

City of Nashwauk
Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission
November 18, 2025

Chairman Latvala called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Nashwauk City Hall.

Members present: Chairman Milt Latvala, Commissioner Tom Martire, Commissioner Brian Ekholm, Commissioner Mike Anderson.

Members absent: Commissioner Mark Marinaro.

Also present: John Jamnick, April Kurtock, Jason Martire.

Adoption of Agenda

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the agenda of the November 18, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting, with the addition of the bucket truck and meters at the Deering Manor and old vo-tech building.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Ekholm, seconded by Chairman Latvala to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to approve the claims and file the claims register as official record.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Old Business

East Itasca Joint Sewer Project Update

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Martire to approve Change Order No. 25 for the wastewater treatment project, which will install valves to allow for the diversion of Keewatin's wastewater to one of the old ponds; the change order increases the project costs by \$68,944.17.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

3rd Street Utility Project Update

Correspondence was received from both Senators Smith and Klobuchar regarding the Congressionally Directed spending allocations, which shared an update that the 3rd Street project remained in consideration for funding, but there would not be a final answer until January 30, 2026.

Water Tower Restoration

Jason Martire said he spoke with the vendor that would do the water tower restoration and learned it would be difficult to do the project in two phases because it will cost more for mobilization.

Rate Increases

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to increase the meter connection fees by \$5.00 and increase the water rates by 20% effective January 2026.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Bucket Trucks

Commissioner Ekholm asked for follow-up from the previous meeting regarding the bucket trucks, as nothing was on the agenda. Jason said that he has been looking for used ones, but nothing has come through yet.

The bucket truck failed the bucket truck rescue inspection. Chairman Latvala asked if American Testing had tested the vehicle recently. Commissioner Ekholm asked for an inspection to be completed with them.

Non-Compliant Meter

*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Chairman Latvala to disconnect electric service to the noncompliant meter at 113 2nd Street, giving notice to the property owner.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Adjourn

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Martire to adjourn at 2:05 p.m.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Secretary