



MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, May 4, 2026

6:30 P.M.

MOUNTAIN IRON COMMUNITY CENTER

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MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the April 20, 2026, 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. Hire Coaches (#8)
 - C. Director of Public Work's Report
 - 1. Large Trash (#9)
 - 2. Water Rate Increase (#10)
 - D. Library Director's Report
 - E. City Engineer's Report
 - F. Sheriff's Department Report
 - G. Personnel Committee
 - 1. Staff Changes (#11-12)
 - H. Liaison Reports
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Resolution Number 11-26; Solid Waste fee transfer (#13)
- VIII. Communications
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjourn

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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
April 20, 2026

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; Amanda Inmon, Municipal Services Secretary; Al Johnson, City Engineer; Bryan Lindsay, City Attorney; Sgt. Toma, Sheriff's Department; and Eric Monson, Fire Department Representative.

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

1. Approve the minutes of April 6, 2026, 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 April 1-15 totaling \$403,403.21 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
4. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period April 1-15, totaling \$501,818.37 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

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

It was moved by Roskoski to amend the original motion to remove the bill from O'Reily, for four pickup tires in the amount of \$451.00 from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The motion failed.

Public Forum:

- Thomas Schur, Old Downtown Mountain Iron resident, questioning blight at several residences on Mineral Avenue

It was moved Roskoski and seconded by Gustafson that City attorney, Bryan Lindsay, contact Mountain Iron resident Thomas Schur as soon as possible at (218)780-1516, and discuss with Mr. Schur various remedies to solve the problem that Mr. Schur has brought forward at this April 20, 2026, City Council meeting during this public forum. City Attorney Lindsay will eventually update City Staff, Council, and Mr. Schur on progress that is being made, blight issues have been going on for years with nothing being done. The motion failed on roll call vote (Yes: Roskoski; No: Gustafson, Stanaway, Buria, Anderson).

- Timothy "Tim" Mattson, spoke regarding candidacy for St. Louis County Commissioner, meet and greet on Saturday, April 25th at Sawmill Restaurant from 4:00pm-7:00pm

The Mayor reported on the following:

- Thank you to City workers on their work getting city ready for spring

City Administrator:

- No formal report

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Gustafson to authorize City Staff to advertise for summer workers for the 2026 summer season in the Mesabi Tribune and Hometown Focus. The motion carried unanimously.

Director of Public Works:

- Limited staff due to recent retirements
- Sweeping streets, working on West II campground updates
- Request for State procurement of road salt for the 2026-2027 season

City Engineer:

- No formal report

It was moved by Gustafson and seconded by Stanaway to approve final Pay Request No. 3 – final for the Parkville Trail interconnect project in the amount of \$28,957.72 to Mesabi Bituminous, Gilbert, MN. The motion carried (No: Roskoski; Yes: Gustafson, Buria, Stanaway and Anderson).

City Attorney:

- No formal report

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Gustafson to have the Mountain Iron City Administrator, Craig Wainio, contact as soon as possible the City Attorney, Bryan Lindsay, and have him contact residents at (218)780-3331 or (218)780-3332, who have been seriously health affected by the large amounts of smoke from outdoor waste wood burning at 8825 Highway 101. Attorney Lindsay will also contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the Minnesota Department of Health; to find out what are the rules/regulations pertaining to outdoor burning of waste wood. Complete information and solutions for this health problem will be made available to City Staff and Mountain Iron City Council as soon as possible. The motion failed (Yes: Roskoski; No: Gustafson, Buria, Stanaway and Anderson).

Sheriff's Department:

- No formal report

Fire Department:

- Roughly 33% of roster showed up to every fire, commend fellow Firefighters

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

It was moved by Gustafson and seconded by Buria to approve the attached Caretakers agreement for the West II Rivers Campground, between the City of Mountain Iron and Tiara and Ernie Aikey for the 2026 summer season. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gustafson and seconded by Buria to approve Resolution #10-26; Decertifying Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment District No. 1-16 of the City of Mountain Iron (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Buria and seconded by Gustafson to donate \$250.00 to TNT In-house competition, monies to come out of the Charitable Gambling Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Buria to donate \$500.00 to the MIB PTA, for their Track and Field Day, monies to come out of the Charitable Gambling Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcement:

- Local Board of Appeal & Equalization (LBAE) – Thursday, April 30th @ 5:00pm

At 7:07p.m., it was moved by Buria and seconded by Gustafson 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	3,900.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	101-36-6200-089	3,275.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	101-36-6200-089	190.00
BUILDING RENTALS	SENIOR CENTER	101-36-6200-089	350.00
FINES	CRIMINAL	101-35-5100-000	1,733.03
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	GRANTS RECEIVABLE	301-11500	44,571.80
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	604-22000	450.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	101-36-6200-070	60.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BC/BS - MEDICA PAYABLE	101-21709	70,007.66
MISCELLANEOUS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING PROCEEDS	230-31-1010-000	3,172.05
MISCELLANEOUS	DELTA DENTAL PAYABLE	101-21708	2,272.00
MISCELLANEOUS	FIRE DEPT-MISC INCOME	101-36-6200-087	500.00
MISCELLANEOUS	MISC. - GENERAL	101-37-7100-023	7.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REC DEPT-VARIOUS FEES/PMTS	101-36-6200-090	3,580.00
MISCELLANEOUS	USABLE LIFE INS. PAYABLE	101-21710	323.90
PERMITS	BUILDING	101-32-2100-000	1,883.77
UTILITY	UTILITY	001-11105	267,127.00
Grand Totals:			<u>403,403.21</u>

Report Criteria:

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

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04/26	04/22/2026	163400	10062	AIR & WATER SOLUTIONS, INC.	101-20200	201.49
04/26	04/22/2026	163401	1781	ANDREW BUCKANAGA	604-20200	358.99
04/26	04/22/2026	163402	10042	AUTO VALUE VIRGINIA	101-20200	380.86
04/26	04/22/2026	163403	20010	BISS LOCK INC	101-20200	80.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163404	20023	BOLTON & MENK, INC	101-20200	116,999.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163405	20014	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	604-20200	160.59
04/26	04/22/2026	163406	14008	BRIAN ANTHONY HOAG	101-20200	60.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163407	1780	BRIANNA NELSON	604-20200	40.33
04/26	04/22/2026	163408	30084	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	603-20200	5,315.43
04/26	04/22/2026	163409	130045	COPE LAW GROUP, LTD.	101-20200	248.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163410	130194	CORPORATE BILLING LLC	603-20200	1,461.89
04/26	04/22/2026	163411	1901024	CTC-446126	604-20200	508.77
04/26	04/22/2026	163412	14006	DANA SUE SORENSEN	101-20200	2,760.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163413	50043	EJ EQUIPMENT, INC.	603-20200	339.23
04/26	04/22/2026	163414	30102	ERIC MONSON	101-20200	670.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163415	50048	FRONTIER ENERGY	604-20200	1,050.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163416	140059	GREEN FOR LIFE ENVIRONMENTAL	101-20200	124.95
04/26	04/22/2026	163417	80022	HAWKINS INC	602-20200	205.21
04/26	04/22/2026	163418	80001	HILLYARD INC.	101-20200	2,993.83
04/26	04/22/2026	163419	80010	HOMETOWN ELECTRIC	101-20200	4,713.12
04/26	04/22/2026	163420	80037	HOMETOWN MEDIA PARTNERS	101-20200	182.77
04/26	04/22/2026	163421	30079	HUNTER MATTHEW GILBERT	101-20200	90.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163422	90017	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	101-20200	916.64
04/26	04/22/2026	163423	1220	JACY PYLKKA	604-20200	134.29
04/26	04/22/2026	163424	30096	JAMES HIPPLE	101-20200	50.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163425	98	JENNIFER MARIE TOMCZYK	101-20200	430.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163426	1783	JEWELL FAULKNER	604-20200	134.71
04/26	04/22/2026	163427	30070	JULIA ROSE KNAPPER	101-20200	140.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163428	200055	KYLE LEE TOMCZYK	101-20200	1,085.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163429	120006	L & M SUPPLY	602-20200	2,836.17
04/26	04/22/2026	163430	120002	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	101-20200	289.09
04/26	04/22/2026	163431	120011	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC.	101-20200	225.70
04/26	04/22/2026	163432	130030	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	101-20200	377.53
04/26	04/22/2026	163433	130062	MCCOY CONSTRUCTION & FORESTRY	101-20200	91.75
04/26	04/22/2026	163434	130041	MESABI BITUMINOUS	301-20200	28,957.72
04/26	04/22/2026	163435	130111	MIB PTA	230-20200	500.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163436	140026	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	602-20200	7,571.07
04/26	04/22/2026	163437	130009	MINNESOTA POWER (ALLETE INC)	604-20200	214,841.93
04/26	04/22/2026	163438	130016	MODERN MARKETING	101-20200	1,691.50
04/26	04/22/2026	163439	130015	MOUNTAIN IRON PUBLIC UTILITIES	602-20200	17,046.88
04/26	04/22/2026	163440	130018	MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.	602-20200	9,566.70
04/26	04/22/2026	163441	30001	NAPA AUTO PARTS	603-20200	244.26
04/26	04/22/2026	163442	140004	NORTHERN ENGINE & SUPPLY INC	603-20200	43.68
04/26	04/22/2026	163443	9039	NORTHLAND FIRE & SAFETY, INC	101-20200	3,572.60
04/26	04/22/2026	163444	150007	O'REILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES, LLC	101-20200	451.71
04/26	04/22/2026	163445	170007	QUILL CORPORATION	101-20200	211.65
04/26	04/22/2026	163446	180006	RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	601-20200	503.69
04/26	04/22/2026	163447	90036	SCOTT VOLLUM	101-20200	975.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163448	1782	SHEREE RAHIER	604-20200	273.64
04/26	04/22/2026	163449	14014	TABITHA A. TAPIO	101-20200	110.00

GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
04/26	04/22/2026	163450	200003	TACONITE TIRE SERVICE	101-20200	4,000.34
04/26	04/22/2026	163451	180023	TECH BYTES	101-20200	240.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163452	200020	THE TRENTI LAW FIRM	101-20200	3,718.12
04/26	04/22/2026	163453	701	THIES & TALLE - RAINTREE WEST	604-20200	1,652.40
04/26	04/22/2026	163454	14013	THOMAS AUTIO, JR	101-20200	60.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163455	18002	THRO KINDNESS LLC	101-20200	11,369.40
04/26	04/22/2026	163456	18007	TNT	230-20200	250.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163457	14003	TYLER NYGAARD	101-20200	60.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163458	10075	VESTIS	603-20200	384.24
04/26	04/22/2026	163459	220004	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	602-20200	10.00
04/26	04/22/2026	163460	220020	VISA OR PARK STATE BANK CC PMT	101-20200	1,343.84
04/26	04/22/2026	163461	260001	ZIEGLER INC	101-20200	114.23
04/26	04/22/2026	163462	120011	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC.	101-20200	499.13

Grand Totals:

456,752.80

PP-Ending - 04/10

45,065.57

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$501,818.37



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-26

DECERTIFYING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1-16 OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2018, the City of Mountain Iron (the "City") established Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment District No. 1-16, (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.174 to 469.1794 (the "TIF Act") authorizes the City Council to decertify a tax increment financing district on any date after all bonds and other obligations have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof all obligations to which tax increment from the District have been pledged will be paid in full; and

WHEREAS, the City desires by this resolution to decertify the District effective December 31, 2026, by which all taxing jurisdictions will benefit from an increased tax base effective for taxes payable in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges such action will be taken by Saint Louis County to decertify the District as a tax increment district and to no longer remit tax increment from the District to the City after December 31, 2026.

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

1. The City Administrator is authorized and directed to provide Saint Louis County with documents related to decertification of the District, to submit the Confirmation of Decertified TIF District form to the Office of the State Auditor and take any other steps required for decertification by December 31, 2026.
2. The City Administrator is authorized and directed to determine the amount of excess tax increment in the account for the District and to return all excess tax increment to Saint Louis County for redistribution to other taxing jurisdictions.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 20th DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Peggy Anderson

COUNCIL LETTER 050426-VB1

ADMINISTRATION

SUMMER WORKERS

DATE: April 30, 2026
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff is seeking City Council approval to hire the following as summer temporary employees:

Coaches:

Anthony Farley	Kristen Farley
Ashley Freidlieb	Trisha McCarty
Ty Hebl	Dusty Hannahs
Matt Delchow	Kristian Aho
Jimmy Janckila	Cody Ellis
Julia Lindseth	Jesse White
Abigael White	Mark Madden
Mike Larson	Courtney Aluni
Megan Preiner	

Umpires:

Rick Seburnia	Izabel Decaigny
Steven Norby	Mike Moore
Natalie Bergman	

*Additional coaches as needed



CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON LARGE TRASH PICKUP

8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mountain Iron, MN 55768 www.mtniron.com Phone: 748-7570 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

The City of Mountain Iron will be offering a large trash pick-up for our residents with garbage service for a fee of \$15.00. **Complete the form below and submit payment by June 5th.** Your utility bill must be paid in full to be eligible for the large trash pickup. Each residence will be picked up only once. Have your large trash ready to be picked up on the **first day of the week**, as there is **no specific starting location**. No refund of application fee.

Tentative Schedule:

Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12, 2026:

Downtown area - South Grove area - Mud Lake Road - Unity Addition - Wolf area - County Road 7 - Highway 101 - Rural areas – Kinross - Spirit Lake area - Parkville area- Stoney Brook - Lambert Addition - West Virginia- Westgate - Ann’s Acres- Southern Drive

-Items that will be picked up: Auto/truck highway tires up to 20” (limit of 4 tires, no tractor tires), clothing, appliances (refrigerators and freezers must have doors removed), scrap metals, household goods, furniture, old bikes, motors (lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc.) **that are drained of oil and gas.**

-Items that will not be picked up: Flammable containers including propane tanks, box springs or mattresses, tv sets, computers or computer parts, demolition material (old buildings, boards, cement blocks, etc.)

(Yard waste will not be picked up. This can be brought to the site on Mineral Avenue between the City Garage and South Grove). Bring Hazardous Waste Material (filled paint cans etc.) to the St. Louis County Solid Waste Dept. **No refunds will be given.**

The City/Director of Public Works reserves the right to limit the number of items being picked up.

Name & Address _____

I understand that any remaining trash is the homeowner’s responsibility to promptly remove and dispose of properly. I understand that no flammable containers, household garage or recyclable materials will be accepted in this trash pickup. I have not allowed large trash from outside the Mountain Iron garbage service area to be deposited on my property for pickup.

****Signature: _____

Brief description of items to be picked up:

CITY USE ONLY/ 2026: DRIVER’S INITIALS
Date pickup complete: _____
Reason Trash was left: _____
\$15.00 paid: _____

COUNCIL LETTER 050426

Utility Advisory Board

Recommendation for Water Rate Adjustment

DATE: April 30, 2026
FROM: Tim Satrang
Director of Public Works

The Utility Advisory Board recommends a water rate adjustment to maintain the financial stability and reliability of the City's water utility system. The last rate increase occurred in 2016, and since that time, operational costs and infrastructure needs have steadily risen while rates have remained unchanged.

The Board proposes an increase of **\$1.50 per 1,000 gallons** to the water usage rate for both residential and commercial customers. This adjustment is necessary to address aging infrastructure, increased costs for energy, chemicals, and labor, and ongoing regulatory requirements. Additionally, consistent funding will support system maintenance, reduce the risk of service disruptions, and allow for planned capital improvements rather than costly emergency repairs.

The Utility Advisory Board recommends the following rate structure adjustments:

Current Rates:

- Residential: \$17.00 base fee + \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons
- Commercial: \$28.00 base fee + \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons

Proposed Rates:

- Residential: \$17.00 base fee + \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons
- Commercial: \$28.00 base fee + \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons

This measured increase will help ensure safe, reliable water service while maintaining long-term financial sustainability. The Board respectfully requests the City Council's consideration and approval.

Utility Advisory Board

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

INTERNAL JOB POSTING

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

The City of Mountain Iron has two immediate openings for the position of full-time Equipment Operator. This position reports to the Director of Public Works.

Responsibilities of this position are described in the Equipment Operators position analysis.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., May 22, 2026. Submit letter of application to Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator.

This notification is to be posted on the employee bulletin board at the Community Center, Library, Wastewater Plant and City Garage.

COUNCIL LETTER 050426-VG1

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

STAFF CHANGES

DATE: April 30, 2026

FROM: Personnel Committee

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff is seeking City Council approval to hire the following Staff changes:

- Appoint Andy Pocket to Lead Public Works to replace Mr. Dundas.
- Appoint Casey Kintner to Operator to replace Mr. Mazzeo
- Post for an operator to replace Mr. Pocket



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-26

TRANSFERRING COLLECTION OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEE FROM CITY UTILITY BILLING TO SAINT LOUIS COUNTY

WHEREAS, St. Louis County partially funds Solid Waste Management through a Solid Waste Service Fee that is assessed to properties within the County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron currently collects the Solid Waste Service Fee on behalf of St. Louis County by including it in the City's utility billing to customers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron desires to discontinue collecting the Solid Waste Service Fee through its utility billing system and instead have St. Louis County assess and collect the fee directly through property tax statements for improved administrative efficiency and alignment with County collection practices;

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

1. The City of Mountain Iron hereby requests and directs that St. Louis County cease billing the Solid Waste Service Fee through the City's utility billing system and instead assess and collect the fee directly on County property tax statements for properties within the City of Mountain Iron, effective as soon as practicable and in accordance with applicable County procedures.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 4th DAY OF MAY, 2026.

Mayor Peggy Anderson

ATTEST:

City Administrator