

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the November 20, 2006 Regular Meeting (#1-8)
 - B. Minutes of the October 30, 2006 COW Meeting (#9-13)
 - C. Communications (#33-39)
 - D. Receipts
 - E. Bills and Payroll
 - III. Public Forum
 - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - C. Director of Public Works Report
 - D. Director of Parks and Recreations Report
 - 1. Minnesota Conservation Corp (#14-16)
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 - F. City Engineer's Report
 - G. Liaison Reports
 - V. Unfinished Business
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 - A. 2007 Budget (#17-30)
 - B. Planning and Zoning Issues (#31)
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 - VII. Open Discussion
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 - IX. Closed Meeting (#32)
 - X. Adjourn
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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 20, 2006

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; Larry Nanti, Recreation Director; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer; Sam Aluni, City Attorney; and Rick Feiro, Sergeant.

The Mayor welcomed the audience and the television viewing audience to the meeting.

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

1. Add the following item to the Agenda:
IV. A. 3. Festival of Trees Building Rental Fee Reduction
VI. H. Quarterback Club Building Rental Fee Request

Move the following item on the agenda:

VI. F. to IV. H. 1. Mesabi Trail Signage

2. Approve the minutes of the November 6, 2006, City Council meeting as submitted.
3. Approve the minutes of the November 8, 2006, Special City Council meeting as submitted.
4. 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.
5. To acknowledge the receipts for the period November 1-15, 2006, totaling \$192,117.81, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
6. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period November 1-15, 2006, totaling \$283,828.46, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Public forum, Bruce Cook, 9350 Old Highway 169, Mountain Iron, questioned the fees he paid for a Conditional Use Permit and Building Permit. He also questioned what action has been taken regarding a complaint made about one year ago regarding tarps placed over some old building next door to him. The Blight Officer said that the property has been sold since the initial complaint was made and he would contact the new owners to get the property cleaned up.

During the Mayor's report, the Mayor congratulated the two new Councilors elected to the City Council. He also updated the Council regarding a contest between the Cities of Virginia, Gilbert, Mountain Iron, and Chisholm regarding voter turnout. Chisholm won with highest voter turnout and Virginia had the lowest turnout.

The Mayor announced that the Library elevator inspection was scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

The Mayor stated that he had commented on some of the eating establishments in Mountain Iron at the last City Council meeting and inadvertently missed saying the American Legion downtown, the Dairy Queen, and Dominos Pizza. He apologized to the owners.

The Mayor congratulated the Mountain Iron-Buhl Football team, players, coaches, and managers for making it to the quarter finals this season.

The Mayor informed the Council that the Mesaba Nugget Project had been put on hold in the Hoyt Lakes area. Councilor Nelson mentioned that Mesaba Nugget may locate to Silver Bay.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to direct City Staff to apply for the Saint Louis County Recreation Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to be used to complete the South Grove Playground Project. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and supported Prebeg to authorize a donation of \$100 to the Senior Citizen's Holiday Party. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to authorize a 50% reduction in building rental fees for the Festival of Trees Celebration for this year and for future years as long as they use the Mountain Iron facility. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to allow City Staff to proceed with the preparation of quotes to complete the library interior upgrades as approved by the Library Board. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Council reviewed the Sheriff's Department report for October 2006.

The City Attorney reviewed the memorandum regarding mailings. The City Attorney reminded Councilors to keep personal conduct separate from the proceedings of the Council.

Councilor Irish stated that, during the P & H Administrative Hearing that it was improper for the Mayor to ask a citizen to serve on the Administrative Hearing Board. Councilor Irish stated that the Mayor requested Councilor Roskoski to serve on the Board while he was attending the public hearing as a resident. The Mayor stated that this was proper and that Councilor Roskoski had served on the only other hearing that has been held since he was Mayor. Councilor Irish requested that the City Administrator look into who is authorized to sit on the Administrative Board.

The Mayor updated regarding the binding development agreement for the Park Ridge Development Area.

At 7:23 p.m., Councilor Roskoski left the meeting.

The City Attorney advised the City Council regarding the Park Ridge Development. The City Attorney said that it should be finalized soon.

At 7:25 p.m., Councilor Roskoski returned to the meeting.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to authorize the payment of pay request number one to Ulland Brothers in the amount of \$5,497.65 for the 2006 Street Improvements Project. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Roskoski reported that there are more interpretative signs being placed along the Mesabi Trail from the Canadian National Tracks to Spirit Lake Road. He said that there are about 12-14 signs being placed.

The City Administrator said that the proposal for the Phase II investigation of the property located adjacent to the City of Mountain Iron's substation was for the Council's consideration if they wish to pursue additional information to investigate the site and gather information for the 2007 budget and possibly a grant application.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to approve the renewal of the pipeline easement between Northern Natural Gas covering their current gas main located on the east side of Unity Addition. After further discussion, Mayor Skalko amended motion to increase the fee for the easement to \$100. Councilor Prebeg would not support the amendment. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Irish, yes; Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes; Nelson, yes; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg that the liquor and cigarette license applications for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, 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 utility 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

F. P. Troutwine
Short Stop
5537 Nichols Avenue
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

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

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

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to authorize the payment of the following bills from the Charitable Gambling Funds because the items were purchased for the sole purpose of fire prevention and activities for the children in the community:

Peterson Candy and Supply - \$ 266.53
Ross Industries - \$1,299.22

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Fire Chief informed the Council that he spoke with Terry Leoni and the Laurentian Biomass site has had their hydrants fitted with the appropriate caps and adapters. The Fire Chief stated that Walgreens has not yet complied with the hydrant request. Councilor Prebeg

questioned the recent fires at the Laurentian Biomass pellet. The Fire Chief said that he is working with the Laurentian Biomass officials regarding this issue.

At 7:50 p.m., Councilor Nelson left the meeting.

Councilor Roskoski suggested that the City contact Laurentian Biomass to monitor their stockpiles with regard to fires.

At 7:52 p.m., Councilor Nelson returned to the meeting.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish that the City Council listen to the following presentation from Councilor Roskoski, thoroughly discuss the situation in question, but postpone a decision on this presentation until the December 18, 2006 City Council meeting. The rationale for the vote postponement is so the City Council members can review the presented material, do their own research in regard to the scenario presented and make a better decision at that time. The **motion failed** on the following roll call vote: Nelson, no; Irish, yes; Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, no; and Skalko, no.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Skalko to waive the fees for the Quarterback Club Annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, December 3, 2006. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

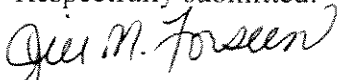
During the open discussion, Councilor Nelson said that he would like to have the City Council put issues aside that do not require immediate action and wait to present them after January 1, 2007, to the new City Council.

Also during the open discussion, Councilor Roskoski asked what the status of the management negotiations were. The Mayor said there would be a closed City Council meeting on December 4, 2006 to discuss management contract negotiations.

Also during the open discussion, Councilor Roskoski presented a copy of a Council motion made on June 5, 2006 and an information sheet that he prepared regarding the Heather Avenue waterline project.

At 8:17 p.m., it was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Will M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	250.00
UTILITY	UTILITY	94,596.49
MISCELLANEOUS	CHECK RETURN FEE	20.00
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	75.00
MISCELLANEOUS	COCA-COLA RECEIPTS-CITY HALL	114.36
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	200.00
METER DEPOSITS	WATER	15.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	70.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	MISCELLANEOUS STATE AID	53,027.89
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	382.82
SALE OF PROPERTY	SALE OF PROPERTY	300.00
COPIES	COPIES	.50
MISCELLANEOUS	FAX CHARGES	3.00
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	40.00
PERMITS	BUILDING	131.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	350.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	297.61
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	2,011.22
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 376	157.73
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	1,537.99
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	197.23
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 103	1,355.52
TAXES	TRANSFERS FROM MI HRA	215.63
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	50.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ELECTRICAL INSPEC FORMS	1.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	SEWER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	1,190.82
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	STATE FIRE AID	15,527.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	OUTDOOR REC GRANT-SO GROVE B	20,000.00
Summary Totals:		<u>192,117.81</u>

Check Issue Date(s): 11/10/2006 - 11/24/2006

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
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11/06	11/21/2006	34120	130017	AMERICAN BANK	002-20200	305.78
11/06	11/21/2006	34121	10001	ARROWHEAD ECONOMIC OPPORTUNI	002-20200	256.42
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11/06	11/21/2006	34123	20022	BENCHMARK ENGINEERING INC	002-20200	7,693.32
11/06	11/21/2006	34124	20014	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	002-20200	8,078.42
11/06	11/21/2006	34125	30017	CARQUEST (MOUNTAIN IRON)	002-20200	76.76
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11/06	11/21/2006	34128	30026	COMO LUBE & SUPPLIES INC	002-20200	88.40
11/06	11/21/2006	34129	1147	CONNIE AROLA CARVER	002-20200	86.02
11/06	11/21/2006	34130	30053	CONSOLIDATED TRADING COMPANY	002-20200	1,081.97
11/06	11/21/2006	34131	30011	CONVEYOR BELT SERVICE INC	002-20200	52.72
11/06	11/21/2006	34132	1148	DIANNA GRABMEYER	002-20200	281.48
11/06	11/21/2006	34133	40030	DULUTH CLINIC	002-20200	124.00
11/06	11/21/2006	34134	500012	ERA LABORATORIES INC	002-20200	301.80
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11/06	11/21/2006	34137	60026	FASTENAL COMPANY	002-20200	375.49
11/06	11/21/2006	34138	60029	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC	002-20200	1,343.22
11/06	11/21/2006	34139	70008	GOODIN COMPANY	002-20200	236.86
11/06	11/21/2006	34140	80017	HENRY'S WATERWORKS INC	002-20200	891.66
11/06	11/21/2006	34141	90007	INDUSTRIAL LUBRICANT COMPANY	002-20200	71.10
11/06	11/21/2006	34142	1150	JAIMIE BAGGEN STOSS	002-20200	99.23
11/06	11/21/2006	34143	1152	JERALYN THEODORE	002-20200	50.00
11/06	11/21/2006	34144	60018	JILL M FORSEEN	002-20200	18.69
11/06	11/21/2006	34145	1144	JOLENE KIVELA	002-20200	248.09
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11/06	11/21/2006	34155	130027	MERCURY TECHNOLOGIES OF MN INC	002-20200	125.81
11/06	11/21/2006	34156	130041	MESABI BITUMINOUS	002-20200	1,570.67
11/06	11/21/2006	34157	130004	MESABI DAILY NEWS	002-20200	2,451.65
11/06	11/21/2006	34158	140026	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	002-20200	6,531.98
11/06	11/21/2006	34159	120007	MOTION INDUSTRIES INC	002-20200	114.98
11/06	11/21/2006	34160	130013	MOUNTAIN IRON FIREMEN'S RELIEF	002-20200	15,527.00
11/06	11/21/2006	34161	130015	MOUNTAIN IRON PUBLIC UTILITIES	002-20200	12,427.77
11/06	11/21/2006	34162	140013	NATIONAL WATERWORKS/HUGHES	002-20200	392.50
11/06	11/21/2006	34163	140042	NORTHERN DOOR & HARDWARE INC	002-20200	514.68
11/06	11/21/2006	34164	140004	NORTHERN ENGINE & SUPPLY INC	002-20200	302.61
11/06	11/21/2006	34165	140054	NORTHLAND CHEMICAL CORP	002-20200	104.26
11/06	11/21/2006	34166	140008	NORTRAX EQUIPMENT/POWERPLAN	002-20200	50.95
11/06	11/21/2006	34167	150004	OCCUPATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CTR	002-20200	47.18
11/06	11/21/2006	34168	150006	OFFICE DEPOT	002-20200	116.05
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11/06	11/21/2006	34170	150014	ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	002-20200	65.25
11/06	11/21/2006	34171	150003	OVERHEAD DOOR	002-20200	705.52
11/06	11/21/2006	34172	160038	PITNEY BOWES	002-20200	234.00

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11/06	11/21/2006	34176	170001	QWEST	002-20200	373.64
11/06	11/21/2006	34177	180008	RADKO IRON & SUPPLY INC	002-20200	471.32
11/06	11/21/2006	34178	180001	RANGE PAPER	002-20200	117.84
11/06	11/21/2006	34179	180009	RANGE RECREATION CIVIC CENTER	002-20200	6,720.00
11/06	11/21/2006	34180	180017	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	002-20200	158.96
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11/06	11/21/2006	34183	190038	SCHARBER & SONS	002-20200	4,984.59
11/06	11/21/2006	34184	190001	SEARS COMMERCIAL CREDIT	002-20200	441.78
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11/06	11/21/2006	34188	2029	ST LOUIS COUNTY	002-20200	784.42
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11/06	11/21/2006	34191	210010	ULLAND BROTHERS INC	002-20200	5,497.65
11/06	11/21/2006	34192	210001	UNITED ELECTRIC COMPANY	002-20200	657.09
11/06	11/21/2006	34193	220014	VIKING INDUSTRIAL NORTH	002-20200	356.05
11/06	11/21/2006	34194	220004	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	002-20200	26,091.76
11/06	11/21/2006	34195	220020	VISA OR AMERICAN BANK CC PMT	002-20200	7,771.47
11/06	11/21/2006	34196	220016	VISTA EYES	002-20200	161.16
11/06	11/21/2006	34197	230008	WILDES ENGINEERING SALES INC	002-20200	3,489.52
11/06	11/21/2006	34198	230028	WISCONSIN ENERGY CONSERVATION	002-20200	493.15
11/06	11/21/2006	34199	260005	ZEP MANUFACTURING COMPANY	002-20200	232.05

Totals:

137,707.16

Payroll-PP Ending 11/3/06	53,856.93
Payroll-PP Ending 11/17/06	82,615.16
Electronic Trans.-Sales Tax 11/20	9,649.21
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$283,828.46</u>

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2006

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 was: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; Larry Nanti, Recreation Director; Sally Peterangelo, Librarian; Tom Cvar, Fire Chief; and Steve Norvitch, Assistant Fire Chief.

The Mayor stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the 2007 budget.

It was the consensus of the Council to meet November 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. to hold a special meeting to canvass the General Election.

The Mayor advised the Council that He and the City Administrator met with Representatives from Virginia, Eveleth, and Gilbert regarding a proposed project for a Regional approach for Water/Wastewater Treatment Plants. The Mayor said that it would cost the four Cities approximately \$20,000 to research the project with approximately \$14,000 being reimbursed by IRRRA grants funds and the remaining balance being charged to the Cities based on population. The Mayor said they are looking into the long term requirements for these types of facilities.

The Fire Chief submitted a revised 2007 budget proposal to the City Council. The Fire Chief said that the Mountain Iron Fire Department has responded to a number of fire calls to Virginia amounting to \$4,100 for mutual aid calls, year to date. He said that the Fire Department has had a total of 62 calls for this year, year to date, with 57 total calls in 2005. The Fire Chief stated that he will be over budget this year after reviewing the comparisons with the 2005 fire calls. The Fire Chief also mentioned the following that would impact his budget:

- Training four new firemen to train at a cost of approximately \$2,100 per fireman to be trained to be qualified to respond to fire calls.
- Total fire calls to Virginia was nine this year, year to date, and in 2005 there was six. The total man hour costs increased from \$2,700 in 2005 to \$4,100 in 2006, year to date.
- Addition wages for the officers for a total of \$1,500 per year.
- Additional payroll taxes for the City's Mechanic to work on the fire department equipment.
- In 2007 the Fire Department may have to hire 2-3 new firemen. One of Mountain Iron's Firemen may go to work with the Virginia Fire Department and he can not work on both departments.
- Additional NIMS training to be in compliance. He said that the Firemen have completed the IS100, IS200 and IS800 on their own time. The Fire Department Officers have to be IS200 and IS800 and all other Firemen have to be IS100 to be in

compliance. He said there is additional training that is being proposed and that may amount to 4-5 days to complete the training for the officers. Each fireman is required to have 24 hours of training in-house every year.

- Maintenance. Should be completing physicals with each fireman every year or at least every other year, have not completed these in the past. The Fire Department has required maintenance and testing on air packs and one pump being tested every year which would put the pump testing in a three year cycle.
- Relief Association. Would like this to actually reflect the dollars that pass through from the State of Minnesota State Fire Aid to the Relief Account. There are no additional dollars to the City, this comes in as revenue and is expended out to the Relief Association, and the aid that comes to the City is approximately \$14,000 per year. This is actually not an additional funding increase, but reflects a revenue passing through the City and being expensed out of this account.
- Capital Outlay Items. 4 x 4 utility vehicle at an approximate cost of \$29,000, currently have a 1990 with a 130,000 miles on it and it is not safe while pulling the trailer. Fire apparatus pickup at a cost of \$125,000 to fight grass fires, the current vehicle being used is 21 years old.
- FEMA grant. The Fire Chief said that Joe Buria has prepared the FEMA grant applications and the Fire Department has been awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$34,000 with a 5% City grant match to replace bunker gear at a cost of \$1,800 per fireman for jackets, hats, pants and boots, and they were requesting the Council to allocated \$9,000 for expanded metal lockers for the new gear because the new gear will not be able to be machined dried, but must be hung up to dry.
- Insurance coverage in the City. The Fire Chief questioned whether the Fire Department has replacement insurance for the vehicles and equipment. The Administrator would look into the cost for the replacement insurance.

At 7:11 p.m., Councilor Roskoski left the meeting.

At 7:13 p.m., Councilor Roskoski returned to the meeting.

Councilor Nelson stated that he had no problem with the \$85,000 budget for the Fire Department because this is such an important component of the City. Councilor Prebeg said that the Council needs to consider the Fire Department with the entire 2007 budget. Councilor Irish said that the Fire Department request would reflect a 27% increase in their 2007 budget. The Mayor stated that he would like to see the \$125,000 fire apparatus spread over a three year period.

The Fire Chief advised the Council that the Fire Department reviewed the hydrant situation at the wood chip location. He stated that all of the new hydrants, the steamer connection, do not match up to any of the Cities hoses. The Assistant Fire Chief said that it would cost approximately \$200 per hydrant for adaptors for each truck with a spare. The Council requested the Fire Chief to contact the owners of the Laurentian Biomass and Walgreens to request them to have their hydrants adaptable to the City's fire trucks. The Fire Chief also said that there should be more than two hydrants in the Laurentian Biomass area.

Councilor Prebeg questioned the City Administrator if extra funds were allocated for the dump site cleanup. The City Administrator said that this expense would be out of the 2006 budget capital improvement budget.

The Librarian would like to see an additional \$4,000 allocated for technology for the 2007 Library budget to replace five computers for a total 2007 budget of \$121,000.

The Mayor began to review the 2007 budget beginning with the revenues.

Councilor Roskoski questioned why the Intergovernmental Revenue was increased by so much. The City Administrator stated that amount reflects all aid that the City receives.

The Mayor continued on with the 2007 budget review with the expenditures. The Mayor reminded the Council that the final 2007 budget will be formally adopted in December, 2006.

Councilor Roskoski asked what the transfers account represents. The City Administrator said that this includes the capital improvement expenses because those are expended out of a different fund.

It was the consensus of the Council to allocate \$80,000 in the 2007 budget for the Fire Department plus the cost of the lockers for the new equipment from the FEMA grant.

It was the consensus of the Council to allocate \$120,000 for the 2007 budget for the Library.

The Council discussed the allocation to the Virginia Regional Medical Center. The Municipal Services Secretary advised the Council that the final payment for the five year commitment was made in 2006. The Council directed the Administrator to check with the Virginia Regional Medical Center to see if they would be requesting additional funds to make the original commitment.

The Council discussed the transfer for Capital Improvements with regard to the following:

- Allocating additional funds for fire apparatus in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of a 4 X 4 and allocate \$35,000 to be reserved for the future purchase of fire department apparatus for grass fires; and further, allocate \$9,000 for the FEMA grant match and lockers for the new equipment
- 16th Avenue-it was the consensus of the Council to have the City Administrator check on the status of the \$250,000 IRRRB grant for the 16th Avenue project, how much is actually allocated to the City of Mountain Iron
- T21 grant in the amount of \$35,820.00 to allocate the matching funds in the amount of \$143,280
- Greenwood Cemetery Association \$12,500, if the City of Virginia approves of the matching funds
- City Hall carpeting and customer service window partial closure at an approximate cost of \$12,000

- ATV Trail System carry over from 2006, \$21,000 because this would represent 30% of the grant
- Mesabi Trail Signs carry over from 2006, \$5,000

The Council discussed the Emergency Medical Technician's (EMT's) 2007 budget and it was the consensus to increase their budget from \$3,000 to \$12,000 to allow reimbursement payment for callouts at \$10.00 per hour per call and to pay for training. The Council discussed the Good Samaritan Law regarding payment to the EMT's and to check with City Attorney regarding the payment/reimbursement to the EMT's and the liability.

Councilor Roskoski requested that the Council carry over the Mesabi Trail signage budget to 2007. Councilor Roskoski also requested that the Council carry over the amount allocated for the sidewalk by Duane's Marine. Councilor Prebeg questioned what was happening with the "Quiet Zone" designation with regard to making any upgrades by the railroad tracks.

Councilor Roskoski requested that the following items be considered for the 2007 budget:

- South Grove Recreation Complex for the restrooms renovation - \$30,000
- South Grove Central Park – allocate for a 10 foot by 14 foot shelter. Councilor Prebeg said that the South Grove area already received funding for improvements in 2006 and the residents there should wait a year or two for anything additional. The Mayor said that there will be St. Louis County grant funding again in 2009.
- Merritt Days Celebration-Special events-\$8,000 in 2006. There is currently \$12,000 budgeted in Recreation Department for Special events in 2007 to be allocated for the July 4th, Easter Egg Hunt, Merritt Days and the Halloween carnival. The consensus of the Council was to not change this line item.
- Downtown School Yard Light – it was the consensus of the Council to allocate this out of general operating expenses.
- Request to have the sign at the corner of Mineral Avenue and Main Street made larger. This may be able to be allocated out of the T-21 grant.
- Sidewalk along County Road 103 from the Mud Lake corner to Enterprise Drive South intersection. It was the consensus of the Council to wait until 2007 and get some feed back from the area residents.
- Kinross area. Good crushed rock and gravel for the streets. Councilor Prebeg said that this would be for regular road maintenance through the Street budget.
- Mountain Iron Drive area sidewalks to budget \$10,000 in 2007 for this. It was the consensus of the Council to request Walgreens to authorize the City to add a sidewalk in that area.
- Add a sidewalk from the Nichols Town Hall corner to Little Joe's. Councilor Nelson stated that there is a wide shoulder on Nichols Avenue for the residents to walk on.

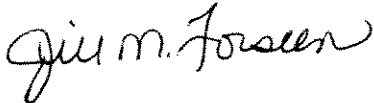
Councilor Irish requested that the following item be considered for the 2007 budget:

- More advertisement for the Downtown area by posting a sign for the Iroquois Mine Dump area for tourism in the amount of \$5,000.

The Librarian requested that the Council consider adding a Library sign on Highway 169. Councilor Irish stated that the Minnesota Department of Transportation stated that there were too many signs posted on the Highway 169. Councilor Roskoski stated that there are currently no signage for the high school and the library and this should be posted.

At 8:52 p.m., the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

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COUNCIL LETTER 120406-IVD1

PARKS & RECREATION

APPLY FOR PROGRAM

DATE: November 29, 2006

FROM: Larry Nanti
Director of Parks & Recreation

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff is recommending the City of Mountain Iron apply for the Minnesota Conservation Program.

The work crews consist of a four man crew and provide a majority of the hand and power tools. The cost is \$2,500 per week.

Projects that may be included in this would be the clearing of trails at the West Two Rivers Campground, clearing and widening the bike trail and working on projects in our parks.

The City has been urged to apply before the end of this year because there are crews available.

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION CORPS

www.conservationcorps.org

PROJECT REQUEST

MCC Office Location: _____

Program & District Young Adult Program NE District	Project Host	Date
Project Contact Person	Contact Address	Telephone No
Name of Project	Project Address (Area, Park, County, etc.)	
Project Location (Area, Site, etc. - include map when possible)		
Purpose or Reason for Project:		
Detailed Explanation of Project:		
Will supervision or technical assistance/training be provided by the requesting agency? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If Yes, answer 1 - 3)		
1) Name of Person	2) Position or Title	3) Time commitment
Estimated # of Corps Members required for project (supervisor included): <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 More _____		
Estimated length of time for project completion:	Season best suited for Project:	Dates Preferred:
Can Project be accomplished intermittently? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Requesting Agency's/Division's Priority for this Project: (Explanation)		
What is the source of funding to support this project?		

Alternate work plan in event of adverse weather:
List types of Safety Equipment Required for Project:
List All Types of Hand Tools Required for Project:
List All Types of Power Equipment Required for Project:
Indicate equipment above that requesting agency could provide in event of unavailability through MCC:
Can requesting agency provide ATVs, boats, or snowmobiles (w/trailers) if required for Project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
DEADLINE FOR MCC RESPONSE (date & time): -As needed-

Certification: As project host, I certify that the assignment of MCC members will not result in the displacement of currently employed workers or workers on seasonal layoff or layoff from a substantially equivalent position, including partial displacement such as reduction in hours of non-overtime work, wages, or other employment benefits. Further, MCC members will not perform services or duties that have been performed by or were assigned to any employee who is on strike or is being locked out.

Submitted by:

Authorized Requestor's Signature (from Project Host)	Date
Authorized Requestor's Printed Name	Title

MCC Use Only	
Crew # _____	
Proposed Work Dates _____	
MCC Authorized Signature	Date
MCC Authorized Printed Name	Title

COUNCIL LETTER 120406-VIA

ADMINISTRATION

2007 BUDGET

DATE: November 29, 2006

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Enclosed in your packet is the proposed 2007 Budget for the City of Mountain Iron. This budget incorporates the changes identified at the October 30th Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. The City Council needs to review the budget and modify as necessary in order to have the budget finalized for the next regular meeting. At the next meeting the City Council will need to adopt the final budget and the final levy amount.

**2007 (PRELIMINARY) BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON**

EXPENDITURES	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	Difference	Percent
Administration	\$ 476,500.00	\$ 490,000.00	\$ 13,500.00	2.8%
Public Safety	\$ 512,500.00	\$ 525,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	2.5%
Public Works	\$ 705,000.00	\$ 735,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	4.3%
Culture and Rec	\$ 366,000.00	\$ 377,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	3.0%
General Government	\$ 768,250.00	\$ 911,436.00	\$ 143,186.00	18.6%
TOTAL	\$ 2,828,250.00	\$ 3,038,936.00	\$ 210,686.00	7.4%
REVENUE				
Taxes	\$ 117,504.00	\$ 120,507.00	\$ 3,003.00	2.6%
Intergovernmental Aid	\$ 1,536,882.00	\$ 1,713,350.00	\$ 176,468.00	11.5%
General Revenue	\$ 231,000.00	\$ 224,500.00	\$ (6,500.00)	-2.8%
TOTAL	\$ 1,885,386.00	\$ 2,058,357.00	\$ 172,971.00	9.2%
GENERAL LEVY	\$ 942,864.00	\$ 980,579.00	\$ 37,715.00	4.0%

**2007 (PRELIMINARY) BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
REVENUE**

GENERAL REVENUE	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	Difference	Percent
Lic. & Permits	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)	-7.0%
Charges for Service	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	25.0%
Fines	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Interest	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	-14.3%
Refunds	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
General	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)	-40.0%
Subtotal	\$ 231,000.00	\$ 224,500.00	\$ (6,500.00)	-2.8%

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Local Government Aid	\$ 623,882.00	\$ 718,350.00	\$ 94,468.00	15.1%
Taconite Production Tax	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	10.0%
Taconite Municipal Aid	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	8.3%
Mining Effects Tax	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Other	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	53.8%
Subtotal	\$ 1,536,882.00	\$ 1,713,350.00	\$ 176,468.00	11.5%

TAXES

Tax Levy	\$ 942,864.00	\$ 1,009,933.00	\$ 67,069.00	7.1%
Market Rate Levy	\$ 86,504.00	\$ 85,507.00	\$ (997.00)	-1.2%
Misc. Taxes	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	36.4%
Franchise	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Subtotal	\$ 1,060,368.00	\$ 1,130,440.00	\$ 70,072.00	6.6%

Total	\$ 2,828,250.00	\$ 3,068,290.00	\$ 240,040.00	8.5%
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**2007 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
REVENUE**

TAXES	2004 ACTUAL	2005 ACTUAL	2006 BUDGET	2006 YTD	2007 BUDGET	%
Tax Levy	\$ 750,026.00	\$ 825,840.00	\$ 942,864.00	\$ 425,276.00	\$ 1,009,933.00	7.1%
Bond Levy	\$ 87,829.00	\$ 84,548.00	\$ 86,504.00	\$ 52,133.88	\$ 85,507.00	-1.2%
Misc Taxes	\$ 42,818.00	\$ 132,525.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 319,871.77	\$ 15,000.00	36.4%
Franchise	\$ 22,901.00	\$ 21,855.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,010.17	\$ 20,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$ 903,574.00	\$ 1,064,768.00	\$ 1,060,368.00	\$ 813,291.82	\$ 1,130,440.00	6.6%

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

LGA	\$ 430,584.00	\$ 526,247.00	\$ 623,882.00	\$ -	\$ 718,350.00	15.1%
Tac. Prod Aid	\$ 606,334.00	\$ 593,515.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 465,414.00	\$ 550,000.00	10.0%
Tac. Aid	\$ 315,386.00	\$ 355,561.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 325,000.00	8.3%
Mining Effects	\$ 109,405.00	\$ 115,549.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	0.0%
Misc. Aid	\$ 101,907.00	\$ 138,306.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	53.8%
TOTAL	\$ 1,563,616.00	\$ 1,729,178.00	\$ 1,536,882.00	\$ 465,414.00	\$ 1,713,350.00	11.5%

GENERAL REVENUE

Lic. & Permits	\$ 15,771.00	\$ 17,744.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 18,392.84	\$ 20,000.00	-7.0%
Charges for Service	\$ 44,260.00	\$ 78,432.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 79,966.97	\$ 50,000.00	25.0%
Fines	\$ 9,585.00	\$ 13,815.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 6,825.21	\$ 9,500.00	0.0%
Interest	\$ 28,401.00	\$ 25,057.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 16,272.86	\$ 30,000.00	-14.3%
Refunds	\$ 119,226.00	\$ 104,817.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 10,280.02	\$ 100,000.00	0.0%
General	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 9,705.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 268.26	\$ 15,000.00	-40.0%
TOTAL	\$ 220,193.00	\$ 249,570.00	\$ 231,000.00	\$ 132,006.16	\$ 224,500.00	-2.8%
TOTAL	\$ 2,687,383.00	\$ 3,043,516.00	\$ 2,828,250.00	\$ 1,410,711.98	\$ 3,068,290.00	8.5%

**2007 (PRELIMINARY) BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
EXPENDITURES**

DEPARTMENT	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	Difference	Percent
City Council	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	11.1%
Administration	\$ 407,000.00	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	4.4%
Election	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ (9,000.00)	-100.0%
Assessing	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	7.7%
Planning & Zoning	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	4.8%
Sheriffs	\$ 427,000.00	\$ 427,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Fire Protection	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	19.4%
Emergency Management	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Animal Control	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Streets	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 575,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	4.5%
Buildings	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	3.2%
Campground	\$ 50,500.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	3.0%
Recreation	\$ 201,500.00	\$ 205,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	1.7%
Government	\$ 182,220.00	\$ 193,720.00	\$ 11,500.00	6.3%
Library	\$ 114,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	5.3%
Transfers	\$ 586,030.00	\$ 717,716.00	\$ 131,686.00	22.5%
Total	\$ 2,828,250.00	\$ 3,038,936.00	\$ 210,686.00	7.4%

**2007 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

CITY COUNCIL	2004	2005	2006	2007	%
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Council Salaries	\$ 15,667.00	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 14,400.00	30%
Other	\$ -	\$ 16,117.79	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 600.00	-75%
TOTAL	\$ 15,667.00	\$ 27,217.79	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	11%

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries	\$ 173,160.00	\$ 181,613.89	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 180,302.60	\$ 180,000.00	3%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 24,645.00	\$ 24,749.88	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,518.22	\$ 30,000.00	0%
Insurance-Group	\$ 47,637.00	\$ 58,181.85	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 35,037.72	\$ 50,000.00	0%
Insurance-General	\$ 66,430.00	\$ 64,668.00	\$ 52,000.00	-	\$ 55,000.00	6%
Independent Audit	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,520.00	\$ 15,000.00	25%
Engineering Fees	\$ 45,288.00	\$ 39,505.48	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 7,295.00	\$ 35,000.00	13%
Legal Fees	\$ 37,066.00	\$ 46,850.01	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 25,103.47	\$ 31,000.00	7%
Communications	\$ 11,325.00	\$ 10,822.72	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,395.40	\$ 10,000.00	11%
Supplies	\$ 4,667.00	\$ 4,516.37	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,086.03	\$ 4,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 38,908.00	\$ 24,285.83	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 19,621.45	\$ 15,000.00	0%
TOTAL	\$ 461,626.00	\$ 468,194.03	\$ 407,000.00	\$ 232,879.89	\$ 425,000.00	4%

ELECTION

Salaries	\$ 3,088.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 45.00	\$ -	100%
Operations	\$ 2,322.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 208.18	\$ -	100%
TOTAL	\$ 5,410.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 253.18	\$ -	100%

**2007 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	
ASSESSING	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	%
Contract Services	\$ 26,941.00	\$ 27,657.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,500.00	6%
Operations	-	1,126.44	1,000.00	1,500.00	50%
TOTAL	\$ 26,941.00	\$ 28,783.44	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	8%

PLANNING & ZONING

Salaries	\$ 11,899.00	\$ 12,420.61	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 11,023.73	\$ 16,500.00	3%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 1,086.06	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,212.41	\$ 2,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 3,149.00	\$ 2,174.44	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,028.08	\$ 3,500.00	17%
TOTAL	\$ 16,258.00	\$ 15,681.11	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 15,264.22	\$ 22,000.00	5%

ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL	\$ 525,902.00	\$ 540,536.37	\$ 476,500.00	\$ 257,339.61	\$ 65,000.00	-86%
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**2007 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
PUBLIC SAFETY**

POLICE PROTECTION	2004	2005	2006	2007	%
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Contract Services	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 448,556.87	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 218,930.48	0%
Other Expenditures	\$ 8,347.00	\$ 6,752.30	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,051.84	0%
TOTAL	\$ 408,347.00	\$ 455,309.17	\$ 427,000.00	\$ 224,982.32	0%

FIRE PROTECTION

Salaries	\$ 12,149.00	\$ 11,461.14	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 10,886.96	\$ 18,200.00	1%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,496.00	\$ 1,584.64	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,220.88	\$ 2,000.00	100%
Training	\$ 8,309.00	\$ 12,652.09	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 6,420.00	\$ 15,000.00	36%
Maintenance	\$ 8,806.00	\$ 46,435.46	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 1,632.15	\$ 10,000.00	61%
Operations	\$ 11,709.00	\$ 16,231.82	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 7,444.87	\$ 15,000.00	36%
Firemen's Relief	\$ 25,177.00	\$ 24,332.00	\$ 19,800.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 19,800.00	0%
TOTAL	\$ 67,646.00	\$ 112,697.15	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 33,004.86	\$ 80,000.00	19%

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Plan Update	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,000.00	0%
TOTAL	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 6,000.00	0%

ANIMAL CONTROL

Contact Services	\$ 10,258.00	\$ 10,258.44	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 317.00	\$ 109.45	\$ 500.00	\$ 122.49	\$ 500.00	0%
TOTAL	\$ 10,575.00	\$ 10,367.89	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 5,122.49	\$ 12,500.00	0%

PUBLIC SAFETY

TOTAL	\$ 486,593.00	\$ 578,399.21	\$ 512,500.00	\$ 263,184.67	\$ 525,500.00	3%
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**2007 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
PUBLIC WORKS**

STREETS	2004	2005	2006	2007	%
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Salaries	\$ 307,417.00	\$ 332,441.61	\$ 284,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	6%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 43,110.00	\$ 45,171.65	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	6%
Insurance-Group	\$ 91,857.00	\$ 109,189.08	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	6%
Utilities	\$ 41,229.00	\$ 47,062.78	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	0%
Maintenance	\$ 71,947.00	\$ 87,717.47	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	0%
Supplies	\$ 27,622.00	\$ 27,580.79	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 12,028.00	\$ 21,072.43	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	0%
TOTAL	\$ 595,210.00	\$ 670,235.81	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 575,000.00	5%

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BUILDINGS	2004	2005	2006	2007	%
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Salaries	\$ 50,389.00	\$ 49,964.01	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	0%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 6,670.00	\$ 6,922.37	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	0%
Insurance-Group	\$ 17,518.00	\$ 19,527.93	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	13%
Utilities	\$ 32,503.00	\$ 38,956.63	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	0%
Communications	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 933.77	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0%
Supplies	\$ 14,129.00	\$ 10,601.50	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	8%
Operations	\$ 19,596.00	\$ 27,347.73	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	14%
TOTAL	\$ 141,958.00	\$ 154,253.94	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	3%

PUBLIC WORKS					
TOTAL	\$ 737,168.00	\$ 824,489.75	\$ 705,000.00	\$ 735,000.00	4%

**2007 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
CULTURE AND RECREATION**

CAMPGROUND	2004	2005	2006	2006	2006	%
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	
Salaries	\$ 14,856.00	\$ 18,905.96	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 12,382.74	\$ 18,000.00	13%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,427.00	\$ 2,055.29	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,292.18	\$ 2,000.00	25%
Insurance-Group	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 4,126.30	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,004.40	\$ 7,000.00	22%
Utilities	\$ 4,015.00	\$ 4,919.95	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,851.71	\$ 7,500.00	0%
Operations	\$ 15,055.00	\$ 27,737.42	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,494.81	\$ 16,000.00	7%
Advertising	\$ -	\$ 1,018.87	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00	7%
TOTAL	\$ 36,806.00	\$ 58,763.79	\$ 50,500.00	\$ 27,125.84	\$ 52,000.00	3%

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Salaries	\$ 91,184.00	\$ 103,620.76	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 59,553.68	\$ 107,000.00	2%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 11,997.00	\$ 13,087.17	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,597.60	\$ 13,000.00	8%
Insurance-Group	\$ 21,361.00	\$ 31,744.87	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 16,779.71	\$ 25,000.00	14%
Utilities	\$ 9,734.00	\$ 11,103.19	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 4,894.90	\$ 11,000.00	5%
Maintenance	\$ 8,508.00	\$ 8,529.68	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,165.56	\$ 9,000.00	13%
Operations	\$ 22,178.00	\$ 18,233.07	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 5,185.81	\$ 22,000.00	0%
Baseball/Sofball	\$ -	\$ 5,451.83	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,151.84	\$ 6,000.00	14%
ATV Trail Maint	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	100%
Special Events	\$ 9,547.00	\$ 10,669.85	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,112.38	\$ 12,000.00	0%
TOTAL	\$ 174,509.00	\$ 202,440.42	\$ 201,500.00	\$ 104,441.48	\$ 205,000.00	2%

LIBRARY

Salaries	\$ 63,003.00	\$ 71,479.52	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 49,410.71	\$ 70,000.00	1%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,405.00	\$ 8,808.10	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,284.96	\$ 10,000.00	11%
Insurance-Group	\$ 5,450.00	\$ 6,402.10	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,859.74	\$ 5,000.00	17%
Utilities	\$ 6,131.00	\$ 6,845.67	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,249.38	\$ 8,000.00	0%
Books	\$ 10,106.00	\$ 11,220.01	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 7,531.18	\$ 17,000.00	21%
Communications	\$ 5,139.00	\$ 4,072.79	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,525.01	\$ 5,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 5,534.00	\$ 3,163.41	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,120.98	\$ 5,000.00	67%
TOTAL	\$ 103,768.00	\$ 111,991.60	\$ 114,000.00	\$ 73,981.96	\$ 120,000.00	5%

CULTURE AND RECREATION

TOTAL	\$ 315,083.00	\$ 373,195.81	\$ 366,000.00	\$ 205,549.28	\$ 377,000.00	3%
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**2007 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2004 ACTUAL	2005 ACTUAL	2006 BUDGET	2006 YTD	2007 BUDGET	%
Cash Short and Over	\$ (6.00)	\$ (17.58)	\$ 10.00	\$ (2.24)	\$ 10.00	0%
Cemeteries	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	0%
Retire/Pension Contrib.	\$ 73,781.00	\$ 78,131.43	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 50,741.95	\$ 90,000.00	6%
Public Expense	\$ 6,097.00	\$ 53,244.05	\$ 9,990.00	\$ 3,755.01	\$ 9,990.00	0%
Promotion and Tourism	\$ 1,685.00	\$ 2,452.34	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	0%
EMT Equipment	\$ -	\$ 1,152.65	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,096.73	\$ 12,000.00	300%
Intergovernmental Coop	\$ 1,078.00	\$ 946.55	\$ -	\$ 803.16	\$ -	0%
Contribution - QCJRA	\$ 7,560.00	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 6,720.00	0%
Comprehensive Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	0%
Television Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,149.57	\$ 5,000.00	0%
Contribution - V/MI/GCC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Hydrants	\$ 380.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 266.61	\$ 5,000.00	0%
TCBDA	\$ 44,281.00	\$ 45,701.59	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 27,024.68	\$ 50,000.00	0%
QCEDA	\$ 25,299.00	\$ 22.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
VRMC Contribution	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	0%
TOTAL	\$ 165,155.00	\$ 193,353.42	\$ 182,220.00	\$ 101,055.47	\$ 193,720.00	6%

TRANSFERS

Capital Improvement	\$ 136,920.00	\$ 242,163.96	\$ 301,030.00	\$ 175,600.81	\$ 412,716.00	37%
Mining Effects	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	0%
Debt Service	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 229,999.80	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 97,916.65	\$ 255,000.00	9%
TOTAL	\$ 416,920.00	\$ 522,163.76	\$ 586,030.00	\$ 273,517.46	\$ 717,716.00	22%

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL	\$ 582,075.00	\$ 715,517.18	\$ 768,250.00	\$ 374,572.93	\$ 911,436.00	19%
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**2007 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
DEBT SERVICE FUND**

REVENUE	2004 ACTUAL	2005 ACTUAL	2006 BUDGET	2006 YTD	2007 BUDGET
Interest Earnings	\$ 7,260.43	\$ 7,260.43	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,068.00	\$ 4,000.00
Special Assessments	\$ 66,108.00	\$ 66,108.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 16,167.00	\$ 15,000.00
Electric Fund	\$ 8,025.00	\$ 8,025.00	\$ 8,426.00	\$ 6,945.00	\$ 8,847.00
Water Fund	\$ 37,996.00	\$ 37,996.00	\$ 18,580.00	\$ 22,261.00	\$ 19,509.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TIF Fund	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 122,983.00	\$ 130,495.00	\$ 145,730.00
General Fund	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 191,667.00	\$ 235,000.00

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 396,389.43 \$ 396,389.43 \$ 403,989.00 \$ 372,603.00 \$ 428,086.00

EXPENSES

Principle - Community Center	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Interest - Community Center	\$ 45,785.00	\$ 45,785.00	\$ 42,385.00	\$ 44,166.00	\$ 41,435.00
Principle - Street Improvement	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Interest - Street Improvement	\$ 62,535.00	\$ 62,535.00	\$ 55,775.00	\$ 53,253.00	\$ 53,955.00
Principle - Water Revenue	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Interest - Water Revenue	\$ 38,815.00	\$ 38,815.00	\$ 37,328.00	\$ 19,064.00	\$ 36,233.00
Principal - TIF Bonds	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
Interest - TIF Bonds	\$ 16,338.00	\$ 16,338.00	\$ 7,983.00	\$ 12,375.00	\$ 5,730.00
Agent Fees	\$ 901.00	\$ 901.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 901.00	\$ 1,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 399,374.00 \$ 399,374.00 \$ 399,471.00 \$ 374,759.00 \$ 423,353.00

**2007 (PROPOSED) BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
CHARITABLE GAMBLING**

REVENUE	2003 ACTUAL	2004 ACTUAL	2005 BUDGET	2005 YTD	2006 BUDGET
Interest Earnings	\$ 110.00	\$ 341.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 200.00
Gambling Proceeds	\$ 3,189.00	\$ 3,836.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,608.00	\$ 2,500.00
Transfer In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 3,299.00	\$ 4,177.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,736.00	\$ 2,700.00
EXPENSES					
Allowable Expenditures	\$ 3,457.00	\$ 4,711.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 2,700.00
Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,457.00	\$ 4,711.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 2,700.00

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
2007 (PROPOSED) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
BUDGET**

2007 Capital Improvement Budget

	REVENUE	2006
General Fund	\$	462,716.00
Grants	\$	1,005,280.00
Loan	\$	70,000.00
Carry Over	\$	36,000.00
Bonding	\$	800,000.00

TOTAL **\$2,373,996.00**

	EXPENDITURE	Department	Projects	Grants	Loans	Bonding	Enterprise	TOTAL
Unity Drive Overlay		Streets	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 300,000.00		\$ 350,000.00
Park Ridge Drive Upgrade		Streets	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 215,000.00				\$ 215,000.00
16th Avenue Upgrade		Streets	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 280,000.00				\$ 280,000.00
Old Town Streetscape		Development	\$ 35,820.00	\$ 143,280.00				\$ 179,100.00
Library		Library			\$ 70,000.00			\$ 70,000.00
Unity Second Addition		Development	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 500,000.00		\$ 1,000,000.00
4X4 Vehicle		Fire	\$ 29,000.00					\$ 29,000.00
Turnout Gear		Fire	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 34,000.00				\$ 43,000.00
South Grove Bathrooms		Parks	\$ 30,000.00					\$ 30,000.00
4X4 Vehicle		Sheriff	\$ 29,000.00					\$ 29,000.00
Signage		Recreation	\$ 10,000.00					\$ 10,000.00
Unity Drive Sidewalks		Streets	\$ 10,000.00					\$ 10,000.00
Carpeting		Buildings	\$ 12,000.00					\$ 12,000.00
ATV Trail		Recreation	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 68,000.00				\$ 89,000.00
Fire Apparatus		Fire	\$ 40,000.00					\$ 40,000.00
Mountain Manor Playground		Parks	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00				\$ 20,000.00
Cemetery Association		Cemetery	\$ 12,500.00					\$ 12,500.00
OVERALL 2007 TOTAL			\$ 543,320.00	\$ 1,005,280.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,418,600.00

COUNCIL LETTER 120406-VIB

ED ROSKOSKI

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

DATE: November 29, 2006

FROM: Councilor Ed Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

In reference to the red cover City Planning and Zoning Rule Book: (1) The definition and application of the terms variance and conditional use permit (CUP) have morphed into what appears being applied the opposite in required situations. (2) We have the issue of a fee for residential plan review as brought up by Bruce Cook.

COUNCIL LETTER 120406-IX

CITY COUNCIL

CLOSED MEETING

DATE: November 29, 2006

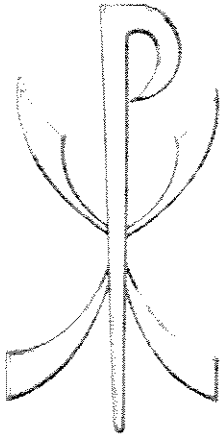
FROM: City Council

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The City Council may enter into a Closed Meeting to discuss contract negotiations strategies concerning the contract with certain management personnel.

COMMUNICATIONS
DECEMBER 4, 2006

1. Messiah Lutheran Church, forwarding an invitation to view an unusual exhibit of local art at the church from Dec. 3rd through Jan. 3rd.
2. East Range Academy, forwarding information on the new charter school and an invitation to attend the first public information event and enrollment kickoff on Monday, November 27, 2006.
3. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, information regarding the 2007 CGMC legislative agenda.
4. Days Inn, asking the City for assistance to host the first annual Christmas Party for under privileged children in the area on December 14, 2006.



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

8590 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, Minnesota 55768
218-741-7057
Fax: 218-741-7059

Pastor KRISTIN M. FOSTER
218-735-8785

November 14, 2006

Dear Mayor Skalko,

City Council

I am pleased to invite you and your Staff to the opening of an unusual exhibit of local art on Sunday afternoon, December 3, noon to 3:00p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mt. Iron.

“Red Dirt: Artistic Expressions from Iron Country” is inspired by the oral history collected at Messiah in the years following the fire which destroyed its old building in 1998. Each of the several dozen pieces of art expresses some facet of these voices. The pieces of art use a wide array of media, including photography, sculpture, fabric, drawing, poetry, welding and other three-dimensional pieces, and abstract acrylic. All nine of the artists live on or come from the east Iron Range.

The collection of art coincides with the publication of an original Advent and Christmas devotional book based on the prophet Isaiah and excerpts from this oral history. Copies of the devotional booklet will be available for a freewill donation.

The exhibit’s Opening is public. Freewill donations are welcome, but entrance to the exhibit and refreshments are free of charge. Music is being provided by a string ensemble of the Virginia-Eveleth-Gilbert senior high orchestra.

The exhibit will stay at Messiah from Sunday, December 3 through Wednesday, January 3. You are welcome to visit after the Opening whenever the building is open. Typical office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m., except for Christmas break.

I believe that this exhibit will warrant the adjective extraordinary, perhaps even unique. You are warmly encouraged to come and see for yourself.

Sincerely,

Pastor Kristin M. Foster

For the Ecclesia Steering Group

Dean Johnson, Jill Aubin, Pam Brunfelt, Robb Peterson, Vicar Amy Eisenman



Red Dirt

Artistic Expressions from
Iron Country

An Exhibit of
Original Local Art at



Messiah Lutheran Church
8590 Enterprise Drive
Mt. Iron

DECEMBER 3 - JANUARY 3

Public Exhibit Opening
Sunday, December 3, 2006

Noon - 3:00 pm

Refreshments served

High School String Quartet Performing



November 16, 2006

Mayor Gary Skalko
Mt. Iron City Hall
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

Dear Mayor Skalko:

We are writing today to introduce ourselves and the East Range Academy of Technology & Science. We are the board of directors for this new charter school being planned for the Iron Range. The school is set to open in the fall of 2007 to offer an additional open enrollment option for students grade 10 – 12. We will be a fully accredited, public high school operating in the Eveleth-Gilbert area, per our charter. We will follow the same Minnesota Department of Education graduation guidelines and requirements as all public schools. The difference - our focus will be on math, science and technology courses, to help our students meet the growing demand for such background as they choose careers in such fields as health services, communications and entrepreneurs, environmental issues or engineering for example.

We will be offering a 1:1 computing ratio for students to allow them to have ready access to technology for research and assignments throughout their school day. Licensed instructors will oversee a number of 'hands on' projects that the students will be responsible for. Additionally, there will be several, non-traditional fine arts options available to compliment the standard academic requirements.

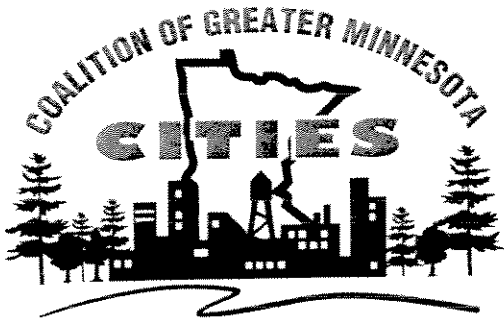
The board extends a personal invitation to you to join us for our first public informational event and enrollment kickoff on Monday, November 27, 2006. We will be holding this event at the Days Inn in Eveleth from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Representatives from both the Minnesota Department of Education and Capella University will be joining us at the event to speak with our guests. Please take this opportunity to meet us and find out more information on how the East Range Academy of Technology and Science will benefit the students in our area.

Please feel free to contact our Director, Amy Hendrickson at 744-1618 or visit our website at www.mnerats.org if you have any questions prior to the November 27 event.

Cordially,

Amy Hendrickson, School Director
Cynthia Theil, Board Chair
Stefanie Carlson, Board Member
Cynthia Klaras, Board Member
Anni Knutson, Board Member

www.mnerats.org



Dedicated to a Strong Greater Minnesota

November 24, 2006

Mr. Craig Wainio
City Administrator
City of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, MN 55768-8260

Dear Mr. Wainio:

Thank you to all city officials who participated in another productive and engaging Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities' conference. It was wonderful to see so many members who were able to attend and be actively involved in the 2007 CGMC legislative agenda. I look forward to working with all of you this session.

There has been a significant change at the state Legislature this election season causing a serious political imbalance that could potentially hurt greater Minnesota. Because of this imbalance, I am urging you now more than ever to take action and lobby your legislators on two key issues that are very important to greater Minnesota: Local Government Aid (LGA) and transportation.

Local Government Aid

A critical issue to discuss early on with your legislators is Local Government Aid. It is important that new legislators understand what LGA is and what the original purpose of the program was: **property tax relief**. It is also important that veteran legislators know you will be counting on their support for an increase in LGA this session. Please relay, in your own personal terms, the importance LGA plays in your city's operations and the property tax relief it offers constituents. Legislators must understand the importance of LGA to their cities. You must let your legislator know that you are counting on their support for LGA legislation this session. CGMC will be asking the Legislature to restore \$100 million of funding to the LGA program, which will bring LGA funding back to point it was at in 2003.

Mr. Craig Wainio, City Administrator
City of Mountain Iron
November 24, 2006
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Transportation

At the conference, members voted to initiate a transportation bill that provides for a 5-cent gas tax increase and dedication of 60 percent of the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST) revenue to highways through the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund. A separate bill will allocate five percent of MVST to greater Minnesota transit.

The CGMC bill may seem as though it does not offer enough new revenue for highways, but this was done for a specific purpose. The coalition wanted to offer a bill that reflects the bare necessities of what greater Minnesota needs in a comprehensive transportation plan in 2007. Earmarking a 5-cent gas tax increase and 60 percent of MVST for highways are the two provisions that CGMC members will insist on from our legislators. Increases in other revenues may be added to a comprehensive bill, and the CGMC may support these, but not without inclusion of the two main elements of the CGMC transportation bill. Please let your legislators know that you would like them to co-author the CGMC transportation bill this session.

Lobbying Cards

Enclosed is a copy of CGMC lobbying cards on the subjects of LGA, annexation, transportation and environment. City officials should use these cards as a reference when lobbying. The cards include background, useful facts, and CGMC's position on each issue. As CGMC's advocacy develops over the next few months, members will be given additional cards. If your city would like additional cards please contact Sarah Kleppe at skleppe@flaherty-hood.com or 651.259.1919. Each individual city can print their own lobbying cards from an electronic file, or purchase a new set for \$5.

It is essential that coalition members begin meeting with legislators as soon as possible. There will be many new legislators and staff to meet with and discuss CGMC issues. Please contact the Flaherty & Hood, P.A. staff and let them know how your meetings went with your legislators.

If you would like, Flaherty & Hood, P.A. staff members are available to accompany city officials in their meetings with legislators. If you have any questions on transportation contact Holly at 651.259.1924 or for questions about LGA, please contact Steve Peterson at 651.259.1922.

It will be a pleasure to work with you on greater Minnesota issues this session.

Sincerely,



Mayor H. Dan Ness, City of Alexandria
President, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities



Seasons Greetings,

The staff at The Eveleth Days Inn, and the non-profit organization *Good Neighbor*, would like to ask for your support in being a part of our first annual Christmas Party for under privileged children. We are going to have the party for local families at the Days Inn on Thursday December 14, 2006 from 5-8pm A sit down dinner will be served, compliments of Marina's Restaurant, and gifts for all of the 300 children that are expected to be in attendance will be provided by the *Good Neighbor* organization. We are asking for your help in entertaining our guests. If you and your group would be able to donate some of your time to ensure that all children on the Range have a very Merry Christmas it would be greatly appreciated. Please call us at the Eveleth Days Inn at 744-3322 to schedule your performance!!!!

Sincerely,
The Eveleth Days Inn Staff