

**City of Nashwauk  
October 28, 2025  
City Council Meeting**

Acting Mayor Bruns called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Acting Mayor Bruns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** Acting Mayor David Bruns, Councilor Tom Martire, Councilor Sheila Jensen, Councilor Terry Sullivan.

**Members absent:** Mayor Greg Heyblom.

**Also present:** Administrator/Clerk April Kurtsock, Police Chief Lee Longoria, Attorney Jackie Simon.

**Public Comment**

David Holmbeck Sr. was present to share his thoughts with the Council regarding the DNR oversight on payments of rents and minerals.

Rhonda Woodman, 3<sup>rd</sup> street resident, provided the Council with a proposal regarding saving the old Nashwauk high school gym. She asked the Council to consider the proposal and a partnership.

Samantha Friend, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, stated she had tires lining the back of her property to keep people from trespassing. She stated she received a blight letter in the mail earlier that day and that the tires were also moved and put in her garage. She was upset that someone cleaned it up and tore the ground while doing so. She wanted to know who did it. Council agreed to look into the situation.

**Adoption of Agenda**

\*Motion by Councilor Martire, seconded by Councilor Sullivan to adopt the agenda of the October 28, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Jensen to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025, City Council meeting.
- b. Approve claim register #10282025 Claim 1 in the amount of \$56,196.11.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

***Small Cities Development Program***

No update.

***East Itasca Joint Sewer Board Update***

The Board did not hold a meeting in October.

**Public Works Building**

The full IRRRB grant application was submitted with the assistance of JPJ Engineering on Friday, October 24, 2025, for the public works building project.

## **Hazardous Buildings**

Regarding the tax-forfeit property at 302 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Itasca County has advised that the City can proceed with enforcing the Order. Demolition quotes are due by November 7, 2025, for that property. Regarding 211 Central Avenue, two quotes for demolition have been received and one more quote is expected by October 31. Council will address the quotes at the next Council meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Ordinance Ch. 96 Trees**

At the previous meeting, Council wished to review the ordinance again. A copy with proposed revisions was within the packet for their consideration. Council expressed interest in reviewing the proposed changes once more at the next meeting before approving the ordinance for posting.

### **Zoning Permit Application**

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Jensen to approve the zoning permit application from Jason Eatros to build a 40'x30' house, with a 16'x4' covered porch and a 20'x22' attached garage at 105 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

### **Electrical Easement**

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Martire to approve the updated electrical easement with ISD 319 with updated terms providing clarity for access and responsibility.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Attorney Simon pointed out two grammatical errors in the easement that would be fixed before signature.

## **Department & Committee Reports & Requests**

### **Police Department**

Chief Longoria shared that the new patrol officer has been working and getting trained in. He also shared that he is starting to work on the department's BCA audit.

### **Street Department**

#### **Surplus Declaration for Dump Truck**

\*Motion by Councilor Martire, seconded by Councilor Sullivan to approve the surplus declaration form for the 1996 Ford Dump Truck, with an estimated fair market value of \$7,000, and approve it for auction through MN Bid.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Street Playground**

Administrator/Clerk Kurtz announced that the City received a \$30,000 grant from the IRRRB toward the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Playground project. The grant had prevailing wage requirements though, which meant the quote from St. Croix Recreation needed to be updated to reflect prevailing wages. The company had submitted an updated quote.

\*Motion by Councilor Jensen, seconded by Councilor Sullivan to approve the revised estimate from St. Croix Recreation for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street playground equipment in the amount of \$162,817.86, which has been updated for prevailing wages per IRRRB grant requirements.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

### **Mayor and Council Updates**

Acting Mayor Bruns announced a reminder that the November 11, 2025, Regular Council meeting was rescheduled to Monday, November 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Council established two work session dates for the 2026 budget review, which were November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Acting Mayor Bruns reminded everyone about the Halloween party that would be held at the Rec on Halloween night.

### **Closed Session**

\*Motion by Councilor Martire, seconded by Councilor Jensen to convene at 6:08 p.m. to a closed session as permitted by Minnesota Statute 13D.03 for the purpose of union negotiation strategizing.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

During closed session the Council discussed Minnesota Paid Leave and the approach to negotiating with the collective bargaining units. The Council provided direction to the Negotiation Committee on how to approach negotiations and parameters to work within.

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Martire to convene from closed session at 6:48 p.m.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

\*Motion by Councilor Jensen, seconded by Councilor Sullivan to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

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City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer