging population if we continue to ignore the needs of greater Minnesota. Young people will not stay in our rural communities if we are unable to provide them with good paying jobs and career opportunities.

Clearly, our challenges are so great that we can no longer afford to send politicians to St. Paul who "go along to get along." Greater Minnesota's legislators must understand that their first responsibility is to advocate for their constituents, not the taxpayers in the rich Twin Cities suburbs. They must understand that the Local Government Aid program is vitally important to taxpayers and cities throughout rural Minnesota.

Local Government Aid is property tax relief and economic development aid rolled into one neat package.

When the state sends LGA to cities with either high needs or low property wealth - cities throughout greater Minnesota as well as Minneapolis and St. Paul - the aid is actually serving a dual purpose. It helps cities provide a basic level of government services - police and fire protection, street maintenance, and library services - at more affordable tax rates. Without the state aid, cities would be forced to either eliminate many of those services or sharply increase property taxes to pay for them.

By providing a full menu of government services, cities also are able to provide the amenities that businesses demand. Ask your mayor or any member of your city council, and most of them will tell you that LGA is their most effective economic development tool.

In 2001, with help from many rural lawmakers, the Legislature spent almost \$1 billion reducing property taxes. Property taxpayers in the affluent suburbs received the bulk of that tax relief. Greater Minnesota's property tax relief came mainly through increased funding for Local Government Aid.

Two years later, the Legislature - aided once again by rural lawmakers - cut \$150 million in property tax relief funding from LGA to help solve a \$4.5 billion budget deficit. By cutting aid to low-wealth communities, the Legislature pushed a property tax increase onto many rural taxpayers and sheltered taxpayers in the property-rich suburbs around the Twin Cities from a similar sacrifice.

Some legislators will justify their vote by claiming that the affluent suburbs could not make a meaningful contribution to the budget crisis because they receive little state aid. Their argument ignores the fact that taxpayers in those suburbs receive considerable property tax relief as a result of the state takeover of local mass transit funding.

Since the last election, the Legislature has been preoccupied with helping those areas of Minnesota that least need a helping hand. It is an approach that works against the economic interests of greater Minnesota. Many rural cities have been forced to raise property taxes and reduce the government services that they need to attract economic development.

The uneven public policy that is being pursued at the State Capitol must be addressed in this campaign. We must ask our candidates if our votes will buy their loyalty, or will they once more work against us in the pursuit of political harmony.

(St. Cloud Mayor John Ellenbecker is the president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities.)

SMALL CITIES UPDATE

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Elections mean little "squeak" room in either House or Senate

The election is bringing a whole lot of changes to the House, and it's bound to affect issues important to small cities. For one thing, there will only be a slim majority of Republicans in the House – much like the Democrats in the Senate – so legislators can be judged on every vote cast. It will be easier to see if caucuses and individual legislators are voting for good policies or just interested in playing politics. It will also be easier to judge whether or not your legislators are voting for their constituents or just following the party line, so capitol-watching should be more interesting than ever.

House committees will be totally changed as well. Most will have new leadership, since eight committee chairs are not returning to the Legislature in 2005 and four others have hit the term limits imposed on chairs by House rules. With 26 new House members, including 13 from the DFL minority party, the committee makeup will also be radically different.

Despite all these changes, the majordomos will remain the same. In the House, Erik Paulsen (R-Eden Prairie) will continue as majority leader and Matt Entenza (DFL-ST. Paul) as minority leader. Steve Sviggum (R-Kenyon) is expected to be re-elected as Speaker of the House when session opens on January 4. In the Senate, Dean Johnson (DFL-Willmar) continues as majority leader and Dick Day (R-Owatonna) as minority leader.

Conference focuses on community and economic development

The focus of *Digital Junction: Getting Minnesota Back on Track*, isn't on technology, it's about connecting people to knowledge that helps their community. Acknowledging that technology is just a tool, the *Digital Junction* asks the more important question: are we using these tools to share knowledge that can improve our lives, our work, and our communities? Learn how by spending December 1 at the Depot in Minneapolis with people who can help you make better use of online tools and strategies to accomplish the grassroots work so important to ensuring a good quality of life in our neighborhoods, communities and state. Check the website <http://www.msnetfund.org> to sign up and to take part in a pre-meeting survey that will help planners and participants zero in on the most relevant topics and issues. Some limited funds are available to help needy participants from rural Minnesota to get to the conference or stay overnight.

Mediation could be key to annexation resolution

It's tough to reach consensus when interest groups have totally different goals and objectives, but that's what cities and townships have been attempting since early last spring. After numerous meetings with few concrete results, the two groups agreed to hire and meet with Aimee Gourlay, executive director of the Hamline University Mediation Center. With her serving as mediator, we are hopeful that firm offers can be exchanged that will lead to legislation next session. For that to occur, there has to be give and take. As difficult as that is, both cities and townships must be willing to give up something that will help the other side, and in turn, receive something of value for each group's constituents. On a parallel track, we hope to agree on legislation that will help improve long-term relationships between cities and townships by fostering better communication and regional planning.

Transportation allies are gunning their engines

Emulating traffic congestion in the metro area, transportation allies are gunning their engines but not moving very fast in attempts to find new sources of revenue for roads and transit. The problem, as usual, is how to divide the spoils, with metro congestion, rural safety and mass transit forces battling for the upper hand. The second problem is how to get around Governor Pawlenty's "no new taxes" stance and how to find a funding source that all sides agree upon. Such diverse groups as the Minnesota Transportation Alliance, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Minnesota Counties and the Itasca Project, which is made up of 40 of the State's top CEOs, all agree that \$800 million or more a year is needed to address transportation needs, but there is little agreement on how to leverage the funds.

Understanding that inaction has stifled both our local and statewide economies, the Minnesota Association of Small Cities (MAOSC) will urge the legislature to pass a comprehensive transportation program that will adequately address both traffic congestion in the metropolitan area and transportation needs in rural Minnesota. If more revenue is available, it will make it easier to get funding for overburdened cities under 5,000, so urge your legislators to act.

In a related issue, Ron Johnson, Zumbrota city administrator, has been named as the small city representative on an advisory committee that provides MnDOT with recommendations regarding expenditures from the Trunk Highway Corridor Account. The 2003 Legislature authorized \$20 million in general obligation bonds for program. Its purpose is to provide loans to local governments, including those under 5,000, to help them pay their cost-participation share on accelerated transportation projects. There is a real need for this program, but due to its newness and complexities in the program, as yet, no applications have been received.

Changes brewing for Small Cities Development Program

Small cities throughout the state have been beneficiaries of grants and loans from the Small Cities Development Program (SCDP), but like any program, there is always room for improvement. The program, which is run by the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), has not changed since the state took it over in 1983. In order to assess both the strengths and the weaknesses of the program, a number of affected interest groups, including MAOSC, were invited to meet with the SCDP staff and representatives of funding and regulatory agencies involved in the program. Under consideration are the distribution and use of funds, the application preparation process and the grant award process. After our second meeting in December, the SCDP staff plans on hosting six public meetings in Greater Minnesota. We will keep you updated on the process and the times and dates of the public meetings.

DEED and the Small City Development Program have moved. Their new address is 1st National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200, St. Paul MN 55101-1351. Their phone numbers remain the same.

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If we could have a few minutes of your time, it will be greatly appreciated. There has been a small group of rather quiet nonprofit volunteer people who have diligently worked for surrounding communities/schools through the "arts". Arts is defined by music, theater, visual arts, literary, computer and dance. We have survived on state and other grants as we all know and recognize that frequently, although we seem to be aware that the "arts" are an important part of being human and our need for expression as culture defines us, it is also seen sometimes as a "fluff" or not important part of school curriculum and our daily lives. Arts are now core curriculum and funding is a grim but necessary component

The active art community was once known as **Arts On The Iron Range** and supported, sponsored and funded many wonderful shows, events, mentor ships, opportunities etc. throughout the Mt. Iron and Virginia area. We were instrumental in: the Gallery Hop, brought the Michigan Art Train (over 4,000 toured it), helped to support the Goodman Auditorium bronze student memorial, the clay/student built tribute to those who helped to build the Iron Range (located in the halls of Roosevelt High School), hosted many art shows/receptions in local banks and other locations, hosted the signing of the famous mural by Mr. Duane Bryers, brought many art residencies into the Mt. Iron and Virginia school systems for students of all ages, hosted literary Coffee Shop Readings, years of Celebration of the Arts at Merritt Elementary, musical performers into our MIB school system, opera and visual arts mentor ships for students... to name only a few projects!

* A small group of us have continued on through 2 more rounds of grant writing and we are known as the **Comprehensive Arts Planning Program** for School District 712 (Mt. Iron/Buhl) and those communities. We have given an MIB student a mentor ship with a professional poet that culminated with her own published poetry book and a public reading at the student run coffee shop in Virginia, rented a cello for a new student so he could join the high school band, brought many art residencies into our local school system, purchased tickets for the Minnesota Ballet for our school dance line members, purchased tickets for our school drama students to attend Hibbing Community plays, paid for high school art and literary students to attend the Young Authors/Young Artists Conference at the Mesabi Community College for the last couple years, purchased art supplies for Merritt Elementary, sponsored the Prairie Fire Theater that almost the entire Merritt Elementary participated in the production of Pinocchio last year, sponsored a week long State Art Residency that brought a watercolor artist to the students of Merritt Elementary, helped to sponsor an African drummer and a puppet director who worked with the local children of YMCA and was featured in the Hibbing Mines and Pines Festival, brought the Plains Art Museum Semi from Fargo/Moorhead twice to the Merritt Elementary students and communities, sponsored a Native American flute maker/storyteller from N.W. North Dakota who worked for two days with the Merritt Elementary students and performed in an open house that was free. Many projects have required housing, food etc. that we have paid, arranged or solicited in addition to meetings, planning and making a five year school plan..

The art volunteers have worked as a nonprofit and except for the Prairie Fire Production, **ALL** the art offerings have been free of charge to the communities/students! The problem is: these events have not been free to our art groups. We have put in 10 years of hard work to bring these opportunities to our students and communities because we know that the ARTS ARE IMPORTANT in our lives. We have seen our talented students go on to attend and graduate from the Perpich School for the Arts, win awards and recognition, and obtain college degrees and scholarships in literary, fine arts, visual arts, music etc.

Our last project (Plains Art Museum Semi) and N. D. performing artist had some unforeseen additional expenditures. It was free of charge once again to community/school students but left our nonprofit volunteer group with financial stress as our grants have now ended. **We turn to you and ask if you could please consider a donation. Thanks!**
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