

**City of Nashwauk**  
**November 24, 2025**  
**City Council Work Session**

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

**Also present:** Public Works & Utilities Lead Jason Martire, City Administrator/Clerk April Kurtock, Police Chief Lee Longoria.

**2026 Budget Discussion**

At the November 3, 2025, Work Session, Council directed department heads to make cuts to their budget to reduce the \$332,000 deficit. The budget presented reflected cuts of \$107,000, with a deficit of \$225,000. Council discussed options for reducing and supplementing the deficit. Administrator/Clerk Kurtock recommended Council reconsider their payback plan of rents and minerals funds to the DNR in favor of remitting it back in one lump sum in 2025, as it would remove that line item of \$41,000 from the 2026 budget and enable the City to qualify for receiving the funding again in 2026. PW&UL Jason Martire had \$60,000 worth of road repairs within his budget, which was for the Central Avenue alley. It was recommended to pull that expense and utilize Community Development funds for the repairs instead. Mayor Heyblom also wanted to consider special assessments for the improvements. Council discussed reductions to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations, Halloween, and reconsideration of a lawn mower purchase. Councilor Sullivan expressed strong support for utilizing funds from the Community Development fund to supplement the budget. After discussion, Council agreed to utilize \$150,000 from the Economic Development Fund toward the 2026 budget. Council also considered using the Equipment Fund to purchase the mower instead of including it on the general fund levy. Before adopting the budget at their December 9, 2025, meeting, Council requested to see levy percentages options.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer