

MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 20, 2021
6:30 P.M.
Mountain Iron Community Center
Mountain Iron Room

MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNITY CENTER MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021 - 6:30 P.M. A G E N D A

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- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the December 6, 2021, Regular Meeting (#1-12)
 - B. Receipts
 - C. Bills and Payroll
 - D. Communications
- IV. Public Forum
- V. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - C. Director of Public Works' Report
 - D. Library Director/Special Events Coordinator's Report (#13)
 - E. Sheriff's Department Report
 - F. City Engineer's Report
 - G. City Attorney's Report
 - H. Personnel Committee
 - 1. Mechanic (#14)
 - I. Liaison Reports
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Authorization to Serve Alcohol (#15)
- VIII. Communications (#16-24)
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjourn

MINUTES MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL December 6, 2021

Mayor Anderson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30p.m. with the following members present: Councilor Ed Roskoski, Julie Buria, Joe Prebeg Jr. and Mayor Peggy Anderson. Also present were: Craig Wainio, City Administrator; Tim Satrang, Director of Public Works; Amanda Inmon, Municipal Services Secretary; Al Johnson, City Engineer; Grant Toma, Sheriff's Department; and Jim Hipple, Assistant Fire Chief. Absent members: Councilor Steve Skogman.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Buria that the consent agenda be approved as follows:

- 1. Approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021, regular meeting as submitted.
- 2. Approve the minutes of the November 29, 2021 Committee of Whole meeting as submitted.
- 3. That the communications be accepted and 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, totaling \$117,190.90 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes),
- 5. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period November 16-30, totaling \$1,836,993.59 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried with Councilor Skogman absent.

Public Forum:

> No one spoke during the public forum

The Mayor reported on the following:

> Big thank you to the City Crew for clearing off the streets in a timely fashion

City Administrator:

No formal report

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Prebeg to approve the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation board and hire the following individuals to work as winter seasonal workers/rink attendants for the 2021-2022 season:

Nolan Dunn Connie Murphy Caden Renzaglia
Anthony Hecimovich

Carter Martinson Riley Kintner

The motion carried with Councilor Skogman absent.

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Director or Public Works:

- > City Crews were working continuously to clear snow, especially with the continued snow fall
- > City Crew worked diligently to put a new valve at the old High School, which previously had none

Sheriff's Department:

➤ No formal report

City Engineer:

No formal report

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Buria to approve Pay Request No. 1 – for the Proposed Well #3 project in the amount of \$8,165.25, to TNT Construction Group, LLC, Grand Rapids, MN. This amount includes a 5% retainage. The motion carried on roll call vote (4:0) with Councilor Skogman absent.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Buria to approve Pay Request No. 3 – for the Proposed Well #3 project in the amount of \$159,248.50, to Bougalis Inc., Hibbing, MN. This amount includes a 5% retainage. The motion carried on roll call vote (4:0) with Councilor Skogman absent.

Fire Department:

- ➤ End of January burn training on house located on Mud Lake Road
- > End of March burn training on house located on Ostman Road
- > Big Thank you to VI's and Boomtown for their donations to the Spaghetti Food

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by to accept the Fire Department report as submitted. The motion failed due to lack of support.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Roskoski to accept the recommendation from the Utility Advisory Board and approve the Electric Service Agreement between Minnesota Power and the City of Mountain Iron as presented. The motion carried on roll call vote (4:0) with Councilor Skogman absent.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Buria to approve Resolution #21-21; Accepting the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Councilor Skogman absent.

It was moved by Buria and seconded by Prebeg to approve Resolution #22-21; Supporting Twin Metals (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Councilor Skogman absent.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Buria to approve Resolution #23-21; Municipal Consent for County Project No. 0101-235499, State Project No. 069-701-007, showing reconstruction of State Bridge No. 7759 (County Bridge No. 500) and proposed alignment grading and paving for the improvement of County State Aid Highway 101 (Kane Road) (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Councilor Skogman absent.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Buria to approve Resolution #24-21; Approving 2021 Tax Levy, collectable 2022 (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried on roll call vote (Yes: Anderson, Buria, Prebeg; No: Roskoski) with Councilor Skogman absent.

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It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Buria to approve the 2022 Budget as presented. The motion carried with Councilor Skogman absent. The motion carried on roll call vote (Yes: Anderson, Buria, Prebeg; No: Roskoski) with Councilor Skogman absent.

Announcements:

> None

At 7:04p.m., it was moved by Buria and seconded by Prebeg that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried with Councilor Skogman absent.

Submitted by:

Amanda Inmon

Municipal Services Secretary

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Distribution Summary

Category	Distribution	Amount
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	950.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	625.00
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	200.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	MISCELLANEOUS STATE AID	4,910.21
LICENSES	LIQUOR	925.00
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	500.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	20.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	1,367.88
MISCELLANEOUS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS	36.00
MISCELLANEOUS	DELTA DENTAL PAYABLE	96.85
MISCELLANEOUS	FAX CHARGES	4.24
MISCELLANEOUS	LIBRARY-OVERPMT, BOOK ACCT.	1,297.00
PERMITS	BUILDING	1,337.41
UTILITY	UTILITY	104,921.31
Grand Totals:		117,190.90

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12/21	12/07/2021	156918	10075	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	101-20200	135.69
12/21	12/07/2021	156919	10021	ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM	101-20200	2.50
12/21	12/07/2021	156920	465	BARRY ROSIER	101-20200	100.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156921	20022	BENCHMARK ENGINEERING INC	301-20200	1,500.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156922	20069	BOUGALIS INC.	601-20200	159,248.50
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12/21	12/07/2021	156924	30055	BTAC ACQUISITION CORP.	101-20200	729.03
12/21	12/07/2021	156925	220003	CITY OF VIRGINIA	101-20200	29.79
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12/21	12/07/2021	156927	260008	DANNY J. ZUPANCICH	101-20200	10.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156928	927	DARA JONES	101-20200	200.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156929	926	DEB THAYER	101-20200	200.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156930	40060	DELTA DENTAL OF MINNESOTA	101-20200	1,932.55
12/21	12/07/2021	156931	928	DENEED GUNDERSON	101-20200	200.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156932	40010	DODGE OF BURNSVILL INC.	301-20200	27,666.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156933	60029	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC	101-20200	2,236,47
12/21	12/07/2021	156934	70016	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL INC	604-20200	18.90
12/21	12/07/2021	156935	70051	GREATER MN PARKS & TRAILS	101-20200	150.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156936	70029	GUARDIAN PEST CONTROL INC	101-20200	88.60
12/21	12/07/2021	156937	80050	HIBBING COMMUNITY COLLEGE	101-20200	250.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156938	80001	HILLYARD/HUTCHINSON	101-20200	757.84
12/21	12/07/2021	156939	80037	HOMETOWN MEDIA PARTNERS	101-20200	431.50
12/21	12/07/2021	156940	30096	JAMES HIPPLE	101-20200	40,00
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12/21 12/21	12/07/2021 12/07/2021	156948	160037		602-20200	770.15
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12/21	12/07/2021	156950	130041			481.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156951	130006	MESABI HUMANE SOCIETY	101-20200	2,317.35
12/21	12/07/2021	156952		MICHAEL GIFFORD	101-20200 101-20200	1,791.66 10.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156953		MID-STATE TRUCK SERVICE INC.	603-20200	3,983,87
12/21	12/07/2021	156954		MIDWEST COMMUNICATIONS	101-20200	510.00
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12/21	12/07/2021	156958		MINNESOTA POWER (ALLETE INC)	101-20200	1,232.57
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12/21	12/07/2021	156961		MOUNTAIN IRON PUBLIC UTILITIES	602-20200	18,545.75
12/21	12/07/2021	156962		NAPA AUTO PARTS	101-20200	52,33
12/21	12/07/2021	156963		NORTHEASTERN MN MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY	604-20200	1,000.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156964		NORTHERN FITNESS GROUP	101-20200	208.08
12/21	12/07/2021	156965		NORTHLAND FIRE & SAFETY, INC	101-20200	401.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156966		PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC	602-20200	419.00
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12/21	12/07/2021	156970	180029	RGGS LAND & MINERALS, LTD., LP	101-20200	250.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156971	180005	ROAD MACHINERY & SUPPLIES CO.	101-20200	19,472.53
12/21	12/07/2021	156972	190079	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	101-20200	3,114,75
12/21	12/07/2021	156973	190014	SHERWIN WILLIAMS	601-20200	129.91
12/21	12/07/2021	156974	190024	ST LOUIS CO SHERIFF LITMAN	101-20200	42,500.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156975	190054	ST LUKES CLINICS	101-20200	186.30
12/21	12/07/2021	156976	190001	STATION AUTOMATION INC.	101-20200	1,538.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156977	180023	TECH BYTES	101-20200	40.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156978	200020	THE TRENTI LAW FIRM	101-20200	2,971.24
12/21	12/07/2021	156979	180033	TNT CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC	601-20200	8,165.25
12/21	12/07/2021	156980	14003	TYLER NYGAARD	101-20200	120.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156981	210001	UNITED ELECTRIC COMPANY	604-20200	2,374.71
12/21	12/07/2021	156982	210040	UNITED STATES TREASURY	101-20200	241.30
12/21	12/07/2021	156983	210009	USA BLUE BOOK	601-20200	277.11
12/21	12/07/2021	156984	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS	602-20200	16.96
12/21	12/07/2021	156985	220014	VIKING INDUSTRIAL NORTH	602-20200	269.64
12/21	12/07/2021	156986	240001	XEROX CORPORATION	602-20200	685.47
12/21	12/07/2021	156987	260005	ZEP MANUFACTURING COMPANY	603-20200	933.46
12/21	12/07/2021	156988	130031	MOUNTAIN IRON ECONOMIC DEV	101-20200	1,186,517.00
12/21	12/07/2021	156989	180074	RANGE CORNICE & ROOFING CO	101-20200	1,847.00
Gran	d Totals:				_	1,720,552.83
				PP-Ending 11/26	•	116,440.76

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

City of Mountain Iron



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-21

ACCEPTING THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

WHEREAS, since the first case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was discovered in the United States in January 2020, the disease has infected over 32 million and killed over 575,000 Americans ("Pandemic"). The disease has impacted every part of life: as social distancing became a necessity, businesses closed, schools transitioned to remote education, travel was sharply reduced, and millions of Americans lost their jobs;

WHEREAS, as a result of the Pandemic cities have been called on to respond to the needs of their communities through the prevention, treatment, and vaccination of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, city revenues, businesses and nonprofits in the city have faced economic impacts due to the Pandemic.

WHEREAS, Congress adopted the American Rescue Plan Act in March 2021 ("ARPA") which included \$65 billion in recovery funds for cities across the country.

WHEREAS. ARPA funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses.

WHEREAS, \$4,910.21 has been allocated to the City of Mountain Iron ("City") pursuant to the ARPA ("Allocation").

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted guidance regarding the use of ARPA funds.

WHEREAS, the City, in response to the Pandemic, has had expenditures and anticipates future expenditures consistent with the Department of Treasury's ARPA guidance.

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota will distribute ARPA funds to the City because its population is less than 50,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The City intends to collect its share of ARPA funds from the State of Minnesota to use in a manner consistent with the Department of Treasury's guidance.
- 2. City staff, together with the Mayor and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to take any actions necessary to receive the City's share of ARPA funds from the State of Minnesota for expenses incurred because of the Pandemic.
- City staff, together with the Mayor and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to make recommendations to the City Council for future expenditures that may be reimbursed with ARPA funds.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-21

SUPPORT OF TWIN METALS

WHEREAS, nonferrous ores contain metals essential to modern daily life – copper, nickel, cobalt, platinum, palladium and gold – found in countless products including cell phones, computers, diabetes test strips, joint replacements, electrical wiring, hybrid cars, catalytic converters and wind turbines; and

WHEREAS, the significant domestic demand for these metals exceeds our national supply due to very few mines in the U.S. producing them, creating an unhealthy imbalance and outside reliance on indispensable raw materials, even with the high rate of recycling (the U.S. currently imports nearly 90 percent of its copper and gold, and only has one small nickel mine); and

WHEREAS, the mining industry has for generations supported tens of thousands of families in our region, dozens of communities, schools, commerce and recreation centers, and has created opportunities for scores of children to attend universities and technical schools to develop their own careers and families within the region; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the City of Mountain Iron declares:

- 1. Its support of upholding the current non-ferrous mining rules in place in Minnesota, because these rules are designed to strongly protect our environment and ensure any new proposed mining project meets the stringent standards in place before it can be permitted.
- 2. Its support upholding the current non-ferrous rules for the following reasons. Every new mining project deserves to be evaluated individually and specific to their site, design and unique geology.
- 3. The DNR should determine that it can depend on a broad range of environmental review and regulatory tools to assess the specifics of a mining proposal and ensure that it is regulated to the fullest extent necessary to protect the BWCAW.
- 4. The purpose of the DNR's nonferrous mining rule is not to either prohibit nonferrous mining in the Rainy River watershed or grant blanket permission for mining to begin. Federal and state environmental laws, rules, and regulations require the successful completion of extensive review and permitting processes for mining operations to begin.
- 5. The state of Minnesota has already taken the necessary actions to protect the BWCAW through a long history of federal and state actions that strictly govern mining activity.

- 6. The rules are designed to act as a framework within which specific permit requirements are to be developed to address the unique issues anticipated to exist at each individual mine site, and they are meant to adapt to mining developments as they evolve, and technologies improve.
- 7. Mining in Minnesota has for more than 130 years coexisted with the wilderness and supported the economic stability of our state.
- 8. The Minnesota courts already rejected a challenge to these same rules in 2019.
- 9. It strongly support the DNR upholding the validity of the current non-ferrous mining rules, because the rules and the stringent regulatory review process in place are designed to adequately protect our environment, including the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-21

MUNICIPAL CONSENT

WHEREAS, draft final plans for County Project No. 0101-235499, State Project No. 069-701-007, showing reconstruction of existing State Bridge No. 7759 (County Bridge No. 500) and proposed alignment grading and paving for the improvement of County State Aid Highway 101 (Kane Road) within the City limits of Mountain Iron as a County Project designed to State Aid standards has been prepared and presented to the City of Mountain Iron.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA that said final layout for the improvement of said County State Aid Highway within the City limits of Mountain Iron be and is hereby approved.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

ATTEST:

City Administrator

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-21

APPROVING THE 2021 TAX LEVY, COLLECTABLE 2022

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 2022, upon the taxable property in the City of Mountain Iron for the following purposes:

TOTAL LEVY

\$1,357,849

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 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

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Mountain Iron Public Library

Monthly Report

November 2021

Circulation

Items checked out: 1,497

Items checked in: 1,418

Total Circulation of materials in November: 2,915

Attendance:

Adults: 305 Youth: 54

Patrons in November: 369

Special Events/Programs held: 2 (55 participants)

Reference Desk visits (email, phone, and messenger): 259

Computer Use Sessions: 32

Total Library usage: 424 persons

Events and Activities at the library in November:

November 4th & 5th: FOL Roll Sale Pick-up (Anna)

November 9th: ALS Meeting (Anna)

November 16th: ALS Training (Anna)

November 16th: Friends of the Library Meeting (Anna – 10 attendees)

November 17th: Iron Range Tykes Library Visit (Anna)

November 17th: Reading @ the Merritt (Anna)

November 24th: Reading @ the Merritt (Anna)

November 29th: COW Meeting (Anna)

COUNCIL LETTER 122021-IVH1

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MECHANIC

DATE:

December 16, 2021

FROM:

Personnel Committee

Craig J. Wainio City Administrator

After a long and arduous process the Personnel Committee recommend the hiring of Nathan Welch as Mechanic, pending a background check, drug test and a physical.



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CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

5478 Mountain Iron Dr. Virginia. MN 55792

Phone: 218-741-8681. Fax: 218-741-3027. Email: info@sawmillsaloomestawrant.com

December 3, 2021

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

City of Mountain Iron,

Sundberg Enterprises, LLC dba The Sawmill Saloon and Restaurant is requesting permission to serve alcohol and food at the following upcoming event: December 29, 2021 (Rams Annual Dinner). The event is being held at the Mountain Iron Community Center.

Copies of our liquor liability insurance and our catering permit are on file with the City Offices.

Any questions, I can be reached at 218.741.8681 or 218.391.3147.

Thank you,

Chad Nesselroad, Banquet Manager

Sundberg Enterprises, LLC

Dba: Sawmill Saloon & Restaurant



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 712

MOUNTAIN IRON-BUHL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

8659 Unity Drive, Mountain Iron, MN 55768 Office (218)735-8271 Fax (218)741-1930 www.MIB.kl2.mn.us

Superintendent, Dr. Reggie Engebritson Director of Teaching and Learning, Kristi Berlin Principal, Adam Nelson | Dean of Students, Kris Hoffman

Dear MIB Laurentian Yearbook Supporter:

The students at Mountain Iron-Buhl High School would like to thank you for supporting this year's yearbook and our high school by sponsoring a page or pages in our book. Your support means a lot to us and will aid us in creating memories for years to come for the Mi-B students and community. Your support also enables us to keep the student price of the book down to enable them to be able to afford their own book.

Our wish is for you to have a wonderful holiday season.





Thank you for supporting our students at MIB!

MIB Journalism Staff

Grade 10 Staff: Suzy Aubrey, Kasi Gabel, Emma LeMmons, Jayden Lyons, Desi Milton, Bea Moore, Hall Savela, Gracie Suomala, Vinny White, Jersey Yernatich, Jordan Zubich

Grade 11 Staff: Kaylee Chesser, Addy DelCaro, Sam Hoff, Kya Huewe, Adrien Knapper, Gracelyn Mogensen,

Alix Swanson, Andrea Salazar

Grade 12 Staff: Mollie Banks, Lauren Maki

Cathy O'Malley, Yearbook Teacher 218-735-8271, ext. 1040 comalley@isd712.org

SCHOOL BOARD

Mountain Iron - Buhl High School Class of 2022

Dear Business Owners and Area Organizations:

As parents of the Mountain Iron – Buhl Class of 2022, we will be honoring our graduating seniors with . . .

The 35th Annual Chemical - Free All Night Graduation Party

The great success of this annual event has been made possible by the generous contributions of our area organizations and local businesses. We again extend an invitation for you to participate in this rewarding project, which provides our graduates with a safe and memorable way to celebrate.

If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation in the form of a merchandise, gift certificates, or cash, please contact our event treasurer as listed below. Cash donations are used to purchase decorations, games, entertainment, and prizes.

Through your generosity, we will take part in the prevention of tragedies and the promotion of a chemical-free lifestyle. It is truly an investment in our graduates' futures!



Please make checks payable to:

MIB High School Grad Party
c/o Anne Jordan
PO Box 63
Mt. Iron, MN 55768
Cell: 218.929.0343



The MIB class of 2022 appreciates your support!!!

Theresa Sunde Senior Manager, Government Relations



November 23, 2021

Dear Mountain Iron Community Leader:

The decision to make price adjustments is always a difficult one as we know when we raise prices, we lose customers. However, the fees we pay to retransmit local broadcast stations like ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC as well as regional and national sports networks continue to grow rapidly. In addition, supply chain challenges and labor shortages experienced over the past year have resulted in significant inflationary pressure across our business.

In addition to the above rate changes, Mediacom will also be making some programming changes on or about December 31, 2021. Che News will be launched on the Sports & Information Digital Pak in most markets. Also, NBC Sports Network will be shut down by NBC Universal and, as a result, will no longer be available on the Variety TV tier. Most of the programming previously available on NBC Sports will be transitioned to USA Network which will continue to be carried on the Variety TV tier in most markets. Finally, ESPN Classic is being discontinued by The Walt Disney Company, and will no longer be available on the Sports & Information Digital Pak.

On or about January 1, 2022, Mediacom will be implementing the following programming changes and rate adjustments:¹

Product:	Old Rate:	New Rate:	Net Change:
Local Broadcast Station Surcharge ²	\$21.86	\$22.51	\$0.65
Regional Sports Surcharge	\$7.66	\$8.81	\$1.15
Local TV ³	\$29.95	\$40.00	\$10.05
Essential TV ⁴	\$69.95	\$80.00	\$10.05
Variety TV⁵	\$86.99	\$100.00	\$13.01
Digital Gateway ⁶	\$4.00	\$0.00	(\$4.00)

¹ Depending on the terms of each customer's promotional package, these rate changes may not impact a customer until their current promotional package expires.

² Mediacom bills monthly in advance. As a result, the increases for both the Local Broadcast Surcharge and Regional Sports Surcharge are based on our best estimate of the cost increases our company will incur for broadcast and regional sports programming. Mediacom will "true up" customer bills in a subsequent month if it turns out that our estimate was too high or too low.

³ New rate for Local TV includes primary digital adapter, digital receiver, DVR or TIVO receiver.

A New rate for Essential TV includes primary digital adapter, digital receiver, DVR or TIVO receiver.

⁵ New rate for Variety TV includes primary digital adapter, digital receiver, DVR or TIVO receiver.

Primary ⁷ Digital Adapter	\$7.00	\$0.00	(\$7.00)
Primary Digital Receiver	\$10.50	\$0.00	(\$10.50)
Primary HD DVR	\$10.50	\$0.00	(\$10.50)
Receiver			
Primary TiVo Receiver	\$10.50	\$0.00	(\$10.50)
CableCARD	\$1.99	\$0.00	(\$1.99)
Unreturned Digital	\$0.00	\$6.00/mo. ⁸	\$6.00/mo.
Adapter/Digital			
Receiver or TiVo Box			
(Active Customer)			
Xtream Bronze	\$179.98	\$189.98	\$10.00
Xtream Silver	\$189.98	\$199.98	\$10.00
Xtream Gold HBO	\$209.98	\$219.98	\$10.00
Xtream Gold	\$209.98	\$219.98	\$10.00
Showtime/Starz-Encore	- 88		
Xtream Platinum	\$229.98	\$239.98	\$10.00
TV Essentials 100 Triple	\$169.98	\$179.98	\$10.00
Family 100 Triple	\$179.98	\$189.98	\$10.00
Family 100 Triple HBO	\$199.98	\$209.98	\$10.00
Family 100 Triple	\$199.98	\$209.98	\$10.00
Showtime/Starz-Encore			
Family 100 Triple Plus	\$219.98	\$229.98	\$10.00
100 + Essential + Phone	\$169.99	\$179.99	\$10.00
100 + Variety + Phone	\$194.49	\$199.99	\$5.50

Mediacom appreciates the opportunity to continue to serve your community's telecommunications needs. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at tsunde@mediacomcc.com.

Thanks,

Theresa Sunde Senior Manager, Government Relations Mediacom tsunde@mediacomcc.com

⁶ Digital Gateway is now included with Local TV, Essential TV and Variety TV.

⁷ In all cases, "primary" means first digital adapter receiver; all additional digital adapters or receivers will be charged at standard rate.

⁸ Monthly charge per device until such equipment is returned to Mediacom.



There's nothing more important than fostering our local sports teams on the Iron Range. Teams like the MIB Rangers provide students grades K-12 a safe place to get physically active and make connections with their peers but we wouldn't be able to keep serving our players without important partners like YOU!

Please consider being a part of the MIB Ranger Basketball Family by sponsoring our Girls and Boys teams for the upcoming 2021~2022 season.

Platinum Sponsor \$750 +

- All perks listed under Gold, Silver & Bronze Levels
- * Promote your business at halftime of a game of your choice
- * Verbal In-Depth Promotion Announcement at 5 games
- Team Picture with Sponsorship Level & Year (Collector Item)

Gold \$500~\$749

- All perks listed under Silver & Bronze Levels
- Sponsorship recognition sticker
- Verbal promotion at all 22 home games
- Electronic recognition on gymnasium video board (Logo can be included)

Silver \$250 - \$499

- All perks listed under Bronze Level
- Social Media Promotion throughout the season

Bronze \$100 ~ \$249

• Game program advertisement at all 22 home games

Checks Payable to: MIB Hoops Club

MIB Hoops Club c/o: Dawn Savela 8392 Tamarack Drive Mt. Iron, MN 55768

^{*} Please expect contact from the MIB Hoops Club to coordinate your promotion perks



5525 Emerald Avenue · Mountain Iron, MN 55768 Phone: 218.235.0029 · Email: idarukavina@ramsmn.org

December 10, 2021

MEMO TO: RAMS PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS

FROM: DIRECTOR IDA RUKAVINA

RE: OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR RAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

MEMBERS:

On an annual basis, the election for half of the RAMS Board of Directors is conducted. Attached you will find a copy of the official ballot for the RAMS Board of Directors. Nominations have now been closed and we have 12 people nominated for the 11 Director slots as well as 1 person for the Superintendent position. The election of RAMS Board members will be held at our upcoming annual meeting on Wednesday, December 29th, 2021 at 6:00 pm (see attached invitation). Official ballots will be at the annual meeting. Due to COVID, we understand that some people may still not feel comfortable attending in person. For that reason, the Board has decided that ballots may be submitted earlier that week during normal business hours at the RAMS office on either Tuesday, the 28th from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm or on Wednesday the 29th from 9:00 until 2:00 PM. You may also submit your ballot at the Community center after 2:30 pm on the 29th and you do not have to stay for the annual meeting. Please note you MUST check in and vote with Kristen or Ida as we will be keeping track of each member entity who voted.

A reminder of how voting works. Each member entity (each school, township or city) will receive ONE ballot. Each entity may submit only one ballot. You should decide with the rest of your board how you are voting/filling out the ballot. You may choose to have your whole town board, council/mayor or school board attend the annual meeting or you may choose to send only one or two people (that is entirely up to your board/council). Ballots may NOT be returned via email or mail this year due to privacy and time constraints. If you submit your entity's ballot ahead of time in person, your ballot will be place into a sealed envelope to maintain privacy.

RAMS election rules do not allow for bullet bailoting, so please mark a complete ballot by voting for 11 Directors and 1 Superintendent. Please note that this is a contested election as 12 people have been nominated for 11 open positions.

Finally, a reminder that the RAMS office will be closed on Friday, December 24th and Monday, December 27th in observance of the Holidays. Please feel free to call me with any questions at 218-235-0029.

Happy Holidays,

Ida Rukavina/Executive Director

Kristen Kranz/Administrative Assistant

"One Range...One Voice"

RAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023 OFFICIAL BALLOT

December 29, 2021

VOTE FOR ELEVEN (11) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*MUST VOTE FOR 11

Two Year Term (January 1, 2022-December 31, 2023)

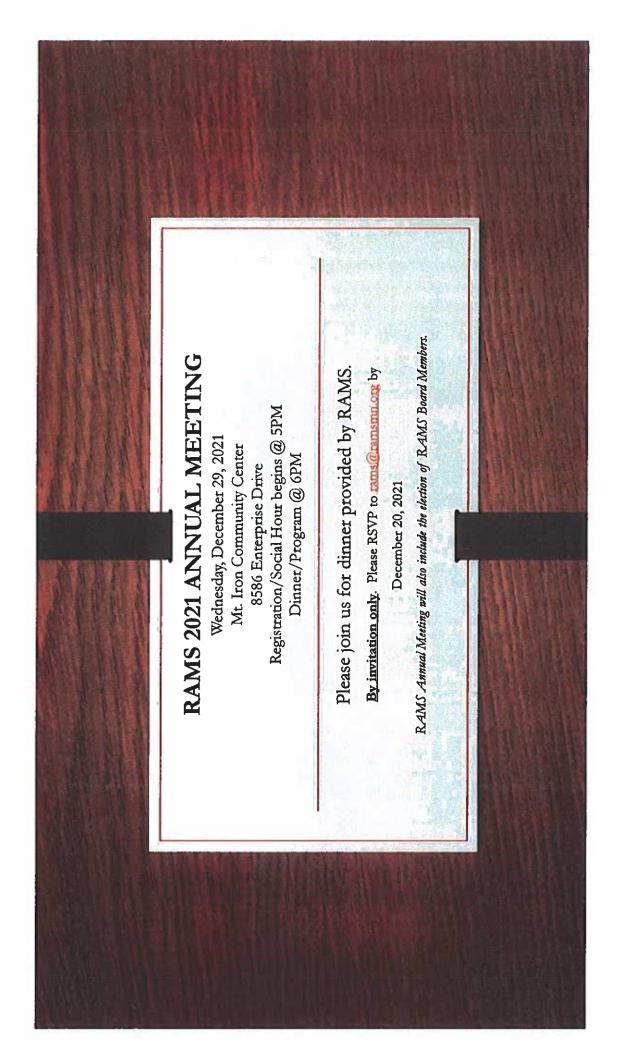
Baribeau, Charlie (Incumbent)	City Council	City of Virginia
Berrini, Bob (Incumbent)	Township Supervisor	Town of Morse
Hoffman Saccoman, Jennifer (Inc)	City Councilor	City of Hibbing
Jofs, Norma Jean	City Council	City of Aurora
Kalmi, Barb (incumbent)	School Board	ISD 319, Nashwauk/Keewatin
Kess, Paul (Incumbent)	City Council	City of Ely
Medure, Phillip	Township Supervisor	Great Scott Township
Pitts, Larry	City Council	City of Calumet
Shirley, Dan	School Board	ISD 166, Cook County
Stolp, Warren (Incumbent)	Township Supervisor	Nashwauk Township
Vake, Travis	City Council	City of Chisholm
Zins, David (Incumbent)	City Council	City of Hoyt Lakes

VOTE FOR ONE (1) BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Superintendents Association)

*MUST VOTE FOR 1

Two Year Term (January 1, 2022-December 31, 2023)

☐ Aldrich, Richard	Superintendent	ISD 701, Hibbing	
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David J. Tomassoni

State Senator - District 6
President Pro Tem
Chair - Higher Education Finance & Policy Committee





December 14, 2021

The Honorable Peggy Anderson and City Councilors Joe Prebeg, Steve Skogman, Julie Buria and Ed Roskoski Mt. Iron City Hall 8586 Enterprise Dr. So. Mt. Iron, MN 55768

Dear Mayor Anderson and Councilors Prebeg, Skogman, Buria and Roskoski:

As your State Senator, Mountain Iron has always been a special place for me. Your community was the birthplace of the Mesabi Iron Range and has provided, through your iron mining resources, the wealth that you have shared to benefit your neighbors across the region by sending tax revenue that has been derived from mining. Moreover, your community has always shown personal kindness to me, and I've always valued the support I've received from the citizens of Mt. Iron.

That is why I sincerely thank you for bestowing the honor of naming the street in the Renewable Energy Industrial Park after me. One of my proudest accomplishments that I have achieved over my 28 years of public service in the Minnesota Legislature has been the development of renewable solar energy manufacturing on the Iron Range. What we have accomplished together in Mountain Iron -- building the nation's second largest solar module manufacturing plant and the jobs it has created for our citizens -- is truly an outstanding success of the perseverance of your city and its people.

It is an honor to be recognized by you as elected officials of Mountain Iron. I particularly want to express thanks to former Mayor, Gary Skalko, and your City Administrator, Craig Wainio, for working with me to advance jobs on the Iron Range. You have a great community. Thank you for sharing it with me and for the public recognition you have bestowed upon me in your city -- it is an honor!

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely yours,

David J. Tomassoni State Senator

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