



**MOUNTAIN IRON
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

6:30 P.M.

**MOUNTAIN IRON COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM**

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A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the June 1, 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
 - C. Director of Public Work's Report
 - D. Library Director/Special Events Coordinator's Report (#8)
 - E. Fire Department's Report
 - F. City Engineer's Report
 - G. City Attorney's Report
 - H. Sheriff's Department Report
 - I. Liaison Reports
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Planning and Zoning Issue (#9)
- VIII. Communications (#10-13)
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjourn

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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
June 1, 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; and Sgt. Toma, Sheriff's Department;

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

1. Approve the minutes of May 18, 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 May 16-31 totaling \$266,205.05 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
4. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period May 16-31, totaling \$291,767.31 (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 motion that the following Misc. General income, account number 101-37-7100-023, MN Department of Children – Restorative Practices in the amount of \$12,371, and Glacier Park Iron, in the title "Easement Vacation" in the amount of \$200 become part of the June 1, 2026, City Council meeting minutes. The motion failed.

It was moved by Roskoski to amend the original motion to remove the bill from Napa Christianson in the amount of \$212.30 from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The motion failed.

Public Forum:

- No one spoke during the forum

The Mayor reported on the following:

- Great job on City Staff on rescuing recent family of ducklings from storm drain

City Administrator:

- Two Labor positions advertisement closed – Personnel Committee reviewing applications
- Equipment Operator closed – no internal candidates

Director of Public Works:

- Upcoming projects – dust control on gravel roads, P&R regular mowing, flowers planted, area beautification, yard maintenance, repairs on storm sewers
- Large trash pickup – starting June 8th

It was moved by Roskoski that the Mountain Iron Director of Public Works do the following:

1. Contact professional street painters and find out their painting schedules
2. Contact other Cities around in the area and see if they have painting equipment we can borrow and when it would be available
3. Contact area rent-all's, Virginia, Hibbing or wherever they are and see what we could rent and when
4. Search and find out what it costs to purchase our own street painting equipment and what it would potentially cost
5. Have all five answers, hopefully available at the June 15th Council meeting

The motion failed.

City Engineer:

- Update on NLC construction
- Update on Mesabi Bituminous on downtown alley project

Sheriff's Department:

- No formal report

Liaison:

- Councilor Gustafson
 - EDA looking for feedback on Broadband survey – closes at end of June

It was moved by Gustafson and seconded by Buria to approve Resolution #13-26; Decertifying Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment District No. 1-15, Iron Range Development, 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 Stanaway and seconded by Buria to approve Resolution #14-26; Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the Wastewater Improvement Slip-lining Project (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried with Councilor Gustafson abstaining.

It was moved by Gustafson and seconded by Roskoski to approve the attached Development Agreement between the City of Mountain Iron and Venture Pass Partners LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcement:

- Merritt Days Planning Committee meeting, Thursday, June 11th at Public Library @ 5:00pm

At 6:50p.m., it was moved by Buria and seconded by Gustafson the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Inmon', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Amanda Inmon
Municipal Services Secretary
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Communications:

1. Thank you from the Merritt Elementary School Students for the donation to their recent Track & Field Day.

Distribution Summary

Category	Distribution	GL Account	Amount
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	101-20607	100.00
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	101-36-6200-089	50.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	REFUSE REMOVAL-CHG FOR SERVICE	603-34-4400-003	930.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	WATER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	601-36-1001-000	39.73
LICENSES	ANIMAL	101-32-2100-000	10.00
LICENSES	CIGARETTE	101-32-2100-000	100.00
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	604-22000	1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	101-36-6200-070	60.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BC/BS - MEDICA PAYABLE	101-21709	1,296.16
MISCELLANEOUS	DELTA DENTAL PAYABLE	101-21708	62.00
MISCELLANEOUS	FILING FEES	101-36-6200-061	6.00
MISCELLANEOUS	LIBRARY-MISC. INCOME	101-45-1501-217	500.00
MISCELLANEOUS	MISC. - GENERAL	101-37-7100-023	12,571.00
MISCELLANEOUS	REC DEPT-VARIOUS FEES/PMTS	101-36-6200-090	400.00
PERMITS	BUILDING	101-32-2100-000	760.75
UTILITY	UTILITY	001-11105	248,319.41
Grand Totals:			266,205.05

Report Criteria:

Report type: Summary

Check Type = {<>} "Adjustment"

GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
06/26	06/03/2026	163569	10042	AUTO VALUE VIRGINIA	101-20200	271.17
06/26	06/03/2026	163570	20014	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	604-20200	3,291.85
06/26	06/03/2026	163571	20070	BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	101-20200	1,422.11
06/26	06/03/2026	163572	30026	COMO LUBE & SUPPLIES INC	101-20200	185.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163573	30073	COMPENSATION CONSULTANTS, LTD	602-20200	140.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163574	130045	COPE LAW GROUP, LTD.	101-20200	205.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163575	1954	ERNEST JR. LANDGREN	101-20200	100.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163576	50049	ESSENTIA HEALTH	101-20200	126.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163577	130027	GREAT WHITE NORTH LLC	603-20200	88.25
06/26	06/03/2026	163578	70029	GUARDIAN PEST CONTROL INC	101-20200	93.03
06/26	06/03/2026	163579	80062	HANCOCK FABRICATION, INC.	101-20200	8,484.83
06/26	06/03/2026	163580	80037	HOMETOWN MEDIA PARTNERS	101-20200	481.34
06/26	06/03/2026	163581	90026	INDUSTRIAL LUBRICANT COMPANY	602-20200	2,379.04
06/26	06/03/2026	163582	90017	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	101-20200	179.04
06/26	06/03/2026	163583	90018	INTERNATIONAL FALLS SUMMER SOFTBALL	101-20200	300.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163584	8053	JASON GELLERSTEDT	101-20200	100.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163585	1966	KELLY AMUNDSON	101-20200	100.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163586	7005	KRISSY WARWAS	101-20200	200.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163587	120013	L & L RENTALS INC	101-20200	524.82
06/26	06/03/2026	163588	120032	LAKE COUNTRY POWER	101-20200	210.75
06/26	06/03/2026	163589	160037	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	101-20200	42.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163590	120011	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC.	101-20200	66.51
06/26	06/03/2026	163591	1961	LORI BERRIGAN	101-20200	200.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163592	130006	MESABI HUMANE SOCIETY	101-20200	2,275.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163593	130004	MESABI TRIBUNE	101-20200	908.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163594	1962	MICHELLE HOFFMAN-ROBINSON	101-20200	200.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163595	110035	MIDWEST COMMUNICATIONS	101-20200	500.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163596	130044	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	601-20200	3,565.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163597	130009	MINNESOTA POWER (ALLETE INC)	101-20200	1,837.75
06/26	06/03/2026	163598	130180	MINNESOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS	101-20200	464.17
06/26	06/03/2026	163599	1965	MORGAN ISAACSON	101-20200	100.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163600	130018	MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.	602-20200	29,591.80
06/26	06/03/2026	163601	30001	NAPA AUTO PARTS	603-20200	137.96
06/26	06/03/2026	163602	1901018	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	602-20200	246.30
06/26	06/03/2026	163603	140052	NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE	101-20200	130,705.80
06/26	06/03/2026	163604	9039	NORTHLAND FIRE & SAFETY, INC	101-20200	408.50
06/26	06/03/2026	163605	90005	PEP'S BAKE SHOP	101-20200	40.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163606	160071	PURCHASE POWER	602-20200	1,500.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163607	180006	RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	602-20200	1,450.46
06/26	06/03/2026	163608	190024	ST LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF	101-20200	47,500.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163609	5007	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	101-20200	994.66
06/26	06/03/2026	163610	130021	THE TOOL CHEST INC.	603-20200	99.99
06/26	06/03/2026	163611	1964	TISH FROST	101-20200	200.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163612	1963	TRISH MARAS	101-20200	200.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163613	228	UNITED WAY OF NE MINNESOTA	101-20200	200.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163614	30072	VC3	101-20200	96.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163615	10075	VESTIS	603-20200	528.15
06/26	06/03/2026	163616	220017	VIKING AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO.	101-20200	294.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163617	220004	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	602-20200	10.00
06/26	06/03/2026	163618	90035	WILLOW LANE EDUCATION	101-20200	193.92
06/26	06/03/2026	163619	60038	WRIGHT EXPRESS FINAN SERV CORP	602-20200	6,659.09
06/26	06/03/2026	163620	260001	ZIEGLER INC	101-20200	1,388.30

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\$40,281.72

M = Manual Check, V = Void Check

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$291,767.31



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-26

DECERTIFYING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1-15 OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2016, the City of Mountain Iron (the "City") established Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment District No. 1-15, (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 1st DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

ATTEST:

City Administrator

Mayor Peggy Anderson



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-26

APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Number 02-26 passed by the City Council on February 17, 2026, the city engineer has prepared plans and specifications for the Wastewater Improvement Slipling Project and has presented such plans and specifications to the Council for approval.

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

1. Such plans and specifications, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby approved.
2. The City Administrator shall prepare and cause to be inserted in the official paper an advertisement for bids upon the making of such improvement under such approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published for 21 days, shall specify the work to be done, shall state that bids will be received by the Administrator until 10:00 a.m. on June 30, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened in the Mountain Iron Room of the Community Center by the City Administrator and engineer, will then be tabulated, and will be considered by the City Council at 6:30 p.m. on July 6, 2026, in the Mountain Iron Room of the Community Center. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned during consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the City Council on the issue of responsibility. No bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the City Administrator and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond or certified check payable to the City of Mountain Iron for ten percent of the amount of such bid.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 1st DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

ATTEST:

City Administrator

Mayor Peggy Anderson

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
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INDEPENDENCE DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 4th, 2026

OLD DOWNTOWN MOUNTAIN IRON

9:00 – 10:30 am Senior Citizens Center Coffee an'

9:00 am – PARADE ASSEMBLY (Locomotive Park)

9:15 am – FLOAT/ COSTUME/ BIKE JUDGING

CASH PRIZES FOR ENTRIES

9:30 am – PARADE

Grand Marshals: "Uncle Sam" & the Kids of Mountain Iron!

LOCOMOTIVE PARK

Following the parade -

**Ice Cream Treats, Saw Dust Pile, Kids Races, &
Family Games. All are welcome!**

COUNCIL LETTER 061526-VB1

CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ZONING

DATE: June 11, 2026

FROM: Brad Gustafson
City Councilor

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

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

On a separate matter - blight - while it is out of our purview, we all agree that enforcement on blight is a must as it is prevalent in several areas of our community and not beneficial to anyone. We recommend the city appoint or assign blight inspection duties to someone at public works as it is not a prudent assignment for the city administer. Many cities do this with proven success. This employee would simply identify a blight violation, capture photographic evidence and present it to city hall for a formal letter to the resident of the violation with a time frame for remediation. The city should also develop a form that residents can access online if they wish to file a complaint. Once again, we hope the council will seriously consider this suggestion.

200 Administration Building
50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155
Telephone: 651-201-2473
TTY: 651-297-4357



Craig Wainio, Administrator
City of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Dr S
Mountain Iron, MN 55768-8260

Dear Clerk:

The State Demographer is required by law to produce annual population and household estimates for each of Minnesota's cities and townships. Enclosed you will find a sheet containing the April 1, 2024, population and household estimates for your jurisdiction.

These estimates are being sent to you now for review and comment. It's important that our estimates are accurate, as they are used to distribute state aid to cities and townships. If you have questions about how our estimates impact a specific program, please contact the state agency responsible for that program.

The enclosed figures represent estimated population and household changes since the 2020 Census. The number of households corresponds to the number of occupied housing units. A household may be a single family, one person living alone, or any group of people who share the same living area. While we believe that our estimates are usually accurate, we realize there may be occasional problems. For this reason, we value your comments. We may not be aware of such changes as housing demolitions, the gain or loss of group quarters (like college dormitories, nursing homes, etc.), construction of public housing and the gain or loss of mobile homes.

Please note that our estimates:

- pertain to one year ago, not the present;
- have also been sent to your county auditor for review;
- are subject to change and are not considered final until they are released to the Minnesota Department of Revenue in July.

