



**MOUNTAIN IRON
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

MONDAY, JULY 20, 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 July 6, 2026, Regular Meeting (#1-6)
 - 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
 - E. City Engineer's Report
 - 1. Award Bid – Sliplining (#7-8)
 - F. Sheriff's Department Report
 - G. City Attorney's Report
 - H. Fire Department's Report
 - I. Utility Advisory Board
 - 1. Geotech Recommendation (#9)
 - J. Liaison Reports
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Resolution Number 15-26 Accepting Work – UPS Road (#10)
 - B. Resolution Number 16-26 Declaring Costs – UPS Road (#11)
 - C. Resolution Number 17-26 Committing Local Funds (#13-14)
 - D. Resolution Number 18-26 PSIG Submission (#15)
 - E. Resolution Number 19-26 Verifying Wastewater Rates (#16-19)
- VIII. Communications
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjourn

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
July 6, 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: 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 June 15, 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 16-30, totaling \$257,200.32 (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 16-30, totaling \$608,648.94 (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor reported on the following:

- Great job to City Staff on street painting

Director of Public Works:

- Great job to City crew cleaning up several trees on power lines, debris throughout the city
- The City is unable to cut down trees that are on private property or on telephone lines
- Back side of West II Rivers Campground Disc Golf course closed due to tree damage

Big Thank you to all those that helped with the 4th of July parade and activities.

Sheriff's Department:

- No formal report

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Stanaway to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Committee and approve the Conditional Use (CUP) for Joseph Schechinger for a Conditional Use permit and Variance Permit. The Conditional Use (CUP) permit is for the construction of a building over 900 sq. ft, and the variance is for a building over 15ft. high. The property is legally described as follows:

PARCEL CODE: 175-0070-01495

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SEE ATTACHED

Address: 5481 Garden Drive, Mountain Iron, MN 55768

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Stanaway and seconded by Gustafson to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee offering the following candidates a Laborer Position:

Ms. Bobbie Hendricks

Mr. Michael Shaleen

The motion carried on roll call vote with Councilor Roskoski abstaining

Public Forum:

- Teresa Appelwick, Laurentian Chamber of Commerce
 - Laurentian Main Streets - Main Street Business first meeting, Thursday, July 9th at 5:00pm at the Mountain Iron American Legion (meetings 2nd Thursday of each month)
 - Discussions are focused on Main Street business needs – based on feedback from local businesses

City Engineer:

- Updates – bids received downtown slip-lining project and downtown alley off Mineral Avenue

Liaison:

- Councilor Gustafson
 - Big thanks to all those who helped with the 4th of July parade and activities
 - P&R – West Virginia playground removed, installation of “newer” equipment soon

It was moved by Gustafson and seconded by Buria that the Council hire the following as election judges, and to allow staff to hire additional judges as needed to fill required vacancies for the 2024 Election Season:

Jean Inmon
Debra Krall
Barb Horvat
George Ramondo

Emily Unhjem
Eric Monson
Barb Ramondo
Bill Krall

The motion carried unanimously.

Announcement:

- Merritt Days Planning Committee meeting, Thursday, July 8th at Public Library @ 5:00pm

At 6:50p.m., it was moved by Buria and seconded by Stanaway 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	SENIOR CENTER	101-36-6200-089	50 00
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	604-22000	1,550 00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	101-36-6200-070	110 00
MISCELLANEOUS	BC/BS - MEDICA PAYABLE	101-21709	129,357 18
MISCELLANEOUS	DELTA DENTAL PAYABLE	101-21708	3,938 00
MISCELLANEOUS	DONATIONS FOR PARK & REC	101-37-7100-024	200 00
MISCELLANEOUS	FIRE DEPT-MISC INCOME	101-36-6200-087	1,000 00
MISCELLANEOUS	MISC. - GENERAL	101-37-7100-023	.00
MISCELLANEOUS	USABLE LIFE INS. PAYABLE	101-21710	529.40
PERMITS	BUILDING	101-32-2100-000	6,588.68
PERMITS	VARIANCE	101-32-2100-000	150 00
PERMITS	VENDOR	101-32-2100-000	50.00
UTILITY	UTILITY	001-11105	113,577.06
Grand Totals:			<u>257,200.32</u>

Report Criteria:

Report type: Summary

Check.Type = {<>} "Adjustment"

GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
07/26	07/08/2026	163679	10070	A-1 RENTAL SERVICES INC	101-20200	4,722.71
07/26	07/08/2026	163680	10012	ABE ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, INC	101-20200	10,155.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163681	10058	ALEX AIR APPARATUS 2 LLC	101-20200	1,033.67
07/26	07/08/2026	163682	10086	ALLPART SUPPLY, INC.	101-20200	996.41
07/26	07/08/2026	163683	10019	ARMORY SHELL	101-20200	200.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163684	10042	AUTO VALUE VIRGINIA	101-20200	714.93
07/26	07/08/2026	163685	20023	BOLTON & MENK, INC	301-20200	8,649.50
07/26	07/08/2026	163686	20014	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	604-20200	865.97
07/26	07/08/2026	163687	1972	CLEONE PHILLIPS	101-20200	200.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163688	30073	COMPENSATION CONSULTANTS, LTD	602-20200	140.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163689	40014	DUNHAM'S SPORTS	101-20200	1,200.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163690	50043	EJ EQUIPMENT, INC.	603-20200	238.50
07/26	07/08/2026	163691	1954	ERNEST JR. LANDGREN	101-20200	100.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163692	60029	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC	602-20200	807.29
07/26	07/08/2026	163693	60006	FISHER PRINTING COMPANY	602-20200	1,295.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163694	70016	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL INC	604-20200	54.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163695	140046	GREEN AGAIN LAWN & LANDSCAPING, INC.	101-20200	1,425.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163696	140059	GREEN FOR LIFE ENVIRONMENTAL	101-20200	306.13
07/26	07/08/2026	163697	70029	GUARDIAN PEST CONTROL INC	101-20200	93.03
07/26	07/08/2026	163698	210009	HD SUPPLY INC.	101-20200	102.39
07/26	07/08/2026	163699	80001	HILLYARD INC.	101-20200	380.80
07/26	07/08/2026	163700	80010	HOMETOWN ELECTRIC	301-20200	5,995.96
07/26	07/08/2026	163701	80037	HOMETOWN MEDIA PARTNERS	101-20200	380.50
07/26	07/08/2026	163702	80003	HYDROBLAST DEGREASING INC.	101-20200	675.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163703	90026	INDUSTRIAL LUBRICANT COMPANY	603-20200	170.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163704	180	ISD#712	604-20200	6,354.09
07/26	07/08/2026	163705	1973	JESSE GULBRANSON	101-20200	100.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163706	706	JODY NEGEN	101-20200	200.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163707	432	JULIE DALE	101-20200	200.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163708	949	KRISTINA HAWKINS	101-20200	200.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163709	120013	L & L RENTALS INC	101-20200	1,429.45
07/26	07/08/2026	163710	120032	LAKE COUNTRY POWER	101-20200	210.75
07/26	07/08/2026	163711	14007	LAURA ANDERSON-THRO	101-20200	180.24
07/26	07/08/2026	163712	120002	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	603-20200	579.12
07/26	07/08/2026	163713	160037	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	101-20200	42.72
07/26	07/08/2026	163714	763	LORI DARGATZ	101-20200	200.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163715	6035	MAGAN CARLSON	101-20200	240.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163716	130008	MESABI HUMANE SOCIETY	101-20200	2,275.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163717	130026	MESABI SIGN COMPANY	101-20200	8,957.18
07/26	07/08/2026	163718	130004	MESABI TRIBUNE	602-20200	346.78
07/26	07/08/2026	163719	130113	MIB SOFTBALL CLUB	101-20200	625.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163720	6037	MICHAEL MOORE	101-20200	160.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163721	130177	MID-STATES EQUIPMENT, INC.	101-20200	57.60
07/26	07/08/2026	163722	130133	MIDWEST PLAYSCAPES INC	101-20200	4,390.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163723	130008	MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	602-20200	4,698.75
07/26	07/08/2026	163724	130009	MINNESOTA POWER (ALLETE INC)	101-20200	2,607.82
07/26	07/08/2026	163725	130031	MOUNTAIN IRON ECONOMIC DEV	101-20200	51,670.89
07/26	07/08/2026	163726	1971	NANCYANN REWERTZ	101-20200	200.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163727	140052	NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE	101-20200	132,618.78
07/26	07/08/2026	163728	140004	NORTHERN ENGINE & SUPPLY INC	101-20200	156.85
07/26	07/08/2026	163729	90005	PEP'S BAKE SHOP	101-20200	40.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163730	170007	QUILL CORPORATION	101-20200	40.79
07/26	07/08/2026	163731	180008	RADKO IRON & SUPPLY INC	101-20200	289.99

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07/26	07/08/2026	163732	180004	RANGE COOPERATIVES	101-20200	20.99
07/26	07/08/2026	163733	6021	RICHARD SEBUNIA	101-20200	320.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163734	180006	RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	602-20200	1,589.45
07/26	07/08/2026	163735	180005	ROAD MACHINERY & SUPPLIES CO.	602-20200	7,754.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163736	90036	SCOTT VOLLUM	101-20200	2,518.75
07/26	07/08/2026	163737	190010	SEPPI BROTHERS	101-20200	3,603.32
07/26	07/08/2026	163738	190014	SHERWIN WILLIAMS	101-20200	1,581.10
07/26	07/08/2026	163739	190031	ST LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	101-20200	1,004.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163740	190024	ST LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF	101-20200	210,037.46
07/26	07/08/2026	163741	190024	ST LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF	101-20200	47,500.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163742	5007	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	602-20200	994.66
07/26	07/08/2026	163743	10087	SUSTAINABLE SAFARI LLC	101-20200	525.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163744	200020	THE TRENTI LAW FIRM	101-20200	3,517.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163745	200028	TRI CITIES BIOSOLIDS DISPOSAL	602-20200	858.75
07/26	07/08/2026	163746	1918	TRISTAN ZAUDTKE	101-20200	200.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163747	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS	602-20200	90.04
07/26	07/08/2026	163748	220009	VERNS GREENHOUSE	101-20200	5,421.62
07/26	07/08/2026	163749	10075	VESTIS	603-20200	457.97
07/26	07/08/2026	163750	220004	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	602-20200	24.33
07/26	07/08/2026	163751	23000	WALKER PROCESS EQUIPMENT	602-20200	476.84
07/26	07/08/2026	163752	60038	WRIGHT EXPRESS FINAN SERV CORP	602-20200	9,152.88
07/26	07/08/2026	163753	260002	Z/TECH	604-20200	550.00
07/26	07/08/2026	163754	260001	ZIEGLER INC	101-20200	208.66

Grand Totals:

558,380.41

PP - Ending 06/19

50,268.53

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$608,648.94

Mountain Iron Public Library

Monthly Report

June 2026

Circulation

Items checked out: 1,981 Items checked in: 1,787

Total Circulation of materials in June: 3,768

Attendance:

Adults: 407 Youth: 359 Patrons in June: 769

Special Events/Programs held: 10 (149 participants)

Reference Desk visits (email, phone, and messenger): 199 Computer Use Sessions: 108

Total Library usage: 912

Events and Activities at the library in June:

June 1st & 15th: City Council Meetings

June 2nd & 16th: Young Reader Story Time

June 4th: Youth Volunteer Training

June 8th – July 31st: Summer Reading Program

June 11th: The Dolly Pops – ALS Legacy Program

June 12th & 26th: STEAM Day Fridays

June 16th: Friends of the Library Meeting

June 17th: Reptile Experience - ALS Kids Stuff Program

June 24th: Iron Range Tykes reading visit

June 30th: Tropical Tuesday – Library Luau

Events and Activities in July:

July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th: Merritt Days Committee meeting

July 6th & 20th: City Council Meetings

July 7th: Sustainable Safari Show

July 8th: Iron Range Tykes reading visit

July 10th, 17th, 24th: STEAM Day Fridays

July 14th, 21st, 28th: Young Readers Story Time

July 23rd: Kids Maker Market

July 30th: Bugs at the Library/ End of Summer Reading Program celebration

July 31st: End of Summer Reading Program



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July 2, 2026

City of Mountain Iron
Craig Wainio, City Administrator
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, MN 55768
cwainio@mountainiron.gov

RE: City of Mountain Iron
Downtown Sanitary CIPP Lining – Phase 3
BMI Project No. 26X.142906.000

Dear Mr. Wainio,

Bids were received and opened electronically through QuestCDN via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. for the Project referenced above. Three (3) bids were received; the results of which are tabulated below:

Downtown Sanitary CIPP Lining – Phase 3	
Bidder/Contractor	Base Bid Amount
Insituform Technologies USA, LLC	\$196,902.12
Vortex Services MN, LLC	\$216,215.00
Veit & Company, Inc.	\$355,330.00
Engineer's Estimate:	\$426,880.00

The low bidder for the Project is Insituform Technologies USA, LLC of Chesterfield, Missouri. A copy of their executed bidding forms is enclosed for your records. A detailed Abstract of Bids with the Engineer's Estimate is also enclosed for your review.

