

**City of Nashwauk  
March 11, 2025  
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.

**Adoption of Agenda**

\*Motion by Councilor Jensen, seconded by Councilor Bruns to adopt the agenda of the March 11, 2025, City Council Meeting, with the addition of follow-up regarding the meeting held with the ISD 319 School Board held the previous night.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**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 25, 2025, City Council meeting.
- b. Approve claim register #3112025 Claim 1 in the amount of \$47,634.07.
- c. Approve claim register #3112025 Claim 2 in the amount of \$9,701.57.
- d. Approve a liability waiver form with Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust that the City does not waive monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. 446.04.
- e. Approve Kyle Bloom and Corey Bloom to attend Itasca County SWAT training, with a course fee of \$688.13 each.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

***Small Cities Development Program***

No update.

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

No update.

**Mesabi Metallics Appeal Update**

Mayor Heyblom stated the case between Mesabi Metallics and Cleveland Cliffs was going to trial to determine the anti-trust award. He said the item can be removed from the Unfinished Business agenda.

**Community Development Request**

Public Works & Utility Lead Jason Martire presented a quote for multi-purpose welders.

\*Motion by Councilor Martire, seconded by Councilor Bruns to approve the quote from Central McGowan for multi-purpose welders for the Street Department in the amount of \$15,728.19, with a \$700 mail-in rebate; further requesting Mesabi Metallics provide Community Development contribution of \$15,000 toward the purchase.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

### **Asbestos Testing**

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Jensen to approve the asbestos testing quote from Sertich Environmental Services, with an estimated cost of \$4,550 for three buildings.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

### **Day of Action**

There are sign-up sheets for projects and volunteers in the Clerk's office. Flyers went out in the most recent utility bills and flyers will go out in the next two utility bills.

### **New Business**

#### **First Call for Help 211**

\*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Councilor Martire to approve a donation to First Call for Help 211 in the amount of \$250.00.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

#### **Office Entrance Door**

\*Motion by Councilor Jensen, seconded by Councilor Bruns to approve the quote from Mesabi Glass, Window & Door for an office entrance door replacement in the amount of \$5,724.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

#### **Conference Room**

\*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Mayor Heyblom to approve the quote from Carroll Heating and Cooling for installation of a mini-split in the conference room in the amount of \$4,900.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Jason Martire said that he spoke with JK Mechanical who said they could do a mini-split for cheaper and then install one condenser to run multiple units. Mayor Heyblom stated that the quote received has already been out in the public, so he was concerned it would be unfair.

#### **Fire Department SOG**

Councilor Sullivan recommended engaging the League of Minnesota Cities Loss Control consultant Troy Walsh to work through the flagged liability issues and concerns within the Nashwauk Fire Department SOGs. