



MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

6:30 P.M.

**MOUNTAIN IRON COMMUNITY CENTER
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the December 1, 2025, 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. Winter Workers (#8)
 - C. Director of Public Work's Report
 - D. Library Director/Special Events Coordinator's Report (#9)
 - E. City Engineer's Report
 - F. Sheriff's Department Report
 - G. City Attorney's Report
 - H. Fire Department's Report
 - 1. Hires (#10)
 - I. Liaison Reports
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Resolution Number 30-25 Premise Permit (#11)
- VIII. Communications (#12-14)
- IX. Announcements
 - A. City Offices Closed at 11:30am on Wednesday, December 31st & and all day on Thursday, January 1st for the New Year's Day Holiday
- X. Adjourn

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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
December 1, 2025

Mayor Anderson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30p.m. with the following members present: Councilor Ed Roskoski, Bradley Gustafson, Alan Stanaway, Julie 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; and Sgt. Grant Toma, Sheriff's Dept.

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

1. Approve the minutes of November 17, 2025, 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 November 16-30, totaling \$183,741.89 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
4. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period November 16-30, totaling \$508,456.77 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

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

It was moved by Roskoski to amend the original motion to remove the bills from Lanyk Electric in the amount of \$598.00 and O'Reilly Auto Parts Virginia in the amount of \$502.00 and Napa Auto Parts from \$142.00 from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The motion failed.

Public Forum:

- No one spoke during the forum

The Mayor reported on the following:

- Thanks to City Crew for snow removal after 1st snowstorm

City Administrator:

- Accepting Rink attendants for South Grove Rec Complex

Director of Public Works:

- Brine solutions sprayed in in certain areas, snow plowing will continue throughout week

Library Director/Special Events Coordinator:

- Holiday Lighting Tour – register at Library
 - December 12th & December 13th

City Engineer:

- No formal report

It was moved by Gustafson and seconded by Stanaway to approve Pay Request No. 1 – Mineral Avenue Alley project, in the amount of \$218,058.50 to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. The motion carried on roll call vote (No: Roskoski; Yes: Gustafson, Stanaway, Buria and Anderson).

Sheriff's Department:

- No formal report

Liaison:

- Councilor Gustafson
 - Great job to Amanda Inmon and Elections Dept. on award received from Secretary of State Simon – Excellence in Elections Award

It was moved by Buria and seconded by Stanaway to adopt the 2026 Budget as presented. The motion carried on roll call vote (No: Roskoski, Gustafson; Yes: Stanaway, Buria, Anderson).

It was moved by Gustafson and seconded by Stanaway to adopt Resolution #28-25; Approving 2025 Tax Levy, collectable 2026 (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried on roll call vote (No: Roskoski; Yes: Gustafson, Stanaway, Buria, Anderson).

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Roskoski to approve Resolution #29-25; Approving 2026 Economic Development Authority Tax Levy (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Announcements:

- Christmas Day – December 25th – City Offices closed at 11:30am on Wednesday, December 24th and all day on Thursday, December 25th

At 6:54p.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
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	101-20607	100.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	101-36-6200-089	25.00
FINES	CRIMINAL	101-35-5100-000	1,300.50
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	604-22000	500.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	101-36-6200-070	20.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BC/BS - MEDICA PAYABLE	101-21709	2,747.08
MISCELLANEOUS	DELTA DENTAL PAYABLE	101-21708	304.00
MISCELLANEOUS	GRANTS RECEIVABLE	301-11500	5,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	MISC. - GENERAL	101-37-7100-023	2,674.38
MISCELLANEOUS	SPEC. EVENT-FUNDS NOT USED-CR	101-45-1202-700	190.00
MISCELLANEOUS	SPECIAL EVENT PROCEEDS	101-36-6200-090	827.00
PERMITS	BUILDING	101-32-2100-000	1,508.27
SALE OF PROPERTY	SALE OF PROP-SO FOREST GR LOTS	101-20802	15,000.00
UTILITY	UTILITY	001-11105	153,545.66
Grand Totals:			183,741.89

Report Criteria:

Report type: Summary

Check.Type = {<>} "Adjustment"

GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
12/25	12/03/2025	162851	1926	ALI BILDEN CAMPS	101-20200	400.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162852	10052	AMERICAN PRESSURE, INC.	604-20200	549.40
12/25	12/03/2025	162853	20010	BISS LOCK INC	101-20200	33.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162854	30055	BTAC ACQUISITION CORP.	101-20200	417.55
12/25	12/03/2025	162855	30073	COMPENSATION CONSULTANTS, LTD	602-20200	148.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162856	120038	COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT LLC	101-20200	9,649.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162857	130194	CORPORATE BILLING LLC	101-20200	651.15
12/25	12/03/2025	162858	60029	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC	101-20200	279.07
12/25	12/03/2025	162859	60052	FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTAIN IRON	101-20200	48.64
12/25	12/03/2025	162860	50048	FRONTIER ENERGY	604-20200	951.11
12/25	12/03/2025	162861	70029	GUARDIAN PEST CONTROL INC	101-20200	93.03
12/25	12/03/2025	162862	80001	HILLYARD/HUTCHINSON	101-20200	725.18
12/25	12/03/2025	162863	80037	HOMETOWN MEDIA PARTNERS	101-20200	88.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162864	120013	L & L RENTALS INC	601-20200	375.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162865	120032	LAKE COUNTRY POWER	101-20200	210.75
12/25	12/03/2025	162866	120036	LANYK ELECTRIC	604-20200	598.03
12/25	12/03/2025	162867	130030	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	101-20200	281.66
12/25	12/03/2025	162868	80061	MARK GOERDT	101-20200	250.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162869	130041	MESABI BITUMINOUS	301-20200	218,058.50
12/25	12/03/2025	162870	130006	MESABI HUMANE SOCIETY	101-20200	2,179.16
12/25	12/03/2025	162871	130004	MESABI TRIBUNE	101-20200	999.55
12/25	12/03/2025	162872	130187	MIB CHEERLEADING	101-20200	121.60
12/25	12/03/2025	162873	464	MIB CROSS COUNTRY CLUB	101-20200	121.60
12/25	12/03/2025	162874	130196	MIB NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS)	101-20200	121.60
12/25	12/03/2025	162875	130111	MIB PTA	101-20200	121.60
12/25	12/03/2025	162876	130181	MIB SPEECH/DRAMA CLUB	101-20200	97.28
12/25	12/03/2025	162877	130115	MIB STUDENT COUNCIL-USD#712	101-20200	97.28
12/25	12/03/2025	162878	110035	MIDWEST COMMUNICATIONS	101-20200	261.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162879	130078	MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF	101-20200	2,192.84
12/25	12/03/2025	162880	130102	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	101-20200	540.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162881	130102	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	101-20200	876.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162882	130044	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	601-20200	2,276.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162883	130009	MINNESOTA POWER (ALLETE INC)	101-20200	1,316.23
12/25	12/04/2025	162884	130031	MOUNTAIN IRON ECONOMIC DEV	101-20200	.00 V
12/25	12/03/2025	162885	30001	NAPA AUTO PARTS	101-20200	141.87
12/25	12/03/2025	162886	140015	NELSON-COLLIE ELECTRIC IN.C	604-20200	405.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162887	696	NHS NORTHSTAR	101-20200	200.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162888	140052	NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE	101-20200	123,451.88
12/25	12/03/2025	162889	140042	NORTHERN DOOR & HARDWARE INC	101-20200	45.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162890	140004	NORTHERN ENGINE & SUPPLY INC	603-20200	402.89
12/25	12/03/2025	162891	9032	NORTHLAND LEARNING CENTER	101-20200	200.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162892	150007	O'REILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES, LLC	101-20200	502.76
12/25	12/03/2025	162893	170007	QUILL CORPORATION	101-20200	556.38
12/25	12/03/2025	162894	180006	RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	601-20200	455.62
12/25	12/03/2025	162895	190079	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	101-20200	3,810.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162896	190010	SEPPI BROTHERS	101-20200	2,700.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162897	97	SPIRIT LAKE 4-H CLUB	101-20200	97.28
12/25	12/03/2025	162898	190013	ST LOUIS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	301-20200	17,942.24
12/25	12/03/2025	162899	190024	ST LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF	101-20200	47,500.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162900	200020	THE TRENTI LAW FIRM	101-20200	4,272.08
12/25	12/03/2025	162901	1830	TODD FLANKEY	101-20200	200.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162902	210002	UNITED TRUCK BODY COMPANY INC	101-20200	2,169.21
12/25	12/03/2025	162903	30072	VC3	101-20200	824.00

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12/25	12/03/2025	162904	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS	602-20200	90.04
12/25	12/03/2025	162905	10075	VESTIS	604-20200	298.54
12/25	12/03/2025	162906	220004	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	602-20200	10.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162907	230003	W.L. HALL CO	101-20200	1,425.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162908	8006	WILLIAM E. MAXWELL	101-20200	250.00
12/25	12/03/2025	162909	60038	WRIGHT EXPRESS FINAN SERV CORP	602-20200	5,717.73
12/25	12/03/2025	162910	190002	ST LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	603-20200	210.00
12/25	12/04/2025	162911	130031	MOUNTAIN IRON ECONOMIC DEV	101-20200	411.16

Grand Totals:

459,417.49

PP-Ending - 11/21

49,039.28

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$508,456.77



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 28-25

APPROVING 2025 TAX LEVY, COLLECTABLE 2026

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 2026, upon the taxable property in the City of Mountain Iron for the following purposes:

TOTAL LEVY	\$1,513,435
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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 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST:

City Administrator

Mayor Peggy Anderson



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 29-25

CONCERNING THE 2026 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX LEVY

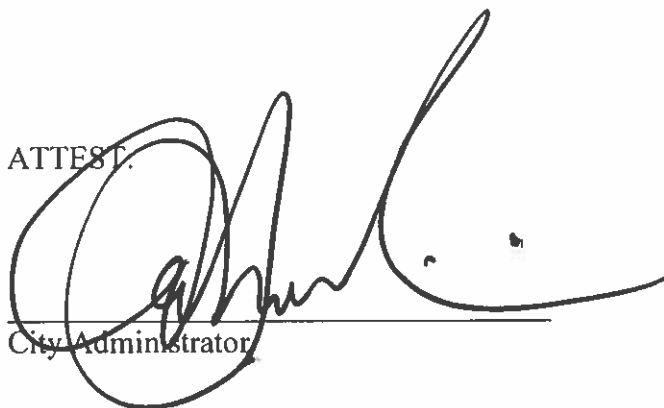
WHEREAS, the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority was created on the 19th day of April, 2004, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 469.090-469.108 and;

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 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST.



City Administrator

Mayor Peggy Anderson

COUNCIL LETTER 121525-IVB1

PARKS AND RECREATION

RINK WORKERS

DATE: December 11, 2025

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff recommends hiring the following for temporary seasonal employment:

Parker Johnson
Xavier Inmon
More to come (hopefully)

Mountain Iron Public Library

Monthly Report

November 2025

Circulation

Items checked out: 1,000 Items checked in: 1,120

Total Circulation of materials in November: 2,120

Attendance:

Adults: 292 Youth: 113 Patrons in November: 405

Special Events/Programs held: 7 (60 participants)

Reference Desk visits (email, phone, and messenger): 127 Computer Use Sessions: 74

Total Library usage: 465

Events and Activities at the library in November:

November 3rd & 17th: City Council Meetings

November 5th: Iron Range Tykes visit

November 5th: FOL Roll Sale Prep & Delivery

November 6th: Spirit Lake 4H Club meeting

November 7th: Young Readers Story Time

November 7th: Dave Pilkey/ Dog Man Day event

November 14th: Young Readers Story Time – Stay & Play

November 18th: Adult Book-to-Movie event

November 18th: Friends of the Library meeting

November 21st: ALS Legacy program

Events in December:

December 1st & 15th: City Council Meetings

December 4th: Spirit Lake 4H Club meeting

December 5th: Christmas Market

December 9th: Library Board/ FOL Holiday meeting

December 10th: Iron Range Tykes visit

December 12th: Young Readers Story Time

December 19th: Christmas Pajama Party

December 19th: Upcycled Jewelry program

**** December 12th & 13th: Holiday Lighting Tour +**

COUNCIL LETTER 121525-IVH1

FIRE DEPARTMENT

HIRES

DATE: December 11, 2025

FROM: Mark Madden
Fire Chief

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

For the next council agenda, we will have the potential hire of applicants Taby Tapio as an EMR and Jeremy Anderson as a firefighter.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 30-25

CHARITABLE GAMBLING

WHEREAS, the Virginia Elks Lodge 1003, has applied for a new Premises Permit for lawful gambling at Mac's Bar and Grill, 8881 Main Street, Mountain Iron, Minnesota, and;

WHEREAS, the Virginia Elks Lodge 1003, is requesting that their Premises Permit be issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL, that the Mountain Iron City Council hereby approves said premises permit.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

Mayor Peggy Anderson

ATTEST:

City Administrator



Saint Louis County

Environmental Services Department

Virginia Government Services Center • 201 South 3rd Avenue West • Virginia, MN 55792
Phone: (218) 471-7703 or 1-800-450-9278 • Fax: (218) 471-7650 • www.stlouiscountymn.gov

David Fink
Director

December 5, 2025

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

RE: Proposed 2026 St. Louis County Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Fee "Disposal Fee"

Municipal and Private MSW Haulers:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the proposed \$18.93 per ton tip fee **decrease** for mixed municipal solid waste "MSW" that was recommended and accepted by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for 2026. The tip fee is one component of the Disposal Fee charged for disposal of MSW at St. Louis County disposal facilities and the Regional Landfill. The reason for the decrease is explained later in this letter.

Table A shows the breakdown of the current and proposed Disposal Fee resulting in a net \$18.93/ton decrease for 2026.

Table A.

Disposal Fee = (Tip Fee + 17% MN Solid Waste Management Tax + 115A.919 Fee)

Current Disposal Fee: \$52.50 Tip Fee + \$8.93 17% MN SWM Tax + \$7.50 115A.919 Fee
 $\$52.50 + \$8.93 + \$7.50 = \$68.93/\text{ton}$

Proposed 2026 Disposal Fee: \$32.05 Tip Fee + \$5.45 17% SWM Tax + \$12.50 115A.919 Fee
 $\$32.05 + \$5.45 + \$12.50 = \$50/\text{ton}$

The 2026 Disposal Fee provides a total decrease of \$18.93/ton from the 2025 MSW Disposal Fee (\$68.93 - \$50 = \$18.93).

BACKGROUND.

The St. Louis County Environmental Services Department "Department" manages solid waste, recycling, and household hazardous waste "HHW" programs within the St. Louis County Solid Waste Management Area "SWMA". The SWMA, includes all of St. Louis County "County" excluding the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District "WLSSD", and includes 91% of the County's geographic area and less than 50% of the County's population. The Department is funded through an enterprise fund, receiving no tax-levy revenues. Operating similarly to a business, the Department relies primarily on fees charged to its customers to fund the waste disposal, recycling, and HHW services it provides at its Regional Landfill "RLF", 5 transfer stations, 15 canister sites, 2 Sit-Sites, 2 HHW facilities, recyclables processing facility, and 50 recyclables drop-off sites.



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December 8, 2025

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority- Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 I HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Mountain Iron we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session - Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

This project represents a forward-looking, environmentally responsible, and regionally significant investment in Minnesota's solid waste infrastructure. The \$6 million appropriation requested in this legislation would allow St. Louis County to acquire property and advance development of a modern, integrated facility that will:

- Accept both new waste and previously processed waste from closed or capped landfill sites under the state's Closed Landfill Program;
- Prevent PFAS and other contaminants from entering the Lake Superior watershed;
- Accept municipal biosolids to prevent contamination from recurring land application;
- Ensure long-term solid waste management capacity for northeastern Minnesota communities; and
- Protect public health and the environment while supporting regional collaboration in waste management.

This project also builds on the recent partnership between St. Louis County and the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD)-publicly known as Resource Renew which has negotiated a long-term agreement to dispose of municipal solid waste at the county's Virginia Regional Landfill and, in the future, at the new Canyon facility. With the Moccasin Mike landfill in Superior set to close in 2026, this partnership will ensure responsible, in-state waste management for Duluth-Superior and all of the Arrowhead region.

The Canyon site is being designed to complement and extend the life of the existing Virginia Regional Landfill, which-through strategic upgrades and expansion-now has an anticipated life exceeding 70 years. Together, these facilities will serve as a critical backbone for the region's solid waste and environmental protection strategy for generations.

We respectfully urge the Legislature and Governor to include funding for the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus in the 2026 capital investment bill. This investment will safeguard Minnesota's natural resources, strengthen local partnerships, and advance the state's leadership in responsible waste management.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and continued commitment to the environmental and infrastructure needs of Greater Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peggy Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peggy" and last name "Anderson" clearly distinguishable.

Peggy Anderson Mayor
City of Mountain Iron
218-748-7570