

**MOUNTAIN IRON
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

6:30 P.M.

**MOUNTAIN IRON COMMUNITY CENTER
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A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the September 3, 2024, Regular Meeting (#1-7)
 - 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
 - 1. HeatShare Program Agreement (#8-11)
 - C. Director of Public Work's Report
 - D. Library Director/Special Events Coordinator's Report (#12)
 - E. Sheriff's Department Report
 - F. City Engineer's Report
 - G. City Attorney's Report
 - H. Liaison Reports
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Resolution Number 15-24 Preliminary Levy (#13-17)
- VIII. Communications (#18-21)
- IX. Announcements
 - A. Red Cross Blood Drive – Tuesday September 17, Community Center
- X. Adjourn

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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
September 3, 2024

Mayor Anderson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30p.m. with the following members present: Councilor Ed Roskoski, Al Stanaway, Joe Prebeg Jr., Julia Buria and Mayor Peggy Anderson. Also, present were: Craig Wainio, City Administrator; Tim Satrang, Director of Public Works; Anna Amundson, Library Director/Special Events Coordinator; Amanda Inmon, Municipal Services Secretary; Al Johnson, City Engineer; SGT Grant Toma, Sherriff's Dept. and Mark Madden, Mountain Iron Fire Chief.

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

1. Approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024, regular meeting.
2. 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.
3. To acknowledge the receipts for the period July August 16-31, \$634,133.22 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
4. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period August 1-31, totaling \$302,622.20 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried (Yes: Stanaway, Prebeg, Buria and Anderson; No: Roskoski).

It was moved by Roskoski to amend the motion, to remove the bills from Parts City/Champion Auto in the amount of \$535.00, from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The motion failed due to lack of support.

Public Forum:

- No one spoke during the forum

Walker, Giroux, and Hahne, LLC. Representative, Tom Kelly discussed the City of Mountain Iron's 2023 Audit, overall fund position and recommendations for the City.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Prebeg to accept the 2023 Mountain Iron City Audit as presented, and make any recommend changes by Walker, Giroux & Hahne if not already implemented. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

The Mayor reported on the following:

- No formal report

City Administrator:

- Next meeting - Preliminary levy – certified to County by September 30th

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Prebeg for staff to contact the Virginia MnDOT office as soon as possible, in regard to the down ramp from Highway 169 to County 102/Mineral Avenue. At the bottom, at the stop signs, there used to be room for two vehicles side by side, one going north bound and one going south bound between the painted side stripes. Now there is only room for one vehicle between the new painted stripe stripes. Please repaint the intersection in question with the side stripes the same distance between as before, you can go on any phone and look on Facebook and see how it used to be, and you drive there now and go why did they do it that way? The pavement is wide enough, but they put the stripes too close. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Director of Public Works:

- Pilot study at Wastewater Plant – completing and wrapping up study
- Wolf Park parking lot – work in progress
- Jetting sewers – jetter currently broken, currently delayed
- Crack sealing throughout by City crews
- East Mud Lake Lift Station project completed
- Water line repair on Highway 7

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Buria to approve the estimate in the amount of \$67,887.50 to Gulbranson Excavating Co., for the overhead to underground conversion along HWY 169 as proposed. This project is a strategic improvement for capacity and efficiency of the electrical system for the City. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Library Director/Special Events Coordinator:

- No formal report
- 2025 will be the City of Mountain Iron's 135th birthday

Sheriff's Department:

- "Coffee with a cop" – date in October TBD

City Engineering:

- Pre-construction meeting with Jola & Sopp Excavating – storm water repairs

It was moved by Roskoski that City Staff work with Benchmark Engineering to put together a plan with estimated cost for replacement of curb/gutter on Main Street from Mineral Avenue to the alley just east of the Senior Center. This request will be available at the November 4, 2024, City Council meeting. The motion failed due to lack of support.

Fire Department:

- Community Steps program - thank you to all the surrounding Fire Departments, Police & Sheriff's Departments and St. Louis County that helped make this program a success
 - 900 pairs of shoes purchased since the beginning of the program

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

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Roskoski to approve Resolution #14-24; Application for Permit for Construction and Accept of Right-of-way Revision (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Prebeg to authorize BG's Bar & Grill to serve alcohol at the Deer Hunter's Banquet on Saturday, September 14, 2024, to be held at the Mountain Iron Community Center. The motion carried.

At 7:42 p.m., it was moved by Buria and seconded by Roskoski the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Submitted by:



Amanda Inmon
Municipal Services Secretary
www.mtniron.com

Distribution Summary

Category	Distribution	GL Account	Amount
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	CREDIT CARD FEES	101-36-6200-091	293.14
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	101-36-6200-091	10,054.43
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	LODGING TAX PAYABLE - W2 CAMP.	101-20803	285.60
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	SALES TAX PAYABLE-W2 CAMPGR.	101-20800	776.74
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	TACONITE PRODUCTION TAX	101-33-3401-005	380,567.00
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	604-22000	450.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	101-36-6200-070	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BC/BS - MEDICA PAYABLE	101-21709	65,132.80
MISCELLANEOUS	DELTA DENTAL PAYABLE	101-21708	1,840.00
MISCELLANEOUS	FAX CHARGES	101-36-6200-061	115.00
MISCELLANEOUS	FIRE DEPT-MISC INCOME	101-36-6200-087	255.00
MISCELLANEOUS	USABLE LIFE INS. PAYABLE	101-21710	312.46
PERMITS	BUILDING	101-32-2100-000	5,780.63
UTILITY	UTILITY	001-11105	168,170.42
Grand Totals:			634,133.22

Report Criteria:
 Report type: Summary
 Check.Type = {<>} "Adjustment"

GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
09/24	09/04/2024	161055	10056	A T & T MOBILITY	101-20200	1,235.02
09/24	09/04/2024	161056	10070	A-1 RENTAL SERVICES INC	101-20200	2,278.00
09/24	09/04/2024	161057	130194	ASCENDANCE TRUCKS CENTRAL, LLC	101-20200	683.66
09/24	09/04/2024	161058	10042	AUTO VALUE VIRGINIA	602-20200	110.97
09/24	09/04/2024	161059	20070	BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	101-20200	2,243.45
09/24	09/04/2024	161060	20051	BSN SPORTS, LLC	101-20200	42.95
09/24	09/04/2024	161061	30016	CHAMPION AUTO	101-20200	535.71
09/24	09/04/2024	161082	220003	CITY OF VIRGINIA	602-20200	1,750.00
09/24	09/04/2024	161063	30073	COMPENSATION CONSULTANTS, LTD	602-20200	144.00
09/24	09/04/2024	161064	40027	DULUTH/SUPERIOR COMMUNICATIONS INC.	101-20200	770.00
09/24	09/04/2024	161065	50043	EJ EQUIPMENT, INC.	603-20200	248.83
09/24	09/04/2024	161066	60029	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC	602-20200	516.23
09/24	09/04/2024	161067	70029	GUARDIAN PEST CONTROL INC	101-20200	88.60
09/24	09/04/2024	161068	210009	HD SUPPLY INC.	101-20200	742.36
09/24	09/04/2024	161069	80001	HILLYARD/HUTCHINSON	603-20200	1,181.78
09/24	09/04/2024	161070	80037	HOMETOWN MEDIA PARTNERS	101-20200	199.00
09/24	09/04/2024	161071	10043	IRON RANGE ENGINEERING & CONSULTING	604-20200	1,445.00
09/24	09/04/2024	161072	60010	JAMES JANCKILA	101-20200	81.18
09/24	09/04/2024	161073	110040	KNOWINK, LLC.	101-20200	3,390.00
09/24	09/04/2024	161074	120013	L & L RENTALS INC	101-20200	1,976.37
09/24	09/04/2024	161075	120037	LAKEVIEW BOOKS	101-20200	54.98
09/24	09/04/2024	161076	120002	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	101-20200	483.93
09/24	09/04/2024	161077	160037	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	101-20200	501.84
09/24	09/04/2024	161078	130030	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	101-20200	2,805.41
09/24	09/04/2024	161079	130008	MESABI HUMANE SOCIETY	101-20200	2,083.33
09/24	09/04/2024	161080	130004	MESABI TRIBUNE	101-20200	898.50
09/24	09/04/2024	161081	110035	MIDWEST COMMUNICATIONS	101-20200	1,132.00
09/24	09/04/2024	161082	130009	MINNESOTA POWER (ALLETE INC)	101-20200	728.43
09/24	09/04/2024	161083	130118	MINNESOTA PUMP WORKS	602-20200	25,497.24
09/24	09/04/2024	161084	130180	MINNESOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS	101-20200	464.17
09/24	09/04/2024	161085	130035	MN PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, LLC.	101-20200	400.00
09/24	09/04/2024	161086	140073	NATIONAL FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL INC.	101-20200	1,474.04
09/24	09/04/2024	161087	1901018	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	602-20200	439.98
09/24	09/04/2024	161088	140052	NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE	101-20200	122,365.90
09/24	09/04/2024	161089	140004	NORTHERN ENGINE & SUPPLY INC	602-20200	282.31
09/24	09/04/2024	161090	140043	NORTHLAND AUTO SERVICE	101-20200	2,801.91
09/24	09/04/2024	161091	150023	OSI ENVIRONMENTAL INC	604-20200	105.00
09/24	09/04/2024	161092	130017	PARK STATE BANK	601-20200	229.88
09/24	09/04/2024	161093	160023	POHAKI LUMBER	101-20200	61.82
09/24	09/04/2024	161094	170007	QUILL CORPORATION	101-20200	157.44
09/24	09/04/2024	161095	180004	RANGE COOPERATIVES	101-20200	103.50
09/24	09/04/2024	161096	180006	RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	602-20200	900.80
09/24	09/04/2024	161097	190024	ST LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF	101-20200	46,666.66
09/24	09/04/2024	161098	210002	UNITED TRUCK BODY COMPANY INC	101-20200	2,595.00
09/24	09/04/2024	161099	30072	VC3	101-20200	9,381.70
09/24	09/04/2024	161100	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS	601-20200	90.04
09/24	09/04/2024	161101	240001	XEROX CORPORATION	101-20200	107.73

Grand Totals: 242,476.65

PP-Ending - 08/16 60,145.55

TOTAL EXPENIDTURES \$302,622.20



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-24

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY REVISION

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron desires to install utilities, drainage infrastructure and construct a road within the Highway 169 right-of-way; and,

WHEREAS, the City has requested that certain Highway 169 right-of-way be transferred to the City; and,

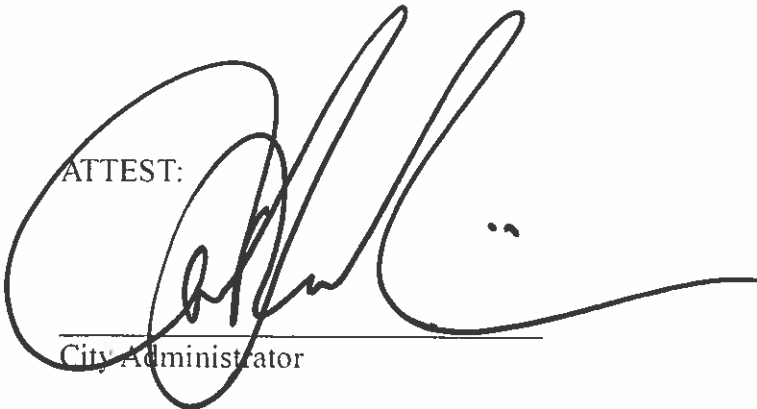
WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation controls said highway right-of-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the City hereby applies and will accept a permit to install utilities, drainage infrastructure and construct a road within the Highway 169 right-of-way described in Exhibit A which is incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that it will accept all Highway 169 right-of-way revisions as previously applied for and described in Exhibit B which is incorporated herein.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Peggy Anderson

EXHIBIT A

Description of Area for Requested Permit

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 of SE1/4) of Section 11, Township 58 North, Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota, lying 100 feet North of a line parallel and 200 feet South of the centerline of the Eastbound lane of Trunk Highway 169 excepting release 1188.

EXHIBIT B

Preliminary Description of Requested Right-of-Way Reversion

That part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 of SE1/4) of Section 11, Township 58 North, Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the City of Mountain Iron, St. Louis County, Minnesota, lying 100 feet North of a line parallel and 200 feet South of the centerline of the Eastbound lane of Trunk Highway 169 excepting release 1188.



DOING
THE MOST
GOOD

NORTHERN DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

2445 Prior Ave. N.
Roseville, MN 55113-2714
p: 651-746-3400
f: 651-746-3410
SalvationArmyNorth.org

Lyndon Buckingham, *General*
Evie Diaz, *Territorial Commander*
Lt. Colonel E. Randall Polsley, *Divisional Commander*

Hello,

As this is our 40th year, The Salvation Army's HeatShare program is looking forward to another dynamic year. This is a voluntary, non-governmental program. We are a one-time, last resort for those customers in crisis. As energy costs have been rising year after year, other agencies have no funds left, we, HeatShare is here. This program is a positive way for you to reach out to your customers. A big thank you to those that did participate!

In counties that were not in partnership with HeatShare in the last six months, we helped 144 households that needed \$50,170.00 for electricity, natural gas and propane. That is an average of \$348.00 needed to keep the lights on or heat their homes. Please consider being part of the HeatShare program that helps those in your community.

Your support of this program would aid those in your community in receiving help that they need if you could contribute in at least one of the following ways (please check all applicable boxes):

- By adding information about the HeatShare Program with your bills (suggested example is attached).
- Utilizing your website to advertise the HeatShare Program.
- By distributing bill inserts to your customers to raise donations (inserts are .15 each)

If you do not wish to aid us in our outreach efforts to promote HeatShare/donate funds, please check the box below.

- We do not wish to participate in the HeatShare Program currently. You can always call to be a participant in the future, you will be missed.

In the efforts to make thing easier, we would invite you to scan the documents and send the PDF to us directly. Please use Cheryl.Beckfield@usc.salvationarmy.org. (Administration Assistant for HeatShare). She can be reached at 651-746-3523We included a self-addressed stamped envelope if preferred.

Thank you for the work you do in your communities!

Ana Gonzalez, LSW
Divisional HeatShare
The Salvation Army Northern Division

THE SALVATION ARMY HEATSHARE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

COMES NOW, City of Mountain Iron, in joint partnership with The Salvation Army, an Illinois Corporation (The Salvation Army), submits its joint customer contribution fund program plan as follows:

PROGRAM NAME:

HeatShare (A voluntary non-governmental program of The Salvation Army) which has been in existence since 1982.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this energy related program, shall be to advance the common good and general welfare of the people by soliciting voluntary contributions from customers and employees to assist needy Minnesotans with energy related problems, including but not limited to residential heating bills, repairs on home heating equipment, and shut offs; and to provide assistance in reducing the cost of utilities for qualified low-income elderly, disabled, and others with special needs who have difficulty paying their energy related expenses.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION:

Customers will be notified through City of Mountain Iron. Notifications will be made via bill inserts and/or newsletter. In addition, press releases and media notification will be utilized when appropriate and beneficial to HeatShare and City of Mountain Iron.

TRANSFER/DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:

City of Mountain Iron will transfer funds to The Salvation Army on a regular basis in amounts equal to contributions received and processed prior to such date. Funds will be allocated by each Salvation Army unit corresponding to City of Mountain Iron in direct proportion to donations received from their area. On an exceptional basis, The Salvation Army, will have at their discretion, the authority to adjust the distribution of funds where they deem fit. A minimum of 85% of the funds will be used in the distribution of funds as per the guidelines on attachment A-1.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Implementation is to be scheduled within the effective dates of this agreement by one or more of the following:

- Insertion of HeatShare bill insert into at least one monthly bill,
- Advertisement of HeatShare program on website,
- Utility newsletter.

ADDITIONAL:

City of Mountain Iron proposes at this time to absorb the expense of solicitation through paying of bill inserts, any promotional costs deemed necessary, and the cost of collection and transmittal of contributions.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This plan becomes effective this October 1, 2023, and stays effective until September 30, 2024, or until City of Mountain Iron or The Salvation Army terminates this agreement by giving a 90-day written notice to the other party.

NOTICE:

The Salvation Army will follow the operational guidelines on (A-1) attached hereto. Notices shall be deemed given upon personal delivery, or when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

If to City of Mountain Iron:

Attn: Craig Wainio
Title: City Administrator
Address: 8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, MN 55768
Phone:

If to The Salvation Army:

Attn: Ana Gonzalez
Title: Divisional HeatShare Coordinator
Address: 2445 Prior Avenue N
Roseville, MN 55113
Phone: 651-746-3542

WHEREFORE, City of Mountain Iron, requests that its proposed joint customer contribution fund program be approved as submitted.

By: _____
Title: _____
Attest: _____
Title: _____
Dated the _____ day of _____ 2023

The Salvation Army, an Illinois Corporation

By: _____
Title: Divisional Commander
Attest: _____
Title: Divisional HeatShare Coordinator
Dated the _____ day of _____ 2023

**THE SALVATION ARMY
HEATSHARE PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

TO QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE HEATSHARE PROGRAM:

1. Applicants must have a past due bill or final (disconnect) notice and;
2. Applicants must be income eligible as per Attachment A-1 and;
3. Applicants must have applied for assistance previously from other available public agencies and;
4. Applicants must reside in the designated areas where funds are raised for the program.
5. Applicants must be:
 - a. 65 years of age or older, or disabled/handicapped, such that financial assistance from the HeatShare program would relieve a substantial need or
 - b. Circumstances have arisen which deplete an individuals or families immediate cash resources. For example, an illness, major repair bill or sudden lay off, may leave a family, usually able to cope with insufficient cash resources to meet heating needs even though normally they have sufficient income to do so.
 - c. After initial assistance has been received, if an underlying problem exists (such as a client paying more rent than their income will allow) attempts must be made to remedy the situation before further assistance will be given.
 - d. Households who request assistance in consecutive years will be asked to participate in activities to strengthen the self-sufficiency of the family.
6. Assistance is available only once per year at a maximum of \$400 for those living outside of the Twin Cities area, and \$500 for those living within the Twin Cities Area.
7. Types of assistance granted will be for natural gas, electric, fuel oil, and propane.

Note: These are guidelines and on occasion, due to extenuating circumstances, clients may be given special considerations.

2024-2025 ANNUAL NET INCOME GUIDELINES

The income guidelines below are based on 50% of State Median Income.

Household	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$35,799	\$2,983
2	\$46,814	\$3,901
3	\$57,829	\$4,819
4	\$68,845	\$5,737
5	\$79,860	\$6,655
6	\$90,875	\$7,572
7	\$92,940	\$7,745
8	\$95,006	\$7,917
9	\$97,071	\$8,089
10	\$99,136	\$8,261

Mountain Iron Public Library

Monthly Report

August 2024

Circulation

Items checked out: 1,576 Items checked in: 1,644

Total Circulation of materials in August: 3,220

Attendance:

Adults: 456 Youth: 310 Patrons in August: 766

Special Events/Programs held: 4 (220 participants)

Reference Desk visits (email, phone, and messenger): 179 Computer Use Sessions: 139

Total Library usage: 986

Events and Activities at the library in August:

August 1st: Legislative meeting (ALS)

August 5th & 19th: City Council meetings

August 6th: National Night Out

August 7th: Library painting event with Willow Gentile, grant recipient

August 8th: 5th Annual tie-dye day

August 10th: Merritt Days – Open House, author reading, yoga, sound bowls

August 15th: ALS Library Director Meeting (Anna)

August 19th: Great Library Duck Hunt 2024

August 20th: ALS Legacy program – Willow Brae

August 21st: Iron Range Tykes visit

August 27th: Merritt Days Committee meeting

Coming in September:

September 3rd & 17th: City Council meetings

September 3rd – September 20th: Great Library Duck Hunt 2024

September 3rd – September 30th: Library Card Sign-up/ This & That Treasure Hunt and Adopt-a-Plant

September 11th: Library Board meeting

September 12th: Friends of the Library new member meetings

September 24th: FOL business meeting

September 25th: Iron Range Tykes visit

September 25th: ALS Technology meeting

COUNCIL LETTER 091624-VIIA

ADMINISTRATION

2025 BUDGET

DATE: September 12, 2024

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Enclosed in you packet you will find a preliminary draft of the 2025 Budget. At this meeting the City Council needs to set the proposed levy for 2025. The budget and adjoining Resolution show a three percent increase in the levy from 2024, an increase of \$43,217, Staff is proposing this increase in order to offset increases in health insurance premiums wages, operational costs and upcoming projects.

Resolution Number 15-24 adopts the preliminary levy amount that must be certified to the County by September 30th. This Resolution is presented with the increase in the levy as outlined above over last year. It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 15-24.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-24

APPROVING PROPOSED 2024 TAX LEVY, COLLECTABLE 2025

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 2024, upon the taxable property in the City of Mountain Iron for the following purposes:

TOTAL PROPOSED LEVY	\$1,483,760
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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 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Mayor Peggy Anderson

ATTEST:

City Administrator

**BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON**

EXPENDITURES	2024	2025	Difference	Percent
Administration	\$ 692,000.00	\$ 685,000.00	\$ (7,000.00)	-1.0%
Public Safety	\$ 785,500.00	\$ 785,500.00	-	0.0%
Public Works	\$ 1,144,000.00	\$ 1,144,000.00	-	0.0%
Culture and Rec	\$ 560,000.00	\$ 560,000.00	-	0.0%
General Government	\$ 1,164,760.00	\$ 1,217,013.00	\$ 52,253.00	4.5%
TOTAL	\$ 4,346,260.00	\$ 4,391,513.00	\$ 45,253.00	1.0%

REVENUE	2024	2025	Difference	Percent
Taxes	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental Aid	\$ 2,660,717.00	\$ 2,662,753.00	\$ 2,036.00	0.1%
General Revenue	\$ 202,000.00	\$ 202,000.00	-	0.0%
TOTAL	\$ 2,905,717.00	\$ 2,907,753.00	\$ 2,036.00	0.1%

GENERAL LEVY \$ 1,440,543.00 \$ 1,483,760.00 \$ 43,217.00 **3.0%**

BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
REVENUE

GENERAL REVENUE	2024	2025	Difference	Percent
Lic. & Permits	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Charges for Service	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Fines	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Interest	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Refunds	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
General	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Subtotal	\$ 202,000.00	\$ 202,000.00	\$ -	0.0%

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Local Government Aid	\$ 1,595,717.00	\$ 1,597,753.00	\$ 2,036.00	0.1%
Taconite Production Tax	\$ 580,000.00	\$ 580,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Taconite Municipal Aid	\$ 335,000.00	\$ 335,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Mining Effects Tax	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Other	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Subtotal	\$ 2,660,717.00	\$ 2,662,753.00	\$ 2,036.00	0.1%

TAXES

Tax Levy	\$ 1,440,543.00	\$ 1,483,760.00	\$ 43,217.00	3.0%
Misc. Taxes	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Franchise	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Subtotal	\$ 1,483,543.00	\$ 1,526,760.00	\$ 43,217.00	2.9%

Total	\$ 4,346,260.00	\$ 4,391,513.00	\$ 45,253.00	1.0%
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**BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
EXPENDITURES**

DEPARTMENT	2024	2025	Difference	Percent
City Council	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	-	0.0%
Administration	\$ 625,000.00	\$ 625,000.00	-	0.0%
Election	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	(7,000.00)	-87.5%
Planning & Zoning	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	-	0.0%
Sheriffs	\$ 580,000.00	\$ 580,000.00	-	0.0%
Fire Protection	\$ 174,000.00	\$ 174,000.00	-	0.0%
Emergency Management	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	-	0.0%
Animal Control	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 25,500.00	-	0.0%
Streets	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 900,000.00	-	0.0%
Buildings	\$ 244,000.00	\$ 244,000.00	-	0.0%
Campground	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 93,000.00	-	0.0%
Recreation	\$ 256,000.00	\$ 256,000.00	-	0.0%
Government	\$ 611,600.00	\$ 611,600.00	-	0.0%
Library	\$ 211,000.00	\$ 211,000.00	-	0.0%
Transfers	\$ 553,160.00	\$ 605,413.00	52,253.00	9.4%
Total	\$ 4,346,260.00	\$ 4,391,513.00	45,253.00	1.0%

MERRITT DAYS

AUGUST 6-10, 2024

CONTINUING THE TRADITION

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

City Liaison Anna Amundson
President: John Thomas
Treasurer: Peggy Anderson
Courtney Johnson, Jeremy Jesch,
Cheryl Olivanti, Gunnar Thomas,
Lori Thomas, George Thomas,
Michelle Anderson, Sue Vidor,
Karen Kniefel

SPONSORS

A list of our sponsors is available. Without our major sponsors, who include the City of Mountain Iron, Merritt Days would not be possible. Our gratitude goes out to those who supported our events this year and gave us enough for a small base to start planning for next year.

CHALLENGES

One major challenge was the question in the community of whether we would continue with Merritt Days. We are proud of the committee pulling together to continue this important tradition. Weather Friday night was also a challenge.



COMMUNITY FUELS US

Merritt Days is a celebration of our rich history as the Taconite Capital of the World and birthplace of mining. We focus on hosting events downtown as a way to honor that history. But, the celebration is about our community that reaches the largest geographical area in the State and encompasses many neighborhoods, landmarks, various industries, small businesses and large and our expansive recreational opportunities. Merritt Days was a result of collaborations. We worked with various organizations to help bring events to the community. Some events were new and others traditional. Trademark events included vendors, kids corner, the classic car show, the parade, the Larry Nanti 5/10K event, treasure hunt, pancake breakfast, bingo, beanbags at the American Legion, Softball hosted by BGs at the Recreation Center, and live music. We saw some of the best attendance at several events. It brings us joy to see the community gathered together.

We held many new events in attempt to reach a broader group of people. Those events included:

Live Music at BGs, pickleball, BMX bikes, a community dinner, yoga, sound bowls, line dancing, open mike, beer garden, and a book reading with Megan Marsnik. With these new events we stayed within budget.

AUGUST 5-9 2025

We continue to meet monthly and have chosen our date for events next year. It is a monumental year for the City and we anticipate a great turnout. Mark your calendars and please consider joining us as a volunteer. We meet at the Library.

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