



**MOUNTAIN IRON
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

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 June 15, 2026, Regular Meeting (#1-5)
 - B. Receipts
 - C. Bills and Payroll
 - D. Communications
- IV. Public Forum
- V. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - B. Director of Public Work's Report
 - C. Library Director/Special Events Coordinator's Report
 - D. City Engineer's Report
 - E. Sheriff's Department Report
 - F. Planning and Zoning Commission
 - 1. Conditional Use Permit (#6-9)
 - G. Personnel Committee
 - 1. Position Offerings (#10)
 - H. Liaison Reports
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Election Judges (#11)
- VIII. Communications
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjourn

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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
June 15, 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, and Mayor Peggy Anderson. Also, present were: Craig Wainio, City Administrator; Tim Satrang, Director of Public Works; Amanda Inmon, Municipal Services Secretary; Anna Amundson, Library Director/Special Events Coordinator; Al Johnson, City Engineer; and Sgt. Toma, Sheriff's Department; Absent members: Councilor Julie Buria

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

1. Approve the minutes of June 1, 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 June 1-15 totaling \$163,494.59 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
4. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period June 1-15, totaling \$412,850.00 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried with Councilor Buria absent.

It was moved by Roskoski that the following Misc. General income, account number 101-37-7100-023, 1st Half HRA PILT 26 in the amount of \$2,723.78 become part of the June 1, 2026, City Council meeting minutes. The motion failed due to lack of support.

Public Forum:

- No one spoke during the forum

The Mayor reported on the following:

- Great job to City Staff on continued work

City Administrator:

- Friday, June 19th – City Offices closed in observance of Juneteenth
- Friday, July 3rd – City offices closed in observance of 4th of July

Director of Public Works:

- Repairing sewer lines on Slate Street deemed “not line-able” for slip-lining project
- Power dip on Friday evening - fault indicator – tree on power lines

Library Director/Special Events Coordinator:

- Summer reading program started June 8th
- Wednesday, June 17th at 3:30pm – Creature Connections “The Reptile Experience”
- 4th of July celebration – Saturday, July 4th, parade starting at 9:00pm @ Locomotive Park

Fire Department:

- Forty-six first responder calls for the month

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

City Engineer:

- Updates on projects being completed/currently worked on

City Attorney:

- Working with Planning & Zoning – blight/nuisance ordinances,

Liaison:

- Councilor Gustafson
 - Toured MNTAC facility - thanks to US Steel for the tour and information
 - West Virginia park equipment removed recently – old NLC playground installed

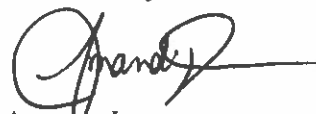
It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Stanaway to table Planning and Zoning Blight Issue which is to identify an employee as a blight inspection officer or add blight inspection duties to someone in Public Works and send the issue to Public Health and Safety Board, the Labor Management Committee, and Personnel Committee with recommendations being sent back to Planning and Zoning. The motion carried with Councilor Buria absent.

Announcement:

- Merritt Days Planning Committee meeting, Thursday, June 25th at Public Library @ 5:00pm
- Wednesday, June 24th from 2:00p.m.-10:00p.m. – Kindness Fest at Community Center
- EDA – Broadband survey due at end of month for those interested

At 6:54p.m., it was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Stanaway the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried with Councilor Buria absent.

Submitted by:



Amanda Inmon
Municipal Services Secretary
www.mtniron.com

Distribution Summary

Category	Distribution	GL Account	Amount
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	REFUSE REMOVAL-CHG FOR SERVICE	603-34-4400-003	900.00
FINES	CRIMINAL	101-35-5100-000	504.92
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	604-22000	1,150.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	101-36-6200-070	30.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BC/BS - MEDICA PAYABLE	101-21709	3,250.00
MISCELLANEOUS	DELTA DENTAL PAYABLE	101-21708	506.00
MISCELLANEOUS	MISC. - GENERAL	101-37-7100-023	2,732.78
MISCELLANEOUS	REC DEPT-VARIOUS FEES/PMTS	101-36-6200-090	25.00
MISCELLANEOUS	WWTP-MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	602-36-2100-047	1,547.00
PERMITS	BUILDING	101-32-2100-000	1,931.28
UTILITY	UTILITY	001-11105	150,917.61
Grand Totals:			163,494.59

Report Criteria:

Report type: Summary

Check Type = {<>} "Adjustment"

GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
06/26	06/17/2026	163621	130011	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	604-20200	559.26
06/26	06/18/2026	163622	10056	A T & T MOBILITY	101-20200	1,871.48
06/26	06/18/2026	163623	1940	AMANDA FONTANE	101-20200	100.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163624	20023	BOLTON & MENK, INC	301-20200	16,554.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163625	20014	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	604-20200	338.92
06/26	06/18/2026	163626	20070	BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	101-20200	565.99
06/26	06/18/2026	163627	1790	BRUCE THELEN	604-20200	130.16
06/26	06/18/2026	163628	30084	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	603-20200	5,552.44
06/26	06/18/2026	163629	30054	CASELLE LLC	602-20200	6,637.62
06/26	06/18/2026	163630	1788	CINDY & WESLEY HARJAMAKI	604-20200	41.75
06/26	06/18/2026	163631	220003	CITY OF VIRGINIA	101-20200	44.88
06/26	06/18/2026	163632	1791	CLIFFORD KIMBALL	604-20200	140.26
06/26	06/18/2026	163633	1901024	CTC-446126	101-20200	508.77
06/26	06/18/2026	163634	1789	EMMA LEMMONS	604-20200	121.04
06/26	06/18/2026	163635	50054	EVERBRIDGE, INC.	101-20200	3,182.70
06/26	06/18/2026	163636	50048	FRONTIER ENERGY	604-20200	1,050.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163637	70016	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL INC	604-20200	35.10
06/26	06/18/2026	163638	70009	GULBRANSON EXCAVATING CO	604-20200	1,246.50
06/26	06/18/2026	163639	80022	HAWKINS INC	602-20200	810.46
06/26	06/18/2026	163640	210009	HD SUPPLY INC.	601-20200	113.83
06/26	06/18/2026	163641	2038	HEIDI GOLDEN	101-20200	100.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163642	80009	HIBBING GIRLS SOFTBALL CLUB	101-20200	350.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163643	80001	HILLYARD INC.	101-20200	500.85
06/26	06/18/2026	163644	80037	HOMETOWN MEDIA PARTNERS	603-20200	37.50
06/26	06/18/2026	163645	90001	ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	101-20200	496.04
06/26	06/18/2026	163646	90017	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	101-20200	1,243.38
06/26	06/18/2026	163647	2053	JESSICA SCOTT	604-20200	100.03
06/26	06/18/2026	163648	1775	JOSEPH BEKKALA	604-20200	124.28
06/26	06/18/2026	163649	120006	L & M SUPPLY	603-20200	2,988.86
06/26	06/18/2026	163650	1968	LEANNE JOHNSON	101-20200	100.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163651	120011	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC.	101-20200	38.78
06/26	06/18/2026	163652	944	MARK HECIMOVICH	101-20200	200.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163653	80032	MESABI COMMUNITY TELEVISION	101-20200	3,625.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163654	130051	MIKE LARSON	101-20200	111.98
06/26	06/18/2026	163655	140026	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	602-20200	509.05
06/26	06/18/2026	163656	130009	MINNESOTA POWER (ALLETE INC)	604-20200	198,676.30
06/26	06/18/2026	163657	130015	MOUNTAIN IRON PUBLIC UTILITIES	602-20200	16,100.51
06/26	06/18/2026	163658	130018	MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.	602-20200	55,811.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163659	1970	NAIA NIEMI	101-20200	100.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163660	1969	NICOLLE SCHACKMAN	101-20200	100.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163661	140043	NORTHLAND AUTO SERVICE	101-20200	556.50
06/26	06/18/2026	163662	140057	NORTHLAND BOND SERVICES	601-20200	10,927.50
06/26	06/18/2026	163663	130017	PARK STATE BANK	101-20200	1,028.62
06/26	06/18/2026	163664	170007	QUILL CORPORATION	101-20200	769.48
06/26	06/18/2026	163665	6021	RICHARD SEBUNIA	101-20200	480.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163666	180006	RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	602-20200	451.44
06/26	06/18/2026	163667	190034	SHANNON'S INC.	602-20200	3,843.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163668	1967	SHEENA STEFANICH	101-20200	200.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163669	6034	STEVEN NORDBY	101-20200	160.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163670	30059	THOMAS CVAR	101-20200	200.00
06/26	06/18/2026	163671	18002	THRO KINDNESS LLC	101-20200	11,613.83
06/26	06/18/2026	163672	30072	VC3	101-20200	4,041.18
06/26	06/18/2026	163673	10075	VESTIS	603-20200	388.13

GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
06/26	06/18/2026	163674	220020	VISA OR PARK STATE BANK CC PMT	101-20200	13,780.90
06/26	06/18/2026	163675	230043	WISCONSIN CENTRAL	602-20200	170.83
06/26	06/18/2026	163676	120011	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC.	602-20200	553.45
06/26	06/18/2026	163677	140038	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	101-20200	377.48

Grand Totals:

370,461.06

PP-Ending - 06/05

42,388.94

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$412,850.00

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON

☒ **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
☐ **VARIANCE APPLICATION**
Name of Owner: Joseph Schuchman Signature of Owner: [Signature] (218) 780-7186Address: 5481 Garden Drive N. Date: 5/14/26**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PARCEL: 175-0070-01495

PLAT NAME: MT IRON SECTION: 15; TOWNSHIP 58; RANGE: 18; LOT: - BLOCK: -

DESCRIPTION: SEE ATTACHED PAGE

Description of Proposed Use for CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

GARAGE/storage and mother-in-law suite
adjoining property should be unaffected by this
 Statement as to why proposed use will not cause injury to value of adjoining property.

Storage - Living Quarters for M.I.L.
 Statement as to how proposed use is to be designed, arranged, and operated in order to permit development and use of neighboring property.

building would be set back at least 5ft from property line
 Area for which VARIANCE requested: (i.e. setbacks, height, etc)

Statement addressing condition of "undue hardship" for which VARIANCE is requested.

*Owner is required to submit a vicinity map, drawn to scale, showing owners and adjoining property including all existing or proposed buildings or uses. Use reverse side of this form.

OFFICE USE ONLY

ITEM	ACTION	DATE	INITIAL
Application Submitted	submitted	05/04	[Signature]
Application Paid	paid	05/04	[Signature]
Zoning Administrator Review	reviewed	05/06	[Signature]
Public Hearing Set	date set for 06/08	05/06	[Signature]
Hearing Notice Published	published in HTF 05/15	sent 05/08	[Signature]
Planning & Zoning Recommendation (Board of Adjustment and Appeals Rec.)	approved	06/08	[Signature]
City Council Action			
Filed with County Recorder			

Conditions Attached _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

DESCRIPTION: PART OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 COMM AT NW COR OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 & ASSIGNING A BEARING OF N88DEG07'52"E TO N LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 THENCE S01DEG29'52"E ALONG W LINE 33 FT TO PT OF BEG THENCE N88DEG07'52"E PARALLEL TO & 33 FT SLY OF N LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 137.01 FT THENCE S01DEG29'52"E PARALLEL TO & 137 FT ELY OF W LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 302 FT THENCE S88DEG07'52"W PARALLEL TO & 334.99 FT SLY OF N LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 137.01 FT THENCE N01DEG29'52"W ALONG W LINE 302 FT TO PT OF BEG & ALL THAT PART OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 COMM AT NW COR OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 & ASSIGNING A BEARING OF N88DEG07'52"E TO N LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 THENCE S01DEG29'52"E ALONG W LINE 335 FT TO PT OF BEG THENCE N88DEG07'52"E PARALLEL TO & 334.99 FT SLY OF N LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 137.01 FT THENCE N01DEG29'52"W PARALLEL TO & 137 FT ELY OF W LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 87.59 FT THENCE N88DEG07'52"E PARALLEL TO & 247.40 FT SLY OF N LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 193 FT THENCE S01DEG29'52"E PARALLEL TO & 330 FT ELY OF W LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 161.73 FT THENCE S88DEG07'52"W PARALLEL TO & 409.13 FT SLY OF N LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 330.01 FT THENCE N01DEG29'52"W ALONG W LINE 74.14 FT TO PT OF BEG

Mountain Iron Planning and Zoning Commission

June 8, 2026

Chairperson Steve Giorgi called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the following members present: Margaret Soyring, Al Stanaway, Barb Fivecoate, Zoning Administrator Jerry Kujala and Mayor Peggy Anderson. Absent: Bill Copeland and Karla Kintner.

The meeting was delayed because hard copy agenda's and public hearing information were not made available to the committee. Mayor Anderson made copies of these in the office, which was provided by a committee member who had printed them out. These items were emailed to members, but unfortunately everyone does not have a way to print them.

Moved by Fivecoate, supported by Soyring to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Motion Carried. Copeland and Kintner Absent

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider a request made by Joseph Schechinger for a Conditional Use (CP) and Variance Permit. The conditional Use is for the installation of a garage that is over 900 sq. ft. and the Variance Permit is for construction of a building over 15 ft. high. The property is legally described as follows:

Parcel Code: 175-0070-01495

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Available at the city hall office.

Address: 5481 Garden Drive, Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Mr. Schechinger was in attendance. There were no communications regarding this matter.

Moved by Soyring, supported by Fivecoate to close the Public Hearing and re-open the regular meeting. Motion Carried. Copeland and Kintner Absent.

Zoning Administrator Kujala reported that two more containers have appeared where a permit was issued for one. He will be issuing a ticket

Moved by Fivecoate, supported by Stanaway to recommend to the City Council to approve the Conditional Use and Variance for Joe Schechinger for an oversized garage over 15 ft. high. Motion Carried. Copeland and Kintner Absent.

Tyrie Duckett, representing Woda Cooper Companies – Rock Ridge Commons addressed the committee about a zone change for affordable housing apartments to possibly be constructed on Rock Ridge Drive. He was advised to apply for the zoning change after everything has been finalized.

Derick Carlson addressed the committee on a zone change from residential to commercial for 16 acres at the corner of 169 and 102. An access road would have to be approved by the Minnesota State Highway Department. If he wants to pursue it a public hearing would have to be held.

Chairman Giorgi informed the commission that there still has been no correspondence from City Attorney Bryan Lindsey. A lengthy discussion followed about this issue and the blight issue. There has been no response from a letter written by Giorgi on behalf of the commission asking the city council to act on a blight officer.

Motion to adjourn by Fivecoate, supported by Soyering at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried. Copeland and Kintner Absent

Respectfully submitted by:

Margaret Soyering, Secretary

COUNCIL LETTER 070826-VG1

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

LABORER POSITIONS

DATE: July 2, 2024

FROM: Personnel Committee

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Personnel Committee recommends the following candidates for the Laborer Positions:

Ms. Bobbie Hendricks
Mr. Michael Shaleen

COUNCIL LETTER

ADMINISTRATION

ELECTION JUDGES

DATE: June 29, 2026

FROM: Amanda Inmon
Municipal Services Secretary

Staff is seeking City Council approval to hire the following as election judges, and to allow staff to hire additional judges as needed to fill required vacancies for the 2026 Election Season:

Jean Inmon	Emily Unhjem
Debra Krall	Eric Monson
Barb Horvat	Barb Ramondo
George Ramondo	Bill Krall

Payment of \$15.00 per hour for training, Absentee Ballot processing (as needed), Accuracy testing and for the Primary Election and General Elections