If you are satisfied with our estimates, it is not necessary to contact us or provide any further information. If you wish to challenge our estimates, please send us the appropriate data described in the enclosed challenge guide by **June 24, 2025**. Questions or comments should be directed to Eric Guthrie by email or at the address listed on the letterhead. **The best way to reach us is by e-mail at local.estimatedata@state.mn.us.** You may also try to reach us by phone at (651) 201-2473.

Thank you for taking time to review these estimates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Brower', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Brower
State Demographer

Enclosures

DATE: June 1, 2025
TO: Craig Wainio, Administrator
City of Mountain Iron
FROM: **Susan Brower**
Minnesota State Demographer
SUBJECT: 2024 Population and Household Estimates

Your April 1, 2025 population estimate is 2,851.

Your April 1, 2025 household estimate is 1,327.

If you have any questions or comments about these estimates, please contact the State Demographic Center, 200 Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55155, phone (651) 201-2473 or send an e-mail to local.estimatedata@state.mn.us. All challenges must be submitted in writing. Please refer to the enclosed sheet for details.

HOW TO CHALLENGE THE POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES FROM THE STATE DEMOGRAPHER

The legal responsibilities of the State Demographer with respect to local population estimates dictate that we be able to defend any revisions to the estimates. Consequently, we need documentation for our files. Cited below are types of information we will accept with a challenge to our estimates. You may select whichever approach is most appropriate for your situation. However, the more information you can provide the better. No challenges will be accepted after June 24.

1. You may send us the number of active residential utility accounts in April 2023 and April 2024. We would prefer electrical accounts, but water and sewer accounts are acceptable. Please summarize your data. We don't need a list of all utility customers. Summary data for intervening years are helpful. Utility data are much more useful when provided together with building permit data (see #2 below).
2. Another approach is to provide the number of housing units added and lost by calendar year for the years beginning with 2020. Building and demolition permits are a good source of such information. Be sure to include mobile homes and apartments, and indicate whether any of the apartments were for the elderly. Please try to be as specific as possible about the type of unit involved (single-family, apartment, mobile home, etc.).
3. An actual count of persons or households may be accepted, but places with more than 100 people must contact the State Demographer before proceeding with a count. The count you submit should be for 2025. We will interpolate a number for 2024. You must provide the following information:
 - a. List the house number and street name of each housing unit in your city or township. If there is more than one unit at an address, please list each unit and provide an apartment number.
 - b. Indicate whether the unit is occupied or vacant. If the unit is occupied, indicate the number of residents. Only year-round residents should be counted. Young people away at college or in the military, elderly persons who have moved to a nursing home in another town and seasonal (summer) residents should not be counted.
 - c. Group quarters such as nursing homes, dormitories, jails and group homes should not be counted as housing units. Give us the name and address of the facility and the number of residents.
 - d. After you have listed each housing unit, you must summarize your data and give us the total number of residents, the total number of vacant units and the total number of occupied units.
 - e. Please indicate when the count was completed.

Any additional information you can provide about your community will be appreciated. Changes in vacancy rates, the conversion of summer homes to year-round use, and changes in employment opportunities are the types of things we like to hear about when we are evaluating an estimate. One final request--when you write to us, please provide your mailing address and a telephone number or e-mail address where you can be reached during the day.

Thank you.



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 712
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Dear MIB Laurentian Yearbook Supporter:

The students at Mountain Iron-Buhl High School would like to thank you for supporting this year's yearbook, as well as our high school students, 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, which enables students to purchase an affordable book of their own each year.

Yearbook Staff 25-26

Our MIB Yearbooks
have arrived and
they look great!

We appreciate that
our community
supports us and is
a part of our
yearbook!

Thank you for your
support!



Pictured Row 2: Kade Otto (10), Ava Luukkonen (12),
Paiton Ross (10), Frankie Klimek (10), Delilah Goerdts (11).
Pictured Row 1: Anna Neyens (11), Hannah Villebrun (12),
Caitlyn Pederson (12), and Aniyah Thomas (12).

Thank you for supporting our students at MIB!

2025-2026 MIB Journalism Staff

Cathy O'Malley, Yearbook Teacher

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