

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the December 3, 2007, Regular Meeting (#1-27)
 - B. Receipts
 - C. Bills and Payroll
 - III. Public Forum
 - A. Tennis For All Scholarship
 - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - 1. License Changes for Sawmill (#28)
 - 2. Lease Renewal (#29-31)
 - C. Director of Public Works Report
 - 1. Enterprise Fund Budgets (#32-36)
 - 2. Snow Plowing on City owned property or ROW (#37)
 - D. Sheriff's Department Report (#38)
 - E. City Attorney's Report
 - F. City Engineer's Report
 - G. Liaison Reports
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Building Rental (#39)
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Resolution 55-07 Grant Application (#40-46)
 - B. Resolution 56-07 Cable Commission (#47-50)
 - C. Zoning Administrator Salary Adjustment (#51-52)
 - D. Building Permit Fees (#53)
 - VII. Open Discussion on City Business
 - VIII. Announcements
 - IX. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 3, 2007

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Tony Zupancich, Alan Stanaway, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer; and John Backman, Sergeant.

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

1. Add the following item to the agenda:
VI. I. Reservoir Water Level Fluctuations
2. Approve the minutes of the November 19, 2007, City Council meeting as submitted.
3. That the communications be accepted, placed on file, and those requiring further action by the City Council be acted upon during their proper sequence on the agenda.
4. To acknowledge the receipts for the period November 16-30, 2007, totaling \$166,932.44, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Prebeg to approve the following item from the consent agenda:

5. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period November 16-30, 2007, totaling \$331,171.80, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

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

During the public forum, Paul Yelenich spoke regarding the increase in the rental rates in the City buildings. He said that their Cribbage Club Group has been using the Nichol Town Hall since the building was built. He said that with the recent increase it will now cost them a \$100 building deposit and \$20 per night to use the building.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to direct City Staff to review the building rental rates for the Parkville Cribbage Club and the Mountain Iron Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5258 regarding the rates and bring the recommendation to the December 17, 2007, regular City Council meeting. The motion carried.

The Mayor updated the Council on the following:

- Mesabi Daily News Editorial. The Mayor commented on an editorial that recently was published in the Mesabi Daily News regarding the Economic Development at Park Ridge. He thanked the current and prior Council Members who voted for the project, the Economic Development Authority, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the City Staff for all of the work completed to get the development going. He said that this was a nice article regarding the development in Mountain Iron.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Prebeg to set a Labor/Management Meeting for Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. with Councilor Prebeg attending as the Council Representative. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Roskoski to publish an advertisement for the following board and commission positions that are open:

One Position	Park and Recreation Board
One Position	Library Board
Two Positions	Cable Commission
One Position	Tennis for All Board

with the advertising closing date as Friday, December 28th, 2007. The motion carried.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Prebeg that the liquor and cigarette license applications for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, 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
Virginia (Mountain Iron), MN 55792

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

Silver Creek Liquor Company, Inc.
DBA: Silver Creek Liquor
5489 Highway 7
Virginia (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
Virginia (Mountain Iron), MN 55792

Cigarette

F. P. Troutwine, C & B Warehouse Distr.
Mountain Iron 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
Virginia (Mountain Iron), MN 55792

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

Adventures, Virginia, Inc.
Greg Hartnett
5475 Mountain Iron Drive
Virginia (Mountain Iron), MN 55792

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

Walgreen Company
5474 Mountain Iron Drive
Virginia (Mountain Iron), MN 55792

Cigarette

The motion carried.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Stanaway to approve the Mesabi Humane Society Contract for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 at a cost of \$1,000 per month, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

The City Administrator reported on the following:

- Grants. He informed the Council that he had been working with Councilor Roskoski and had contacted the Northland Foundation with most of the grant requests not fitting their criteria. He said that maybe the refrigerator/freezer may be grant eligible. The Northland Foundation contact did advise them of other sources for funding that they will be contacting.

- Unity Second Addition. The Administrator said that the addition looks gorgeous and should be a very nice addition to the City. He said that the road base is in and the lots are really nice.
- Cable Commission. He said that this Commission was originally developed in 1997 with no structure or guidelines. The Administrator said that this Commission should have more structure to it and an ordinance would need to be developed. He said that he would work with the current Commission Members to develop the ordinance.

During the Sheriff's Department Report the Sergeant advised the Council that the Calendar Parking is in effect from November 1st through April 30th and it is being enforced. He said that beginning at 6:00 p.m. you park for the next day with 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. being the grace period.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Stanaway to authorize payment request number one to Ulland Brothers Incorporated in the amount of \$29,411.52 for the 2007 Street Improvement Projects. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich to authorize payment request number four to Utility Systems of America Incorporated in the amount of \$134,336.58 for the Unity Addition Phase II Residential Development. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The following items were discussed during the Liaison Reports:

- Library Board. Councilor Stanaway advised the Council that there were 1,223 patrons in the Library in November checking out 2,377 items. There was 291 requests made and Staff added 154 new items to the Library Inventory.

It was moved by Roskoski to direct the City Administrator to work on both motion requests regarding the addresses through the phone book and the postal service made at the November 19, 2007 meeting, but nothing will be done with any of the addresses until the City Council reviews all of the issues involved with any address changes anticipated. The motion died for lack of a second.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to adopt the 2008 Budget as presented, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes; Zupancich, yes; Stanaway, yes; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 51-07, approving the 2007 tax levy, collectable in 2008, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Prebeg, yes; Zupancich, yes; Stanaway, yes; Roskoski, no; and Skalko, yes.

It was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 52-07, approving the proposed 2008 market rate based referendum levy for the General Obligation Community Center bonds and interest, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Zupancich to adopt Resolution Number 53-07, concerning the 2008 Economic Development Authority tax levy, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Zupancich to adopt Resolution Number 54-07, concerning the 2008 Housing and Redevelopment Authority tax levy, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to modify the building rental policy adopted November 5, 2007, by removing the word “rummage” from page 1, paragraph 2 (usage), Line 15. The motion carried.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Stanaway to contribute \$300 to the Highway 53 Long-Range Improvement Citizens’ Task Force for lobbyist services on the Highway 53 Four-Lane Project from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Zupancich to direct City Staff to contact Minntac officials as soon as possible and request that they place some advertisements in the local newspaper regarding the West II Rivers Reservoir pumping activities and any potential dangers that could cause and also possibly post signs at the two access road areas to the Reservoir. The motion carried.

At 7:32 p.m., it was moved by Skalko and seconded by Zupancich to recess the regular meeting and open the closed session to discuss management negotiations. The motion carried.

At 7:47 p.m., it was moved by Zupancich and seconded by Roskoski to go into closed session to discuss management negotiations. The motion carried.

All Council members were present during the closed session.

The Council discussed the status of the management negotiations in the closed session.

At 8:16 p.m., it was moved by Skalko and seconded by Stanaway that the closed session be adjourned and the regular meeting be reconvened. The motion carried.

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

Submitted by:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. Northwoods Landscape & Recreation, Inc., a letter concerning maintenance or replacement of tennis courts and brochures.
2. MPCA Fall 2007 quarterly publication, an article about the letter of agreement to reduce global warming signed by Minnesota Mayors.
3. Range Association of Municipalities and Schools, a memo concerning 2008 and the upcoming legislative session.
4. St. Louis County, a memo concerning training for the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization.
5. League of Minnesota Cities, an action alert for conferences scheduled in 2008.
6. League of Minnesota Cities Ambassador's Summary Report for November/December.
7. Iron Range Resources Mineland Reclamation, a letter declining the request for funding for the Historic Baldwin Locomotive Repair Project.
8. Mediacom, a letter concerning availability of high-definition products and rate adjustments.
9. Mountain Iron-Buhl Public School District No. 712, a thank you for the contribution to broadcast the school sporting events throughout the year.
10. Mountain Iron Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5258, comments regarding the Council action to increase the building rent for their meetings and advising the Council they will no longer use the facility for their meetings do to the cost.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	119,650.58
LICENSES	ANIMAL	15.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	9,747.81
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	500.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	60.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	SEWER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	290.81
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	28,481.05
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	1,550.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	860.68
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	2,981.22
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	732.23
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 603	889.13
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 604	52.32
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	700.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	SERVICES, FEES, MISC.	106.08
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	30.00
LICENSES	CIGARETTE	100.00
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	25.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	160.53
Summary Totals:		<u>166,932.44</u>

Per	Date	Check No	Vendor No	Payee	Check GL Acct	Amount
11/07	11/30/2007	135638	30032	VOID - COURT ADMIN.-CONCILIATION	603-20200	245.00 -M
11/07	11/27/2007	135775	30032	COURT ADMIN.-CONCILIATION	603-20200	185.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135776	3018	ARROWHEAD REGIONAL COMPUTING	101-20200	100.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135777	5007	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	101-20200	621.93
12/07	12/04/2007	135778	20001	BAKER FIRE EQUIPMENT	101-20200	30.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135779	1203	BROOKE PETTINELLI	101-20200	100.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135780	30017	CARQUEST (MOUNTAIN IRON)	101-20200	291.54
12/07	12/04/2007	135781	30026	COMO LUBE & SUPPLIES INC	101-20200	98.40
12/07	12/04/2007	135782	40020	DORHOLT TILE & HOME CENTER INC	301-20200	4,213.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135783	50009	EARL F ANDERSEN INC	101-20200	86.27
12/07	12/04/2007	135784	60026	FASTENAL COMPANY	101-20200	106.23
12/07	12/04/2007	135785	70028	GREATER MINNESOTA AGENCY INC	101-20200	192.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135786	80010	HOMETOWN ELECTRIC	301-20200	196.46
12/07	12/04/2007	135787	90009	IRON OAKES FENCING	301-20200	1,974.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135788	1202	JIM OR BLANCHE OTTO	101-20200	100.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135789	100019	JOLA & SOPP EXCAVATING INC	601-20200	1,120.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135790	1060	KOOCHICHING COUNTY	101-20200	300.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135791	120032	LAKE COUNTRY POWER	101-20200	162.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135792	120002	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	101-20200	488.23
12/07	12/04/2007	135793	1201	MIB TEACHERS LOCAL #4395	101-20200	200.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135794	130039	MINNESOTA DEPT OF COMMERCE	604-20200	219.76
12/07	12/04/2007	135795	130044	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	601-20200	1,497.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135796	130009	MINNESOTA POWER	101-20200	64,577.84
12/07	12/04/2007	135797	130024	MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY	101-20200	1,200.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135798	130123	MORTON SALT	101-20200	1,209.30
12/07	12/04/2007	135799	120007	MOTION INDUSTRIES INC	602-20200	37.25
12/07	12/04/2007	135800	140055	NORTHERN VISUAL SERVICES	101-20200	110.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135801	140054	NORTHLAND CHEMICAL CORP	101-20200	89.23
12/07	12/04/2007	135802	160038	PITNEY BOWES	604-20200	257.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135803	160043	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC	101-20200	3,554.15
12/07	12/04/2007	135804	170007	QUILL CORPORATION	101-20200	532.44
12/07	12/04/2007	135805	180021	RANGE ASSOC OF MUNICIPALITIES	101-20200	700.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135806	9013	RANGE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	101-20200	250.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135807	180053	RUSSO CONSULTING	101-20200	280.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135808	190045	SERVICE SOLUTIONS	101-20200	324.93
12/07	12/04/2007	135809	9009	TERESA KOCHAR	101-20200	50.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135810	200006	TRIMARK INDUSTRIAL	601-20200	31.36
12/07	12/04/2007	135811	210010	ULLAND BROTHERS INC	103-20200	29,411.52
12/07	12/04/2007	135812	210006	UTILITY SYSTEMS OF AMERICA INC	301-20200	134,336.58
12/07	12/04/2007	135813	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS	601-20200	20.71
12/07	12/04/2007	135814	220014	VIKING INDUSTRIAL NORTH	101-20200	507.77
12/07	12/04/2007	135815	220004	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	604-20200	28,679.80
12/07	12/04/2007	135816	1020	VIRGINIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CTR	101-20200	100.00
12/07	12/04/2007	135817	230005	WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC	604-20200	73.49
12/07	12/04/2007	135818	230028	WISCONSIN ENERGY CONSERVATION	604-20200	215.20
12/07	12/04/2007	135819	240001	XEROX CORPORATION	101-20200	386.80

Totals:

278,952.19

Payroll-PP Ending 11/30/07

52,219.61

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$331,171.80

CONTRACT FOR SERVICE

This contract, made and entered into this 3rd day of December, 2008 by and between the Mesabi Humane Society, Range Animal Shelter, 2305 Southern Drive, Virginia, MN 55792, referred to as the Mesabi Humane Society, and the City of Mountain Iron hereinafter referred to as the Municipality.

I. RECITALS

WHEREAS, this contract will use the term "animals" to mean domesticated dogs and cats. All other animals are not covered or considered within this document, nor handled by the Mesabi Humane Society.

WHEREAS, the Municipality is in need of shelter and care of animals found within the city limits and in need of an animal control program and service.

WHEREAS, the Mesabi Humane Society has a facility and is qualified and licensed to provide such care, shelter and animal control services.

WHEREAS, the Municipality wishes to purchase these services from the Mesabi Humane Society, in accordance with this contract.

WHEREAS, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, it is agreed and understood as follows:

II. TERMS

The term of this contract shall be from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 to be reviewed for revisions by both parties on yearly intervals in order for this animal control service and program to best serve both the Municipality and the Mesabi Humane Society.

III. BASIC SERVICES

The Mesabi Humane Society agrees to provide the following services:

1. Shelter and care for animals detained or taken possession of in the city limits of the Municipality. These will be animals captured and contained by the Humane Society Animal Control Officer (A.C.O.)
2. Shelter and care for stray/free roaming animals that are delivered to the shelter by the residents, Municipality officials and employees of the Municipality on a volunteer basis. If the Mesabi Humane Society reaches operating capacity as allowed by law, then we will reserve the right to refuse incoming animals until space can be made. We will not refuse an injured animal, nor will we refuse to capture and contain a dangerous animal if the appropriate requests and notifications are made.
3. Pick up and transport animals from the Municipality to the shelter during business hours, upon request of the appropriate Municipality officials and citizens within the Municipalities residential limits.
4. The Animal Control Officer (A.C.O.) will patrol the Municipality in the Animal Control Officer's identified vehicle at random times during the week to check for, and pick up free-roaming animals within the city limits of the Municipality. The Animal Control Officer will work with the Municipalities Police Department, and Municipality officials to help uphold all Municipality ordinances governing animals within their limits.
5. Animal examinations and veterinary care at a licensed facility, whenever staff deems it necessary.
6. The Mesabi Humane Society will board animals up to seven (7) working days in our holding facility. This gives us legal custody of any animals, and the right to make decisions regarding animals in our possession.

7. Euthanasia and disposal if required. This decision is to be based on health and behavioral issues only, not the need for more space for new incoming, or free roaming animals, as outlined in the Mesabi Humane Society policy handbook.
8. All animals leaving the Mesabi Humane Society will be spayed, or neutered before adoption, except in the case when over-crowded becomes a concern, or the age, size or temperament prohibits. If this situation arises a deposit will be charged to the adoptee to ensure this procedure is followed within certain time constraints.
9. Keep accurate records of all transactions concerning animals from the Municipality and/or residents.
10. Respond to all animal concerns and situations that arise in the Municipality in a timely manner, during normal business hours. If there is an emergency after hours of operation (9 am – 6 pm M-F, 9 am – 4 pm Sat – Sun) the Director and/or Animal Control Officer will be contacted via telephone, and will address the issue based on urgency and risk to public safety. The Director or Animal Control Officer will have the right to refuse service after normal business hours if the case is deemed to be non-emergency, or there is no risk to the public safety.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY

1. It is up to the Municipality to help the Mesabi Humane Society uphold quarantine (confine & observe) guidelines. The Mesabi Humane Society reserves the right to make decisions regarding bites & human exposure.
2. The Municipality shall call the Mesabi Humane Society for pick-up of animal (s) during normal business hours, or make attempts to contact the M.H.S. regarding the animals and/or concern if after business hours.

**** If agreed upon, ONLY after contacting the Mesabi Humane Society Director or Animal Control Officer, Municipality appointed personnel may bring animal (s) to the shelter and place animals in the outdoor kennel after regular business hours. The animal (s) will then be admitted into the shelter the following morning, when an employee arrives. If these situations arise, the Mesabi Humane Society MUST be notified where the animal has been removed or captured from, and the situation regarding the placement of the animal in our kennel.**

3. If an emergency veterinary situation arises before or after normal Mesabi Humane Society business hours, the Municipality will pay for the emergency part of the veterinary billing, and the Mesabi Humane Society will pay any other costs related to the well-being and care of the animal. Appropriate care, and determination of care needs will be made by the veterinarian who intakes the animal after Mesabi Humane Society business hours, and they along with the Mesabi Humane Society will have the rights to make decisions regarding care.

V. COMPENSATION

The Municipality shall pay the Mesabi Humane Society the following fee: 1,000.00 per month. Payments are to be made at the beginning of each month for the ensuing period of service (i.e. January 01 payment for January services, etc.). Failure to make payments in a timely manner can be considered as a breach of this contract and result in immediate severance of service. Payments are considered late after the 15th of the month billed.

VI. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

In providing all services pursuant to this contract, the Mesabi Humane Society shall abide by all statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations pertaining to or regulating the provision of such services, including those now in effect and hereinafter adopted, as provided by each and all Municipalities. It will be the sole responsibility of Municipality to give the Mesabi Humane Society its statutes, ordinances and rules and keep the Mesabi Humane Society up to date on any and all changes that may have concern or relation to the provided services and statutes.

VII. INSURANCE

The Mesabi Humane Society shall purchase, maintain in full force and effect during the term of this contract and provide proof of the following insurance coverage:

- A. **WORKERS COMPENSATION:** Coverage at statutory limits, as provided by the State of MN.
- B. **COMPENSATION GENERAL LIABILITY:** Coverage shall have minimum limits to \$600,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for Bodily Injury Liability and Property damage Liability.

VIII. EARLY TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

Either party upon thirty (30) days written notice, delivered by certified mail or in person, to the other party may terminate this contract.

IX. MODIFICATIONS

Any material alterations, modifications, or variations of the terms of this contract shall be valid and enforceable only when they have been reduced to writing as an amendment and signed by both or all parties involved.

X. RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The Municipality including the officials and residents agree to hold harmless the Mesabi Humane Society in the case of any injuries or deaths relating to, or regarding; the capture and containment of any stray, or free-roaming animals. The Municipality also agrees to refrain from any legal action against the Mesabi Humane Society in the case of any harm or damage caused by stray or free-roaming domesticated animals.

XI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

It is understood and agreed by the parties that the entire agreement of the parties is contained herein and that the contract supersedes all oral agreements and negotiations between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between the Mesabi Humane Society and the Municipality. The parties hereto revoke any prior oral or written agreements between themselves, and agree that this contract is the only and complete agreement regarding the subject thereof. This contract becomes legal and binding once signed by both parties.

MESABI HUMANE SOCIETY

BY: Kel Ah

DATE: Nov 14 2007

TITLE: Executive Director

MUNICIPALITY

BY: [Signature]

DATE: December 3, 2007

TITLE: Mayor

**2008 BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
REVENUE**

GENERAL REVENUE	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	Difference	Percent
Lic. & Permits	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Charges for Service	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Fines	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 500.00	5.3%
Interest	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Refunds	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)	-10.0%
General	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	-33.3%
Subtotal	\$ 224,500.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ (14,500.00)	-6.5%

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Local Government Aid	\$ 718,350.00	\$ 825,649.00	\$ 107,299.00	14.9%
Taconite Production Tax	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	9.1%
Taconite Municipal Aid	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	1.5%
Mining Effects Tax	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10.0%
Other	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Subtotal	\$ 1,713,350.00	\$ 1,885,649.00	\$ 172,299.00	10.1%

TAXES

Tax Levy	\$ 961,721.00	\$ 1,002,969.00	\$ 41,248.00	4.3%
Market Rate Levy	\$ 85,507.00	\$ 83,102.00	\$ (2,405.00)	-2.8%
Misc. Taxes	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	100.0%
Franchise	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Subtotal	\$ 1,082,228.00	\$ 1,136,071.00	\$ 53,843.00	5.0%

Total	\$ 3,020,078.00	\$ 3,231,720.00	\$ 211,642.00	7.0%
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**2008 BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
REVENUE**

TAXES	2005 ACTUAL	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 YTD	2008 BUDGET	%
Tax Levy	\$ 825,840.00	\$ 750,356.00	\$ 961,721.00	\$ 505,820.54	\$ 1,002,969.00	4.3%
Bond Levy	\$ 84,548.00	\$ 87,378.00	\$ 85,507.00	\$ 53,325.11	\$ 83,102.00	-2.8%
Misc Taxes	\$ 132,525.00	\$ 197,371.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,575.36	\$ 30,000.00	100.0%
Franchise	\$ 21,855.00	\$ 21,310.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 17,173.53	\$ 20,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$ 1,064,768.00	\$ 1,056,415.00	\$ 1,082,228.00	\$ 583,894.54	\$ 1,136,071.00	5.0%

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

LGA	\$ 526,247.00	\$ 623,882.00	\$ 718,350.00	\$ 359,175.00	\$ 825,649.00	14.9%
Tac. Prod Aid	\$ 593,515.00	\$ 705,538.00	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 661,862.50	\$ 600,000.00	9.1%
Tac. Aid	\$ 355,561.00	\$ 380,628.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 391,189.00	\$ 330,000.00	1.5%
Mining Effects	\$ 115,549.00	\$ 116,157.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 58,666.50	\$ 110,000.00	10.0%
Misc. Aid	\$ 138,306.00	\$ 160,277.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,264.50	\$ 20,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$ 1,729,178.00	\$ 1,986,482.00	\$ 1,713,350.00	\$ 1,481,157.50	\$ 1,885,649.00	10.1%

GENERAL REVENUE

Lic. & Permits	\$ 17,744.00	\$ 36,720.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 22,933.23	\$ 20,000.00	0.0%
Charges for Service	\$ 78,432.00	\$ 45,195.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 214,511.65	\$ 50,000.00	0.0%
Fines	\$ 13,815.00	\$ 12,811.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 11,254.17	\$ 10,000.00	5.3%
Interest	\$ 25,057.00	\$ 38,914.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 34,216.39	\$ 30,000.00	0.0%
Refunds	\$ 104,817.00	\$ 85,865.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 51,758.84	\$ 90,000.00	-10.0%
General	\$ 9,705.00	\$ 4,629.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 100.01	\$ 10,000.00	-33.3%
TOTAL	\$ 249,570.00	\$ 224,134.00	\$ 224,500.00	\$ 334,774.29	\$ 210,000.00	-6.5%

TOTAL	\$ 3,043,516.00	\$ 3,267,031.00	\$ 3,020,078.00	\$ 2,399,826.33	\$ 3,231,720.00	7.0%
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**2008 BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
EXPENDITURES**

DEPARTMENT	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	Difference	Percent
City Council	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 500.00	3.3%
Administration	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 475,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	11.8%
Election	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	100.0%
Assessing	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 800.00	2.9%
Planning & Zoning	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 600.00	2.7%
Sheriffs	\$ 427,000.00	\$ 440,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	3.0%
Fire Protection	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 88,300.00	\$ 8,300.00	10.4%
Emergency Management	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	-	0.0%
Animal Control	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	-	0.0%
Streets	\$ 575,000.00	\$ 640,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	11.3%
Buildings	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 164,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	2.8%
Campground	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 53,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	2.9%
Recreation	\$ 205,000.00	\$ 205,000.00	-	0.0%
Government	\$ 199,220.00	\$ 214,220.00	\$ 15,000.00	7.5%
Library	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	8.3%
Transfers	\$ 693,358.00	\$ 704,787.00	\$ 11,429.00	1.6%
Total	\$ 3,020,078.00	\$ 3,209,707.00	\$ 189,629.00	6.3%

**2008 BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

CITY COUNCIL	2005		2006		2007		2008	
	ACTUAL		ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET		%
Council Salaries	\$ 11,100.00	\$	11,100.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 14,400.00		0%
Other	\$ 16,117.79	\$	6,142.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 5,978.50	\$ 1,100.00		83%
TOTAL	\$ 27,217.79	\$	17,242.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 16,778.50	\$ 15,500.00		3%

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries	\$ 181,613.89	\$	199,512.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 148,917.33	\$ 200,000.00		11%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 24,749.88	\$	27,865.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,212.45	\$ 30,000.00		0%
Insurance-Group	\$ 58,181.85	\$	60,457.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 46,079.07	\$ 70,000.00		40%
Insurance-General	\$ 64,668.00	\$	23,382.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 46,009.00	\$ 55,000.00		0%
Independent Audit	\$ 13,000.00	\$	14,520.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		0%
Engineering Fees	\$ 39,505.48	\$	18,273.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 13,707.50	\$ 35,000.00		0%
Legal Fees	\$ 46,850.01	\$	51,500.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 30,311.45	\$ 35,000.00		13%
Communications	\$ 10,822.72	\$	8,491.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,681.40	\$ 10,000.00		0%
Supplies	\$ 4,516.37	\$	3,958.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,235.97	\$ 5,000.00		25%
Operations	\$ 24,285.83	\$	34,778.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 23,657.04	\$ 20,000.00		33%
TOTAL	\$ 468,194.03	\$	442,736.00	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 359,811.21	\$ 475,000.00		12%

ELECTION

Salaries	\$ -	\$	2,290.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00		-100%
Operations	\$ 660.00	\$	1,320.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00		-100%
TOTAL	\$ 660.00	\$	3,610.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00		-100%

**2008 BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

ASSESSING	2005		2006		2007		2008		%
	ACTUAL		ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET		
Contract Services	\$ 27,657.00	\$	27,485.00	\$ 26,500.00	\$	-	\$ 27,800.00	5%	
Operations	\$ 1,126.44	\$	589.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$	266.76	\$ 1,000.00	-33%	
TOTAL	\$ 28,783.44	\$	28,074.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$	266.76	\$ 28,800.00	3%	

PLANNING & ZONING

Salaries	\$ 12,420.61	\$	19,262.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$	13,391.46	\$ 17,000.00	3%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,086.06	\$	2,161.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$	1,496.21	\$ 2,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 2,174.44	\$	6,122.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$	3,017.02	\$ 3,600.00	3%
TOTAL	\$ 15,681.11	\$	27,545.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$	17,904.69	\$ 22,600.00	3%

ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL	\$ 540,536.37	\$	519,207.00	\$ 490,000.00	\$	394,761.16	\$ 550,900.00	12%
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**2008 BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
PUBLIC SAFETY**

POLICE PROTECTION	2005 ACTUAL	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 YTD	2008 BUDGET	%
Contract Services	\$ 448,556.87	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 315,000.00	\$ 430,000.00	2%
Other Expenditures	\$ 6,752.30	\$ 10,447.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,342.28	\$ 10,000.00	43%
TOTAL	\$ 455,309.17	\$ 430,447.00	\$ 427,000.00	\$ 322,342.28	\$ 440,000.00	3%

FIRE PROTECTION

Salaries	\$ 11,461.14	\$ 22,998.00	\$ 18,200.00	\$ 17,247.80	\$ 19,000.00	4%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,584.64	\$ 2,416.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,209.88	\$ 2,100.00	5%
Training	\$ 12,652.09	\$ 13,525.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,090.00	\$ 20,000.00	33%
Maintenance	\$ 46,435.46	\$ 6,594.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,948.33	\$ 10,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 16,231.82	\$ 17,572.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,906.84	\$ 16,600.00	11%
Firemen's Relief	\$ 24,332.00	\$ 26,327.00	\$ 19,800.00	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 20,600.00	4%
TOTAL	\$ 112,697.15	\$ 89,432.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 61,802.85	\$ 88,300.00	10%

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Plan Update	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 25.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0%
TOTAL	\$ 25.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	0%

ANIMAL CONTROL

Contact Services	\$ 10,258.44	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 109.45	\$ 238.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 94.55	\$ 500.00	0%
TOTAL	\$ 10,367.89	\$ 12,238.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 9,094.55	\$ 12,500.00	0%

PUBLIC SAFETY

TOTAL	\$ 578,399.21	\$ 532,292.00	\$ 525,500.00	\$ 393,239.68	\$ 546,800.00	4%
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**2008 BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
PUBLIC WORKS**

STREETS	2005	2006	2007	2008	%
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Salaries	\$ 332,441.61	\$ 345,430.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 238,578.00	17%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 45,171.65	\$ 46,384.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 34,877.03	0%
Insurance-Group	\$ 109,189.08	\$ 103,949.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 114,227.39	10%
Utilities	\$ 47,062.78	\$ 47,992.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 32,827.61	11%
Maintenance	\$ 87,717.47	\$ 72,888.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 56,438.02	0%
Supplies	\$ 27,580.79	\$ 28,740.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,965.69	0%
Operations	\$ 21,072.43	\$ 19,003.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,208.09	0%
TOTAL	\$ 670,235.81	\$ 664,386.00	\$ 575,000.00	\$ 499,121.83	11%

BUILDINGS	2005	2006	2007	2008	%
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Salaries	\$ 49,964.01	\$ 59,556.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 54,526.69	7%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 6,922.37	\$ 8,309.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,762.77	0%
Insurance-Group	\$ 19,527.93	\$ 22,419.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 20,384.20	11%
Utilities	\$ 38,956.63	\$ 42,243.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 28,365.29	-11%
Communications	\$ 933.77	\$ 1,329.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 803.90	0%
Supplies	\$ 10,601.50	\$ 17,196.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,154.32	0%
Operations	\$ 27,347.73	\$ 22,514.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 20,380.87	21%
TOTAL	\$ 154,253.94	\$ 173,566.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 146,378.04	3%

PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 824,489.75	\$ 837,952.00	\$ 735,000.00	\$ 645,499.87	9%
TOTAL				\$ 804,500.00	9%

**2008 BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
CULTURE AND RECREATION**

CAMPGROUND	2005	2006	2007	2007	2008	%
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	
Salaries	\$ 18,905.96	\$ 19,830.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 14,468.06	\$ 20,000.00	11%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,055.29	\$ 2,140.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,363.97	\$ 2,000.00	0%
Insurance-Group	\$ 4,126.30	\$ 2,487.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,401.45	\$ 5,000.00	-29%
Utilities	\$ 4,919.95	\$ 6,347.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,874.74	\$ 7,000.00	-7%
Operations	\$ 27,737.42	\$ 31,484.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 33,637.03	\$ 18,500.00	16%
Advertising	\$ 1,018.87	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00	-33%
TOTAL	\$ 58,763.79	\$ 62,588.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 56,845.25	\$ 53,500.00	3%

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Salaries	\$ 103,620.76	\$ 94,679.00	\$ 107,000.00	\$ 67,367.29	\$ 107,000.00	0%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 13,087.17	\$ 12,350.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 8,243.46	\$ 13,000.00	0%
Insurance-Group	\$ 31,744.87	\$ 27,458.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 18,943.26	\$ 25,000.00	0%
Utilities	\$ 11,103.19	\$ 9,819.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 8,549.73	\$ 11,000.00	0%
Maintenance	\$ 8,529.68	\$ 6,119.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,319.08	\$ 9,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 18,233.07	\$ 13,760.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 19,711.21	\$ 22,000.00	0%
Baseball/Softball	\$ 5,451.83	\$ 6,024.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,088.77	\$ 6,000.00	0%
Special Events	\$ 10,669.85	\$ 8,599.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,356.10	\$ 12,000.00	0%
TOTAL	\$ 202,440.42	\$ 178,808.00	\$ 205,000.00	\$ 141,578.90	\$ 205,000.00	0%

LIBRARY

Salaries	\$ 71,479.52	\$ 72,604.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 43,704.33	\$ 75,000.00	7%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,808.10	\$ 8,351.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,205.57	\$ 10,000.00	0%
Insurance-Group	\$ 6,402.10	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,145.48	\$ 10,000.00	100%
Utilities	\$ 6,845.67	\$ 8,118.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,257.51	\$ 8,000.00	0%
Books	\$ 11,220.01	\$ 14,346.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 6,626.19	\$ 17,000.00	0%
Communications	\$ 4,072.79	\$ 4,572.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,359.87	\$ 5,000.00	0%
Operations	\$ 3,163.41	\$ 6,608.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,165.50	\$ 5,000.00	0%
TOTAL	\$ 111,991.60	\$ 117,029.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 76,464.45	\$ 130,000.00	8%

CULTURE AND RECREATION

TOTAL	\$ 373,195.81	\$ 358,425.00	\$ 377,000.00	\$ 274,888.60	\$ 388,500.00	3%
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**2008 BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2005 ACTUAL	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 YTD	2008 BUDGET	%
Cash Short and Over	\$ (17.58)	\$ 164.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 6.99	\$ 10.00	0%
Cemeteries	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	0%
Retire/Pension Contrib.	\$ 78,131.43	\$ 105,723.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 91,644.56	\$ 110,000.00	22%
Public Expense	\$ 53,244.05	\$ 5,920.00	\$ 9,990.00	\$ 2,270.72	\$ 9,990.00	0%
Promotion and Tourism	\$ 2,452.34	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,455.00	\$ 2,500.00	0%
EMT Equipment	\$ 1,152.65	\$ 1,607.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,442.33	\$ 12,000.00	0%
Intergovernmental Coop	\$ 946.55	\$ 803.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ -	0%
Contribution - QCJRA	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 6,720.00	0%
Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	0%
Televise Meetings	\$ -	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 5,000.00	0%
Hydrants	\$ -	\$ 779.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 209.69	\$ 2,000.00	-60%
TCBDA	\$ 45,701.59	\$ 47,190.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 36,268.04	\$ 50,000.00	0%
QCEDA	\$ 22.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
VRMC Contribution	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	-100%
TOTAL	\$ 193,353.42	\$ 183,636.00	\$ 199,220.00	\$ 164,042.33	\$ 214,220.00	8%
TRANSFERS						
Capital Improvement	\$ 242,163.96	\$ 301,030.00	\$ 388,358.00	\$ 291,268.44	\$ 343,787.00	-11%
Mining Effects	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	0%
Debt Service	\$ 229,999.80	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 255,000.00	\$ 114,633.42	\$ 311,000.00	22%
TOTAL	\$ 522,163.76	\$ 586,030.00	\$ 693,358.00	\$ 455,901.86	\$ 704,787.00	2%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
TOTAL	\$ 715,517.18	\$ 769,666.00	\$ 892,578.00	\$ 619,944.19	\$ 919,007.00	3%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,032,138.32	\$ 3,017,542.00	\$ 3,020,078.00	\$ 2,328,333.50	\$ 3,209,707.00	

2008 BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUE:	2005 ACTUAL	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 YTD	2008 BUDGET
Interest Earnings	\$ 7,260.43	\$ 20,644.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 17,222.00	\$ 5,000.00
Special Assessments	\$ 66,108.00	\$ 62,032.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,405.00	\$ 15,000.00
Electric Fund	\$ 8,025.00	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 8,847.00	-	\$ 9,827.00
Water Fund	\$ 37,996.00	\$ 18,580.00	\$ 19,509.00	\$ 14,180.00	\$ 21,669.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TIF Fund	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 120,651.00	\$ 145,730.00	\$ 145,730.00	\$ -
General Fund	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 229,267.00	\$ 114,633.00	\$ 311,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 396,389.43	\$ 465,357.00	\$ 423,353.00	\$ 303,170.00	\$ 362,496.00
EXPENSES					
Principle - Community Center	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -
Interest - Community Center	\$ 45,785.00	\$ 42,385.00	\$ 41,435.00	\$ 45,726.00	\$ -
Principle - Street Improvement	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Interest - Street Improvement	\$ 62,535.00	\$ 55,775.00	\$ 53,955.00	\$ 26,978.00	\$ 50,018.00
Principle - Water Revenue	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	-	\$ 35,000.00
Interest - Water Revenue	\$ 38,815.00	\$ 37,328.00	\$ 36,233.00	\$ 18,116.25	\$ 35,063.00
Principle - TIF Bonds	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ -
Interest - TIF Bonds	\$ 16,338.00	\$ 7,983.00	\$ 5,730.00	\$ 2,865.00	\$ -
Principle - USDA Loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest - USDA Loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,375.00	\$ 12,169.00
Principle - 2005 Xover	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Interest - 2005 Xover	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,573.00	\$ 29,145.00
Principle - Improvement Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest - Improvement Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,743.00
Agent Fees	\$ 901.00	\$ 862.51	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 647.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 399,374.00	\$ 399,333.51	\$ 423,353.00	\$ 376,280.25	\$ 353,138.00

2008 BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
CHARITABLE GAMBLING

	2005		2006		2007		2008	
REVENUE	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Interest Earnings	\$ 153.00	\$ 218.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
Gambling Proceeds	\$ 2,608.00	\$ 2,761.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 765.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,761.00	\$ 2,979.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 890.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	
EXPENSES								
Allowable Expenditures	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 2,935.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,501.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	
Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 2,935.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,501.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	

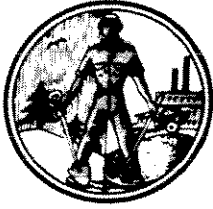
**2008 BUDGET
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET**

2008 Capital Improvement Budget

REVENUE	2008
General Fund	\$ 393,787.00
Grants	\$ 423,280.00
Bonding	\$ 800,000.00

TOTAL \$1,617,067.00

EXPENDITURE	Department	Projects	Grants	Bonding	TOTAL
16th Avenue Upgrade	Streets		\$ 280,000.00		\$ 280,000.00
Streets Overlays	Streets			\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Old Town Streetscape	Development	\$ 35,820.00	\$ 143,280.00		\$ 179,100.00
Unity Second Addition	Development			\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
South Grove Park	Parks		\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
Locomotive Park	Parks		\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
Replacement Sweepwer	Streets	\$ 125,000.00			\$ 125,000.00
Class Five Gravel	Streets	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 20,000.00
Old Highway 169	Streets	\$ 125,000.00			\$ 125,000.00
South Grove Tennis Courts	Parks	\$ 110,000.00			\$ 110,000.00
Grass Rig	Fire	\$ 35,000.00			\$ 35,000.00
New Doors	Library	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00
OVERALL 2007 TOTAL		\$ 455,820.00	\$ 458,280.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 1,714,100.00



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 51-07

APPROVING 2007 TAX LEVY, COLLECTABLE 2008

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

TOTAL LEVY	\$ 980,956.00
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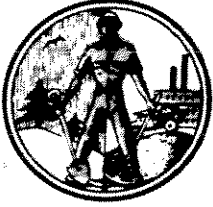
The City Administrator is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Saint Louis County, Minnesota.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007.

ATTEST:

City Administrator

Mayor Gary Skalko



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 52-07

APPROVING PROPOSED 2008 MARKET RATE BASED REFERENDUM LEVY FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION COMMUNITY CENTER BONDS AND INTEREST

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

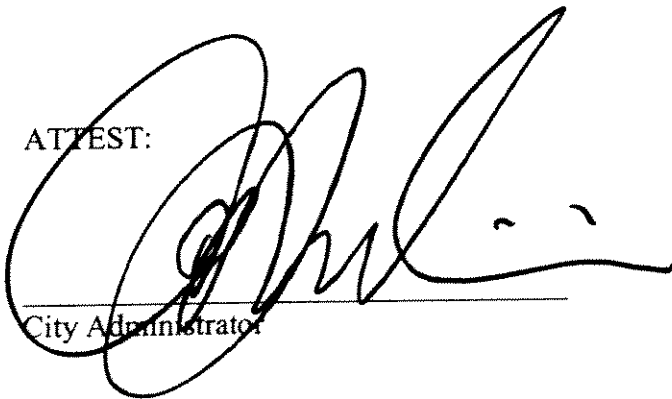
NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Mountain Iron, County of Saint Louis, Minnesota, that the following market rate based levy shall be made in 2007 payable in 2008 for all property in the City of Mountain Iron:

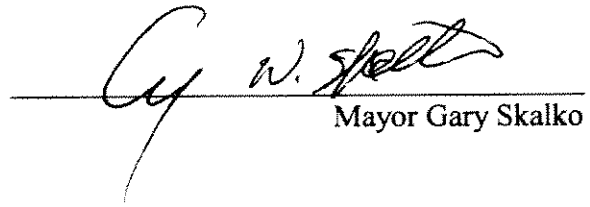
General Obligation Community Center Bond levy shall be \$83,102.00

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

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER 2007.

ATTEST:



City Administrator

Mayor Gary Skalko



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 53-07

CONCERNING THE 2008 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX LEVY

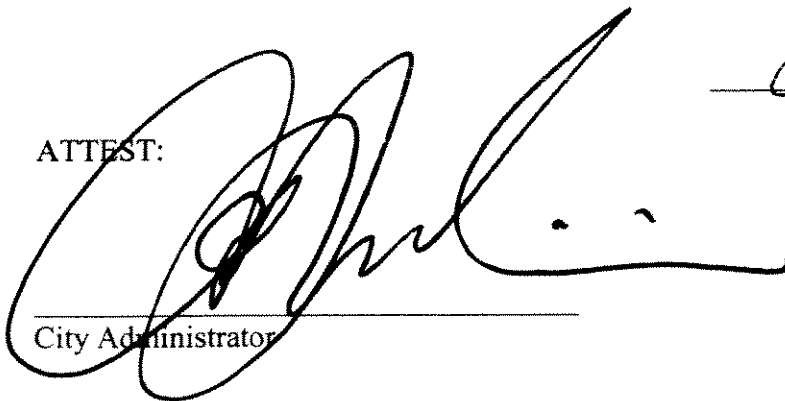
WHEREAS, the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority was created on the 19th day of April, 2004, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 469.090-469.108 and;

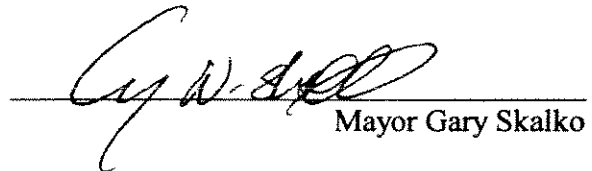
WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.107, Subdivision 1, specifically authorized the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority to levy against the taxable property of the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

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

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007.

ATTEST:



City Administrator

Mayor Gary Skalko



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 54-07

CONCERNING THE 2008 HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX LEVY

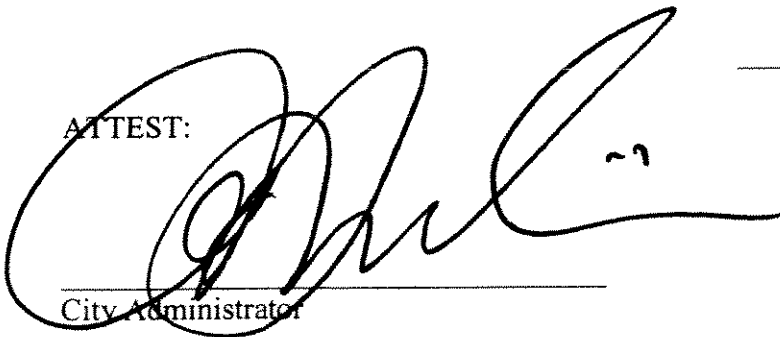
WHEREAS, the Mountain Iron Housing and Redevelopment Authority was created on the 4th day of December, 1968, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 469.001-469.047 and;

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

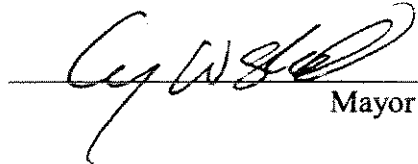
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Mountain Iron, Minnesota, requests that for the purpose of further development and to provide for any activities that are within the jurisdiction of the Mountain Iron Housing and Redevelopment as defined according to Minnesota Statutes, the Mountain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

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko

COUNCIL LETTER 121707-IVB1

ADMINISTRATION

SAWMILL LICENSES

DATE: December 12, 2007

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Due to a change in ownership effective January 1, 2008 the City Council needs to adopt the following modified motion for the issuance of licenses for the Sawmill:

It was moved by Councilor _____ and seconded by Councilor _____ that the liquor and cigarette license applications for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, 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:

Sundberg Enterprises, LLC
DBA: Sawmill Saloon & Restaurant
5478 Mountain Iron Drive
Virginia (Mountain Iron), MN 55792

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

COUNCIL LETTER 121707-VB2

ADMINISTRATION

LEASE RENEWAL

DATE: December 12, 2007

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Amendment Surface Lease 13304 is for the 1 year the extension of the lease for the rock sign located on the northwest corner of Highway 53 and Old Highway 169. The lease amount has been increased from \$150 to \$156.

RGGS LAND & MINERALS, LTD., L.P.

202 South 2nd Avenue

Virginia, Minnesota 55792

December 10, 2007

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

Re: Lease Amendment

Please find enclosed two original Amendments to your Lease 13304.

Sign both Amendments and return one (1) along with full payment to this office. Keep the other one for your records and attach it to your Lease document.

If you have any questions concerning your Lease please contact this office.

Sincerely,



John E. Eloffson
RGGS Land & Minerals, LTD., L.P.

AMENDMENT

Surface Lease 13304 (hereinafter the "Agreement")

IT IS HEREBY AGREED, by and between the undersigned parties, that the referenced Agreement by and between RGGGS Land & Minerals, LTD., L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and the City of Mt. Iron, 8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mt. Iron, Minnesota 55768 be and hereby is amended as follows:

1. The original term of the referenced Agreement is January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005. The Agreement is hereby amended and extended until December 31, 2008.
2. The annual rental fee for this extended time period shall be increased to \$156.00, which sum shall be payable to RGGGS Land & Minerals, LTD., L.P.
Sign both copies of this Amendment and return one copy along with your rental payment to RGGGS Land & Minerals, LTD., L.P. at 202 South 2nd. Avenue, Virginia, Minnesota 55792.
3. This Amendment shall be effective as of January 1, 2008.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that except as hereinabove amended, the terms, conditions, and obligations of the referenced Agreement are incorporated herein as if fully set forth at length, and shall remain in full force and effect until termination or until otherwise further amended by the parties in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the date(s) set forth below.

Lessor: RGGGS LAND & MINERALS, LTD., L.P.

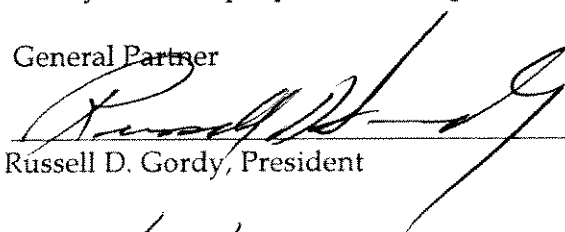
Lessee: CITY OF MT. IRON

By: Gordy Oil Company, a Texas corporation

By: _____

Its: General Partner

Title: _____

By: 
Russell D. Gordy, President

Dated: 1/26/07

Dated: _____

COUNCIL LETTER 121707-IVC1
UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
ENTERPRISE FUNDS BUDGETS

DATE: December 12, 2007
FROM: Utility Advisory Board
Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Utility Advisory Board is recommending approval of the 2008 Enterprise Fund Budgets as presented.

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
2007 BUDGET
WASTE WATER DEPARTMENT**

REVENUES	2005	2006	2007	2007	2008	%
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	
Interest Earnings	\$ 1,572.00	\$ 3,886.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,683.00	\$ 5,000.00	150%
Other	\$ 86,602.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Charges for Services	\$ 267,620.00	\$ 284,469.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 228,680.00	\$ 305,000.00	-6%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 355,794.00	\$ 288,355.00	\$ 327,000.00	\$ 233,363.00	\$ 310,000.00	-5%

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 70,285.00	\$ 61,854.00	\$ 69,010.00	\$ 45,034.00	\$ 70,000.00	1%
Employee Benefits	\$ 25,941.00	\$ 19,678.00	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 16,654.00	\$ 24,000.00	-7%
Contract Services	\$ 25,844.00	\$ 24,338.00	\$ 26,780.00	\$ 27,053.00	\$ 27,405.00	2%
Insurance	\$ 4,145.00	\$ 5,909.00	\$ 3,090.00	\$ 4,315.00	\$ 6,500.00	110%
Miscellaneous	\$ 34,226.00	\$ 14,240.00	\$ 15,450.00	\$ 11,389.00	\$ 16,000.00	4%
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 7,511.00	\$ 42,425.00	\$ 7,725.00	\$ 7,699.00	\$ 10,000.00	29%
Supplies	\$ 15,090.00	\$ 14,804.00	\$ 15,450.00	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 15,000.00	-3%
Telephone	\$ 2,365.00	\$ 2,654.00	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 1,919.00	\$ 2,600.00	1%
Utilities	\$ 72,058.00	\$ 66,286.00	\$ 53,560.00	\$ 47,721.00	\$ 65,000.00	21%
Depreciation	\$ 103,293.00	\$ 113,000.00	\$ 116,390.00	\$ 87,292.00	\$ 118,000.00	1%
Capital Outlay	\$ 29,892.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,156.00	\$ -	#####
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 390,650.00	\$ 365,188.00	\$ 335,780.00	\$ 283,582.00	\$ 354,505.00	6%

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
2007 BUDGET
WATER DEPARTMENT**

REVENUES	2005		2006		2007		2008		%
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Interest Earnings	\$ 3,365.00	\$ 3,090.00	\$ 7,726.00	\$ 3,090.00	\$ 3,487.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	94%
Other	\$ 46,381.00	\$ 66,233.00	\$ 67,328.00	\$ 66,233.00	\$ 33,118.00	\$ 87,379.00	\$ 87,379.00	\$ 87,379.00	32%
Charges for Services	\$ 244,059.00	\$ 249,260.00	\$ 228,882.00	\$ 249,260.00	\$ 173,187.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	0%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 293,805.00	\$ 318,583.00	\$ 303,936.00	\$ 318,583.00	\$ 209,792.00	\$ 343,379.00	\$ 343,379.00	\$ 343,379.00	8%
EXPENDITURES									
Salaries	\$ 61,670.00	\$ 66,950.00	\$ 75,499.00	\$ 66,950.00	\$ 57,367.00	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 72,000.00	8%
Employee Benefits	\$ 22,172.00	\$ 22,660.00	\$ 28,696.00	\$ 22,660.00	\$ 20,564.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	24%
Insurance	\$ 5,933.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 3,615.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 6,872.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	55%
Miscellaneous	\$ 22,492.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 8,740.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,784.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	-50%
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 17,661.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 45,633.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 13,965.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	0%
Supplies	\$ 7,275.00	\$ 6,180.00	\$ 9,076.00	\$ 6,180.00	\$ 5,284.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00	0%
Telephone	\$ 346.00	\$ 361.00	\$ 236.00	\$ 361.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	-3%
Utilities	\$ 27,530.00	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 28,328.00	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 19,963.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	9%
Depreciation	\$ 79,046.00	\$ 75,190.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 75,190.00	\$ 56,392.00	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 77,000.00	2%
Debt Service	\$ 18,379.00	\$ 85,742.00	\$ 85,908.00	\$ 85,742.00	\$ 27,871.00	\$ 101,559.00	\$ 101,559.00	\$ 101,559.00	18%
Capital Outlay	\$ 19,019.00	\$ -	\$ 1,856.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 281,523.00	\$ 332,983.00	\$ 360,587.00	\$ 332,983.00	\$ 216,297.00	\$ 356,109.00	\$ 356,109.00	\$ 356,109.00	7%

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
2007 BUDGET
REFUSE AND RECYCLING DEPARTMENT**

REVENUES	2005 ACTUAL	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 YTD	2008 BUDGET	%
Interest Earnings	\$ 11,282.00	\$ 10,399.00	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 9,260.00	\$ 11,000.00	7%
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Charges for Services	\$ 360,592.00	\$ 340,833.00	\$ 345,050.00	\$ 256,620.00	\$ 350,000.00	1%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 371,874.00	\$ 351,232.00	\$ 355,350.00	\$ 265,880.00	\$ 361,000.00	2%

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 101,137.00	\$ 90,755.00	\$ 108,150.00	\$ 67,765.00	\$ 92,000.00	-15%
Employee Benefits	\$ 54,842.00	\$ 45,398.00	\$ 53,560.00	\$ 31,823.00	\$ 55,000.00	3%
Insurance	\$ 7,885.00	\$ 1,629.00	\$ 8,240.00	\$ 8,156.00	\$ 10,000.00	21%
Miscellaneous	\$ 17,040.00	\$ 13,278.00	\$ 13,300.00	\$ 10,128.00	\$ 13,000.00	-2%
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 21,067.00	\$ 6,158.00	\$ 12,450.00	\$ 4,992.00	\$ 10,000.00	-20%
County Fees	\$ 133,396.00	\$ 129,665.00	\$ 139,050.00	\$ 92,595.00	\$ 135,000.00	-3%
Supplies	\$ 24,563.00	\$ 22,690.00	\$ 19,570.00	\$ 14,346.00	\$ 20,000.00	2%
Depreciation	\$ 19,757.00	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 21,115.00	\$ 15,836.00	\$ 23,000.00	9%
Telephone	\$ 680.00	\$ 977.00	\$ 618.00	\$ 793.00	\$ 1,000.00	62%
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ 81,665.00	\$ -	\$ 15,267.00	\$ -	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 380,367.00	\$ 412,715.00	\$ 376,053.00	\$ 261,701.00	\$ 359,000.00	-5%

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
2007 BUDGET
ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

REVENUES	2005 ACTUAL	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET	2007 YTD	2008 BUDGET	%
Interest Earnings	\$ 5,740.00	\$ 12,421.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,735.00	\$ 11,000.00	38%
Other	\$ 79,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Charges for Services	\$ 1,483,895.00	\$ 1,352,205.00	\$ 1,486,000.00	\$ 1,181,750.00	\$ 1,525,000.00	3%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,569,135.00	\$ 1,364,626.00	\$ 1,494,000.00	\$ 1,190,485.00	\$ 1,536,000.00	3%

EXPENDITURES

Cost of Sales	\$ 891,831.00	\$ 915,715.00	\$ 901,250.00	\$ 748,369.00	\$ 990,000.00	10%
Salaries	\$ 189,385.00	\$ 219,006.00	\$ 206,000.00	\$ 170,033.00	\$ 226,000.00	10%
Employee Benefits	\$ 89,254.00	\$ 87,508.00	\$ 92,700.00	\$ 71,608.00	\$ 95,000.00	2%
Insurance	\$ 16,260.00	\$ 7,260.00	\$ 15,450.00	\$ 14,728.00	\$ 20,000.00	29%
Miscellaneous	\$ 23,419.00	\$ 39,601.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 17,107.00	\$ 30,000.00	-25%
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 58,059.00	\$ 75,881.00	\$ 41,200.00	\$ 47,282.00	\$ 60,000.00	46%
Supplies	\$ 33,699.00	\$ 46,955.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,989.00	\$ 35,000.00	17%
Telephone	\$ 3,917.00	\$ 2,998.00	\$ 4,635.00	\$ 2,202.00	\$ 3,000.00	-35%
Depreciation Expense	\$ 32,375.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 41,200.00	\$ 30,900.00	\$ 43,000.00	4%
Interest Expense	\$ 395.00	\$ 983.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 1,014.00	\$ 1,200.00	133%
Debt Service	\$ 8,334.00	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 9,827.00	11%
Capital Outlay	\$ 86,090.00	\$ 4,384.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 37,484.00	\$ -	-100%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,433,018.00	\$ 1,448,741.00	\$ 1,481,800.00	\$ 1,161,141.00	\$ 1,513,027.00	2%

COUNCIL LETTER 121707-IVC2

STREET DEPARTMENT

SNOW PLOWING

DATE: December 12, 2007

FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

With the increased number of residents having their driveways plowed or plowing their own driveways either by trucks or ATV's, the issue of pushing the snow onto the City Streets is becoming of greater concern. We need to notify the public that the plowing or pushing of snow onto City streets or property is not allowed.



Saint Louis County

Office of the Sheriff - 100 North 5th Avenue West, Room 103 • Duluth, Minnesota 55802
Phone: (218) 726-2337 - Fax: (218) 726-2171

Ross Litman
Sheriff

To: Mountain Iron Mayor and City Council
From: Sgt. John Backman
Re: November 2007 Statistics
Date: December 6, 2007

The Mountain Iron Office of the St. Louis County Sheriff reports the below listed activity for the month of November 2007:

- 19 Disturbances (arguments, threats, unwanted persons, trespass, 911 hangup)
- 19 Public assists (car unlocks, roadside assistance, vehicle checks, patrol requests)
- 7 Suspicious persons/vehicles/circumstance
- 5 Motor vehicle crashes
- 14 Welfare checks, suicide threats, neglect/abandon children, runaway/lost/missing
- 1 Fire & medical
- 5 Drug related calls
- 6 Alarms
- 1 Assaults
- 2 Damage to property
- 3 Thefts
- 5 Burglary/attempted burglary
- 28 Parking Citations
- 43 Other calls (civil disputes, child custody, animal complaints, traffic complaints, warrant service, miscellaneous)
- 86 Traffic stops
- 16 Traffic related citations
- 4 DUI
- 37 Assists: 13 Sheriff's 11 Virginia PD 4 Other PDs 6 MSP
10 inside Mountain Iron 2 Social Services 1 Virginia Ambulance

This activity resulted in 12 custodial arrests.

Sheriff's Office
8586 Enterprise Dr. S.
Mt. Iron, MN 55768
(218) 748-7574

COUNCIL LETTER 121707-VA

BUILDINGS

CITY BUILDING USER FEES

DATE: December 12, 2007

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

As directed by the City Council, Staff has reviewed the current situation regarding certain groups using various City Buildings at no charge. Staffs recommendation is that the Parkville Cribbage Club and the VFW be allowed to continue to be allowed to use the facilities at no charge. Any other groups out there that are in the same situation should approach the City Council in a similar fashion as the VFW and Cribbage Club. This would allow the City Council to evaluate each request on it merits and be aware of which groups are paying and not paying in order to develop a consistent policy.

Councilor Zupancich also requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

My recommendation is to grandfather in any group or organization that has used our facilities on a continual/regular basis for no fee or reduced rate would be allowed to continue to use our facilities indefinitely at the no fee or reduced rate. The new policy adopted a few weeks ago would apply to all new applications or use and if requesting the fee to be reduced or waived they would need to put a formal request to the city council.

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

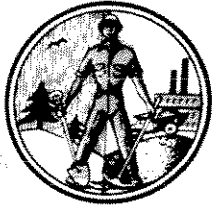
Staff and Councilors. We have to sort this whole issue out. Apparently we have many small local (Mt. Iron) groups who use City facilities a lot. These small groups appear to have never paid a fee before and should not be asked to pay a fee now. We should put a committee together to come up with something workable for all. In the meantime, lets not charge these groups any fees.

**COUNCIL LETTER 121707-VIA
ADMINISTRATION
RESOLUTION NUMBER 55-07**

DATE: December 12, 2007
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 55-07 Authorizes the Submission of a grant application for Enhancement funding. This grant application is for the proposed trail linking the High School to the Merritt Elementary School. The application is also enclosed for your review. If approved the funding would be available in 2012.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 55-07.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 55-07

GUARANTEEING LOCAL SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron recognizes the Mountain Iron – Buhl High School to Merritt Elementary School Trail project as an important transportation facility; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron desires to undertake the Mountain Iron – Buhl High School to Merritt Elementary School Trail; and,

WHEREAS, 80 percent development grants are available for eligible projects; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant must guarantee the 20 percent local match to the enhancement grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires that states agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with federal transportation enhancement funds for the useful life of the improvement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the City of Mountain Iron acknowledges full well that such an application for enhancement funds for the City of Mountain Iron's Mountain Iron – Buhl High School to Merritt Elementary School Trail project includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this applicant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the City of Mountain Iron hereby agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned transportation enhancement project.

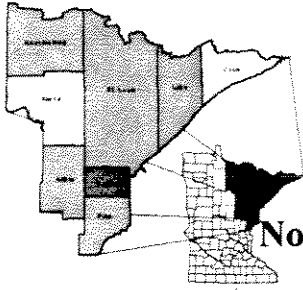
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the City of Mountain Iron, through city and private contributions, guarantees the local match for the Mountain Iron – Buhl High School to Merritt Elementary School Trail project.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007.

ATTEST:

Mayor Gary Skalko

City Administrator



Transportation Enhancement Program

Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership

Application for Funds FY 2012

Only completed applications will be accepted.

Applicant's Agency/Organization – Must indicate one of the following:		
<input type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal/County Govt. <input type="checkbox"/> MPO <input type="checkbox"/> Quasi Governmental <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Applicant's Agency/ Organization Name: City of Mountain Iron		
Contact Person: Craig J. Wainio	Title: City Administrator	
Daytime Phone: 218-748-7570	Fax #: 218-742-9931	
E- Mail Address: cwainio@ci.mountain-iron.mn.us		
Mailing Address: 8586 Enterprise Drive South		
City: Mountain Iron	State: MN	Zip: 55768
Sponsoring Agency: Saint Louis County		

The applicant recommends that this project be selected for funding through the Transportation Enhancement Program and attests a commitment to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing.

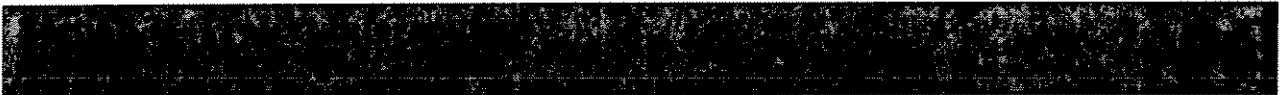
_____	City Administrator	December 5, 2007
Signature	Title	Date

This application must be accompanied by a letter from the appropriate sponsoring agency showing a willingness to provide at least a 20% matching funds. The sponsor will also be responsible for future maintenance of the completed project.



Eligible Category – Check (✓) all that apply:

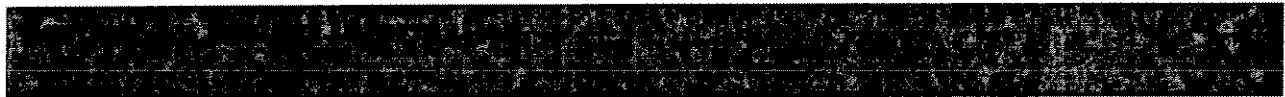
- X Facilities for pedestrians or bicycles
- Safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Acquisition of scenic easement and scenic or historic sites
- Scenic or historic highway programs
- Landscaping or other scenic beautification
- Historic Preservation
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Archaeological planning and research
- Environmental mitigation of pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality
- Establishment of transportation museums

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- a. Project Description – Attach additional sheets if necessary including plans, maps, etc:
Project name: Buhl High School to Merritt Elementary School Trail.
 - b. Project location/termini – please be specific and include a location map and/or photos:
The project will begin at the Mountain Iron – Buhl High School, located in old town Mountain Iron, and then proceed south along County Road 102 under Highway 169 to the South Grove neighborhood; from there it will go east along the Unity Drive corridor to the Merritt Elementary School. The approximate length of the trail is 2 miles.
 - c. Detailed description of proposed activities: The proposed activities include the construction of a 12 foot paved biking and pedestrian trail along the corridor outlined in item b. above. This trail will be constructed on City owned land or other public easements or right-of-ways, no land acquisition is anticipated. The project is not anticipated to impact any wetlands. As outlined here, the project will not be a part of any routine construction project. Through the construction of this project the ability of pedestrians and bicyclist to move from one portion of the community to another will be greatly enhanced. This trail provides a distinct starting point and ending point and will move pedestrian and bicycle traffic from using current roadways.

For bicycle and/or pedestrian projects, please complete (d) through (f) All others go to (g).

- d. Describe why this project is important to your community and how it will improve existing conditions for bicycling or walking from a safety perspective or in terms of providing greater access to those activities. This project is vital in improving the ability and safety of pedestrians and bicyclist alike by removing the pedestrians and bicyclists from using County Road 102 and Highway 169 and allowing a connecting trail between the High School/Old Town and the Merritt Elementary School.
- e. Describe the main users of the project by type or classification (e.g. commuters, school children, recreational users, elderly, disabled, etc.). Also mention the major origins or destinations that will be connected or served by the project. The major users will be school children and residents of Mountain Iron that need access between the Merritt Elementary School and the High School and the various neighborhoods of the City.
- f. Is there traditional ATV use along this planned trail route? If yes, what measures will be in place to keep ATV users off of the planned trail? No.
- g. Describe any current and/or previous uses of the project area: The current use of the project area is vacant land and/or right-of-way or easements.
- h. Please explain current and future ownership of the property. The land is currently and will continue to be owned by the City of Mountain Iron or as part of a County/State/City Right-of-Way and/or easements.
- i. Explain the project's benefit and relationship to surface transportation: The project will provide a bicycle and pedestrian transportation corridor between two schools and various neighborhoods of the City. With keeping the pedestrian and bicycle traffic off existing roads, the efficiency and safety of the current surface transportation system will be increased.
- j. Identify and approximate the number of customers served by the project: The project would be used by those in the City of Mountain Iron wishing to walk or bike to their destinations. A general estimate would be 3,000 users.
- k. Describe environmental and/or economic impacts or benefits: There are not any environmental impact anticipated through the construction and use of this project.
- l. Does the municipality have a comprehensive or surface transportation plan? If yes, check all that apply:
 - Yes No In Process
 - Adopted by local governing body
 - Includes goals or policies related to this application (please attach appropriate excerpts)

- m. Please explain the 20-year maintenance plan for the project. The project will be maintained by the City of Mountain Iron through its annual crack sealing program. Currently the City of Mountain Iron has the equipment required to keep the trail free of debris.
- n. Briefly explain the implementation for the project: Begin construction date: April 2013, End construction date: November 2013. Plans to be completed in January 2012 with bidding taking place in February 2013.
- o. Will this work be done as part of another project? No
- p. List other partners/participants: None



Please submit an engineer's cost estimate, if available, or complete this section.

- a. Total project cost \$ 388,690
- b. Transportation Enhancement funds requested \$ 310,952
- c. Local Match (minimum 20% of total cost) %20 \$ 77,738
- d. Fully describe the local match: The local match will be funded through the Capital Improvement Fund of the City of Mountain Iron.

e. Detailed Budget

	Unit	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
CLEARING AND GRUBBING	ACRE	\$3,000.00	4.5	\$13,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS REMOVALS	LUMP SUM	\$10,000.00	1.0	\$10,000.00
COMMON EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	\$8.00	18,500.0	\$148,000.00
SALVAGED TOPSOIL (CV)	CU. YD.	\$6.00	3,080.0	\$18,480.00
AGGREGATE BASE (CV) CL. 5	CU. YD.	\$16.00	2,320.0	\$37,120.00
TYPE LV 4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (B)	TON	\$44.00	2,485.0	\$109,340.00
18" C.P. PIPE CULVERT	LIN. FT.	\$35.00	180.0	\$6,300.00
36" C.P. PIPE CULVERT	LIN. FT.	\$55.00	120.0	\$6,600.00
18" G.S. PIPE APRON	EACH	\$300.00	12.0	\$3,600.00
36" G.S. PIPE APRON	EACH	\$500.00	8.0	\$4,000.00
TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	\$10,000.00	1.0	\$10,000.00
F & I SIGN PANEL TYPE C	SQ. FT.	\$70.00	150.0	\$10,500.00
TURF ESTABLISHMENT	ACRE	\$2,500.00	4.5	\$11,250.00
			Total	\$388,690



Please mail twelve copies of this application along with a letter of commitment from the sponsoring agency to:

ARDC
Attn: Bryan Anderson
221 W 1st Street
Duluth, MN 55802

PLEASE NOTE: All twelve copies must be unbound and 3-hole punched.

COUNCIL LETTER 121707-VIB

ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 56-07

DATE: December 12, 2007

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 56-07 formally creates the Mountain Iron Cable Commission and outlines its duties. Please review and if no modifications are need it is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 56-07 Creating a Mountain Iron Cable Commission. The next step in the establishment of this board is the appointment of its members as outlined in the Resolution, this would be best accomplished at the first regular meeting in January at which all other appointments are made.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 56-07

ESTABLISHING A MOUNTAIN IRON CABLE COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The Mountain Iron Cable Commission is hereby established to be advisory to the City Council and which Cable Commission shall have the powers and duties hereinafter set forth. The purpose of the Commission is to propose to the Council such rules and regulations for the cable communication system as may be required to secure adequate and proper cable service and to provide sufficient accommodations for the public.
2. The Mountain Iron Cable Commission shall consist of five (5) members.
3. Membership and Qualifications. One (1) member of the Commission shall be a City Council member and the remaining four (4) members of the Commission shall be residents of the City while serving on the Commission and shall service for a term of three (3) years. The one (1) city councilor shall serve during their terms of office. The initial appointment of the four (4) resident citizen members shall be as follows:
 - A. One (1) to a term to expire December 31, 2008;
 - B. Two (2) to a term to expire December 31, 2009; and
 - C. One (1) to a term to expire December 31, 2010.

Terms shall expire on December 31st of the appropriate year, provided, however, those members shall continue their terms until new appointments or re-appointments are made by the City Council. The City Council shall make appointments to the Commission at its first official meeting in January of each year or as soon thereafter as it desires. Vacancies during the term shall be filled by the City Council for the unexpired portion of the term.

4. Removal of Members. The Council by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of its members shall have the authority to remove any member of the Commission from office whenever, in its discretion, the best interests of the City shall be served thereby.
5. Meetings and Officers. The members shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and a secretary annually at the first meeting after new members are seated.
 - A. Regular Meetings. The Commission shall meet publicly in regular session at least once each year at a time and place selected by a majority of its members.

- B. Special Meetings. The Chairperson or any two (2) members of the Commission shall have the authority to call a special meeting of the Commission. Written notice of special meetings shall be given to all members at least 24 hours prior to the time of the meeting unless the time and place for the special meeting is set at a regular meeting.
7. Rules and Procedures. The Commission shall adopt a set of rules to govern its own meetings and procedures. The rules may be amended from time to time but only upon notice to all members that the said proposed amendment shall be acted upon at a specified meeting. A majority vote of the Commission shall be required for the approval of the proposed amendment.
 8. Absence of Members. Absence from three (3) consecutive regular meetings without the formal consent of the Commission shall be deemed to constitute a resignation of a member, and a vacancy thus created shall be filled thereafter by appointment of the City Council for the remainder of the term of the member so deemed to have resigned.
 9. Powers and Duties. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:
 - A. To recommend to the Council:
 1. Matters pertaining to local access programming procedures, i.e. noncommercial public access, educational use, government use and for lease.
 2. Equipment needed for both portable and studio production.
 3. A program scheduling system.
 4. Policies to implement public access.
 5. The programming services to be offered on the System. This information shall be obtained in part by periodically seeking information from City residents and subscribers regarding their programming interests and preferences.
 6. The regulation of rates in accordance with local, State and Federal law.
 - B. To provide to the public according to policies established by the Council.
 1. Technical assistance in program production and editing.
 2. Instruction in use of equipment.
 3. Instruction in video production.
 4. A public relations campaign for the local access channel.
 5. A volunteer squad for taping and channeling operation.
 - C. To do the following and to advise the Council with regard to Commission actions:
 1. Oversee compliance, by the Franchisee with the provisions of the Franchise and advise the Council on matters which might constitute grounds for a forfeiture or revocation of the Franchise.

2. Hear all complaints of Subscribers which have not been satisfied by appeal to the Franchisee, and record all such complaints, along with actions and results.
3. Review any proposed change in Franchise ownership and determine whether same shall be approved subject to confirmation by the Council.
4. Audit all of Franchisee's records as may be required by the Franchise.
5. Advise and coordinate with the Franchisee the promotion, development, and utilization of access and local origination channels and programming.
6. Keep current and abreast of all changes in the law, technology and service which may impact the enforcement of the Franchise and report such developments to the Council.
7. Participate in all periodic reviews and evaluations as prescribed in the Franchise.

10. Nothing in this Section is intended to conflict with the provisions of Mountain Iron City Code Chapter 116.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007.

Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

City Administrator

COUNCIL LETTER 121707-VID

MAYOR SKALKO

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR SALARY ADJUSTMENT

DATE: December 12, 2007

FROM: Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Mr. Jerry Kujala is requesting a salary increase for his work as Zoning Administrator and Residential Building Inspector. There has not been a salary adjustment in this position for 15 years.



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October 5, 2007

Mayor and Council Members
City of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron MN 55768

RE: Salary

Dear Mayor Skalko and Council Members:

I am requesting an increase in salary for the Zoning Administrator/Building Official position from \$275/month to \$400/month. There has not been an increase in this salary (I'm estimating) for 15+ years. The increase would also be compensation for the time required to earn the credits necessary to obtain and maintain a Building Official Certification.

Plan reviews and building inspections would continue to be compensated thru the plan check fees.

If the Blight Officer duties have not been permanently re-assigned, I would be willing to discuss/negotiate those if you consider that a possibility.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Kujala
Zoning Administrator

JDK/jmf

cc: City Administrator

COUNCIL LETTER 121707-VIE

MAYOR SKALKO

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

DATE: December 12, 2007

FROM: Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

Have staff check/research to see if our current building permit fees are in line with other cities within the region and state or should an adjustment be made.