Based on past performance on similar projects in previous years, it is our opinion that Insituform Technologies USA, LLC is qualified to perform the work required under this contract. If deemed financially feasible, we hereby recommend that **Insituform Technologies USA, LLC** be awarded the contract based on their bid contract amount of **\$196,902.12**.

Please be advised that the contract cannot be awarded until a response is received from the Minnesota State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) in coordination with the completion of the environmental review process. We do not anticipate process completion until after the upcoming Monday, July 6, 2026, Council Meeting. ***This *should not* be a council agenda item for the aforementioned Monday, July 6, 2026, meeting.**

Sincerely,

Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Alan J. Johnson, P.E.
Project Manager

AJJ/lad

Enclosures

Leeza DelCaro

From: Jennifer Tarnowski <TarnowskiJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 2:53 PM
To: Alan Johnson
Cc: Jason Rullman; Leeza DelCaro
Subject: Re: ! City of Mountain Iron - Downtown Sanitary CIPP Lining - Phase 3 - SLC CDBG Bidding Package Submission !

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi Alan,

I received the SHPO clearance letter yesterday and have completed the environmental review. You may proceed with the project.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Tarnowski, Planner
Economic and Community Development

Office: 218-471-7567 Toll Free: 1-800-450-9777, Ext. 7567

St. Louis County Government Services Center - ECD, 201 South 3rd Ave W, Virginia, MN 55792

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From: Alan Johnson <alan.johnson@bolton-menk.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 8:59 AM
To: Jennifer Tarnowski <TarnowskiJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Cc: Jason Rullman <Jason.Rullman@bolton-menk.com>; Leeza DelCaro <leeza.delcaro@bolton-menk.com>
Subject: RE: ! City of Mountain Iron - Downtown Sanitary CIPP Lining - Phase 3 - SLC CDBG Bidding Package Submission !

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COUNCIL LETTER 072026

ADMINISTRATION/UAB

WWTP-Geotech

DATE: July 20, 2026
FROM: Tim C. Satrang
Director of Public Works

Utility Advisory Board Recommendation

At its 15 July 2026 meeting, the Utility Advisory Board reviewed the proposal for soil borings and geotechnical evaluation services at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Board voted to recommend that the City Council approve the proposal submitted by NTS, which was the lowest responsive quote.

Summary of Mountain Iron WWTF - Geotech Evaluation

Proposal Comparison

Firm	Quoted Cost
AET	\$28,275
Braun	\$22,975
NTS	\$19,767

Project Scope

- Eight soil borings (20–70 ft deep, depending on structure location).
- Utility locates and Minnesota Department of Health notifications.
- Laboratory testing of soil samples.
- Geotechnical evaluation and report with foundation, bearing pressure, settlement, groundwater, trenching, frost protection, and site-classification recommendations for the WWTF improvements.

Project Content

The geotechnical investigation supports planned upgrades to the Mountain Iron Wastewater Treatment Facility, including a new filter building, equalization basin and pump station, new final clarifier, aerated sludge storage basin, UV disinfection system, and rehabilitation of existing process facilities.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-26

ACCEPTING WORK

WHEREAS, pursuant to a written contract signed with the city on April 3, 2023, Mesabi Bituminous of Gilbert, Minnesota has satisfactorily completed Improvement No.04-22, the improvement Second Street between 16th Avenue and Highway 53 by Road Reconstruction, Alignment and Drainage Improvements in accordance with such contract,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNTIAN IRON, MINNESOTA. The work completed under said contract is hereby accepted and approved, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the city administrator and mayor are hereby directed to issue a proper order for the final payment on such contract, in exchange for the contractor's receipt evidencing payment in full.

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

Mayor Peggy Anderson

ATTEST:

City Administrator



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-26

DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED, AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, a contract has been let for Improvement Number 04-22, the improvement of Second Street between 16th Avenue and Highway 53 by Road Reconstruction, Alignment and Drainage Improvements and the contract price for such improvement is \$124,539.50, and the expenses incurred in the making of such improvement amount to \$9150.00 so that the total cost of the improvement will be \$133689.50.

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

1. The portion of the cost of such improvement to be paid by the city is hereby declared to be \$66,844.75 and the portion of the cost to be assessed against benefited property owners is declared to be \$66,844.75.
2. Assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of ten years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January, 2027, and shall bear interest at the rate of 7.75 percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution.
3. The City Administrator, with the assistance of the consulting engineer, shall forthwith calculate the proper amount to be specially assessed for such improvement against every assessable lot, piece or parcel of land within the district affected, without regard to cash valuation, as provided by law, and he/she shall file a copy of such proposed assessment in his office for public inspection.
4. The Administrator shall upon the completion of such proposed assessment, notify the council thereof.

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

Mayor Peggy Anderson

ATTEST:

City Administrator

Craig Wainio

From: Sam Avery <savery@msa-ps.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 5:33 PM
To: Tim Satrang; Craig Wainio
Cc: Tom Dye; Deidre Beck
Subject: PSIG Application - Resolutions for Monday
Attachments: Resolution Verifying Current and Future Rate Estimates.docx; Resolution Verifying Secured Funds.docx; Resolution Authorizing PSIG Application.docx

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Hello Tim and Craig,

Please see attached the three draft resolutions that must be adopted for the PSIG application:

1. Resolution authorizing submission of the PSIG application
2. Resolution committing local funds and verifying full project funding
3. Resolution verifying current wastewater rates and estimated future rates

A couple of items related to these resolutions:

1. Each resolution includes a small number of comments to confirm details such as dates. Namely the Verification of Rates, as I couldn't locate the most up-to-date ordinance or resolution that lists the rate schedule.
2. Please insert the current sewer rate schedule as Exhibit A to the Verification of Rates resolution.
3. The funding commitment resolution is a requirement for the PSIG application. It is an intentionally open-ended funding commitment, and acts as a key assurance for PFA.

Please let me know if you have any questions as you review these. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility with the timing of these items.

Thank you!



Sam Avery | Community Development Specialist

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-26

COMMITTING LOCAL FUNDS AND VERIFYING SECURED PROJECT FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron has identified the need to complete improvements to its wastewater treatment facility to meet applicable permit requirements, maintain reliable wastewater treatment service, and address aging infrastructure, hereinafter referred to as the "Project"; and

WHEREAS, the Project is identified by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority as Project No. 281119; and

WHEREAS, the current estimated total cost of the Project is \$21,100,000; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to seek financial assistance through the Point Source Implementation Grant Program, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the Water Infrastructure Fund, and other applicable funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the availability and final amounts of such financial assistance have not yet been determined; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates funding the Project through a combination of the following programs, as outlined within the PSIG application:

- Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) assistance;
- USDA-RD Water and Waste Disposal Loan Funds;
- Water Infrastructure Fund assistance, if eligible and available;
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund or other legally authorized financing;
- wastewater utility revenues and available reserves;
- other awarded or available financial assistance; and
- other legally available City funds, such as GO bonding;

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

1. **Commitment to Remaining Project Costs.** The City commits to obtain CWSRF financing or other legally authorized financing and to use wastewater-system revenues, available reserves, proceeds of lawfully issued obligations, or other legally available City funds sufficient to pay all Project costs not covered by awarded grants or other secured funding.

2. **Funding Shortfalls and Cost Increases.** If anticipated financial assistance is reduced, delayed, or unavailable, or if the actual Project cost exceeds the current estimate, the City commits to provide or obtain the additional funding necessary to complete the Project, subject to the separate financing proceedings and approvals required by law.
3. **Financial Capacity.** Based on the current estimated Project cost, anticipated financial assistance, available financing mechanisms, and the City's authority to establish wastewater rates and charges, the City Council determines that the Project is financially feasible and that the City has the capacity to provide or obtain financing for the full cost of the Project. The City commits to establish and maintain wastewater rates and charges sufficient to support the reasonable costs of operating and maintaining the wastewater system, Project-related debt service, and any required reserves.
4. **Verification of Full Project Funding.** Based on the financial commitments and determination of financial capacity established by this resolution, the City Council verifies that financing will be available for the full estimated cost of the Project.
5. **Authorization.** The Mayor, City Administrator, and other appropriate City officials are authorized to submit this resolution and supporting documentation to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority and to take the actions necessary to carry out its intent. Nothing in this resolution constitutes the issuance of a bond or other obligation, and any debt issuance remains subject to the separate proceedings and approvals required by law.

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

Mayor Peggy Anderson

ATTEST:

City Administrator



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-26

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON TO SUBMIT A POINT SOURCE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY (MPFA) AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON FOR THE MOUNTAIN IRON WWTF IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Point Source Implementation Program, established in Minnesota Statutes 446A.073, as amended provides funds for construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron is hereby applying to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for a funds to be used for eligible costs for the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrades in order to meet more stringent effluent limits, safeguard public health, and protect the environment. The recommended project includes rehabilitation and expansion of the existing wastewater treatment facility, including improvements to the headworks and aeration systems; construction of flow equalization, a third final clarifier, sludge storage, tertiary filtration, chemical feed, and ultraviolet disinfection systems; renovation of the control building; and sitewide electrical, controls, drainage, security, and safety improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA that the City of Mountain Iron has the legal authority to apply for the grant, and the financial, technical, and managerial capacity to ensure proper construction, operation and maintenance of the project for its design life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of its application by the MPFA, the City of Mountain Iron may enter into an agreement with the MPFA for the above referenced project, and that the City of Mountain Iron certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in all contract agreements described in the Compliance listing of the grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Administrator, are hereby authorized to execute such agreements, and amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the above project on behalf of the City of Mountain Iron.

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

Mayor Peggy Anderson

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-26

VERIFYING CURRENT WASTEWATER USER RATES AND ESTIMATED FUTURE RATES

WHEREAS, the City Council previously approved the City's current wastewater user rates, as adopted on April 1, 2026 shown in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City is pursuing financial assistance for improvements to its wastewater treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, the estimated future wastewater rates associated with the Project are shown in Exhibit B and may vary based on the final Project cost, grant assistance, financing terms, operating costs, and other applicable factors;

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

1. The City Council ratifies its prior rate action and verifies that Exhibit A represents the City's currently adopted and enacted wastewater user-rate schedule.
2. The City Council acknowledges the estimated future wastewater rates or rate ranges shown in Exhibit B for planning and funding application purposes and will be adjusted based on funding availability and final project costs.
3. The rates shown in Exhibit B are estimates and are not enacted by this resolution. Final future rates will be established by subsequent City Council action after the Project funding and financing package is determined.
4. The Mayor, City Administrator, and other appropriate City officials are authorized to submit this resolution and its exhibits to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority.

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

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Exhibit A: Current Rate Schedule



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CURRENT SEWER RATES AS OF April 1, 2026

Residential: \$20.00 per month service charge
\$6.80 per 1000 gallons water used

Commercial: \$30.00 per month service charge
\$6.80 per 1000 gallons water used

June, July & August water use based on the average use during January, February and March

No charges for any residential property that has been vacant for more than one month.

Flat rates for unmetered customers will be based on the flat rate charged for water.

Last revised 4/1/2020

Last revised 3/1/2016

Exhibit B: Estimated Future Rates Post-Project Completion

*based on current rates and existing project estimates

	Facility Plan Cost Estimate - No Grant/ Loan	Facility Plan Cost Estimate - Estimated Grant/ Loan	Facility Plan Cost Estimate - Grant/ Loans to Reach Affordability
Est. Project Cost	\$21,045,000	\$21,045,000	\$21,045,000
Est. Principal Forgiveness and Grants	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$13,145,000
Est. Loan Amount	\$21,045,000	\$14,045,000	\$7,900,000
Annual Loan Payment	\$1,349,976	\$900,946	\$506,762
Estimated Additional O&M	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Residential Increase (Annual)	\$1,519	\$1,040	\$620
Residential Increase (Monthly)	\$127	\$87	\$52
Est. Future Sewer Bill (Annual)	\$2,045	\$1,567	\$1,146
Est. Future Sewer Bill (Monthly)	\$	\$131	\$96
% of MHI	2.5%	1.9%	1.4%