

**City of Nashwauk
March 10, 2026
City Council Meeting**

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

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

Also present: Administrator/Clerk April Kurtock, Police Chief Lee Longoria, Public Works & Utilities Lead Jason Martire, Attorney Jackie Simon, Engineer John Jamnick, Fire Chief Joe Martire.

Public Comment

Peggy Hagen announced there would be a Potluck held at City Hall on Thursday, March 12 from 4:30-6 p.m. and she invited people to come. She also shared that the next date for food disbursement for Neighbors Helping Neighbors food shelf would be March 17 from 1-4 p.m. She reminded everyone that March was a donation drive month. Hagen also shared that she is the President for the Cloverdale Garden Club and their first meeting was on April 6 at the Nashwauk Town Hall. She also encouraged people to get space within the community garden this year.

Adoption of Agenda

*Motion by Councilor Martire, seconded by Councilor Martire to adopt the agenda of the March 10, 2026, City Council Meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Notable Items

Sara Thompson, Itasca County Forest Recreation Specialist was present to discuss the trailhead project. She shared that the initial project estimates came in very high, so the project scope was scaled back but still includes parking needs, pavilion event space, and a vault toilet. The current estimated project costs are \$766,000. She noted that some in-house purchasing could be done to save money. Thompson said she spoke with the Lawron Trail Riders club who is working on getting an ATV trail to the City from the north. She asked if they would be a willing party to assist with maintenance. Thompson shared grant opportunities, which included the Outdoor Rec Grant through the DNR. The grant coordinator for this grant said it would qualify because of the facilities that were going into the project, like the pavilion. The grant award max is up to \$500,000 and the applicant has to be the landowner, so the City would need to apply. She presented a resolution that would allow for application to be made to the grant. Councilor Sullivan noted that power extension was needed for the project and he said that power was also needed at the sliding hill, so it would help extend electric to that location.

Resolution 2026-04

*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Councilor Martire to adopt Resolution 2026-04 a resolution authorizing the City of Nashwauk to make application to and accept funds from the Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant.

Roll call—ayes: Councilor Bruns, Councilor Martire, Councilor Jensen, Councilor Sullivan, Mayor Heyblom. Resolution approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026, City Council meeting.
 - b. Approve claim register # 31102026 Claim 1 in the amount of \$65,387.94.
- Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Public Works Building Follow-up

Engineer John Jamnick was present and shared that there was a grant application submitted to the IRRRB for the project, but no determination on funding had been made yet. He said he spoke with the Mayor and suggested getting quotes from architects for the design of the building. Two quotes were received and each architect would charge a percentage of the project, which was estimated at \$4.2 million. Jamnick presented the proposals as follows: DSGW with a proposal of 5.5% of the overall construction budget, which would be the equivalent of \$231,000; and Widseth with a proposal of a lump sum of \$273,000, which would be the equivalent of 6.5% of the overall construction budget. Mayor Heyblom asked if the amount would be due up front or due as the project progresses. Jamnick said that the design cost would be up front but the construction portion would be billed as the project went through construction. Councilor Sullivan said that we did not need an architectural firm to do anything until there was funding in place. He said there was already a conceptual design. Engineer Jamnick said that it was helpful to get the project going. Councilor Sullivan said he was worried the design would need to be redone by the time funding was secured. Mayor Heyblom said that Mesabi Metallica said they would be a party to the project, but they wanted to see more of a design plan. He doesn't know the level of funding they're willing to offer but wanted to try to secure funding from them.

*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Councilor Martire to approve the proposal from DSGW for architectural and interior design services with a 5.5% construction budget cost, which would be approximately \$231,000.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Hazardous Buildings Update

Administrator/Clerk Kurtock shared that the asbestos testing was completed earlier in that day for 206 3rd Street.

Department & Committee Reports & Requests

Fire Department

Fire Chief Martire shared two quotes for a crew cab Ranger. He noted the expenditure was not a budget item, but their existing Ranger would be transferred to the Street Department and the Fire Department would replace theirs with a crew cab, which would help them respond to calls and transport people more easily. Martire recommended reallocating funds from the public works building requests made to Mesabi Metallica toward the purchase of the Ranger. Mayor Heyblom expressed preference for pulling funds from the 125 fund versus reallocation of funds from the monthly Mesabi Metallica requests.

*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Martire to approve the quote from Willey's Marine in the amount of \$33,767.50.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

A second quote for a Ranger had been received from Ray's Sport & Cycle in the amount of \$35,123.00.

Police Department

Police Chief Longoria stated that he had recently completed the department's CJIS Audit and passed the audit with flying colors. Councilor Bruns asked about the two squads that were parked at the Safety Complex and when they would be auctioned off. Chief Longoria stated he was waiting on a duplicate title for one and then they would be auctioned.

Resolution No. 2026-03

*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Councilor Martire to approve State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Nashwauk on behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department.

Roll call—ayes: Councilor Bruns, Councilor Martire, Councilor Jensen, Councilor Sullivan, Mayor Heyblom. Resolution approved.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer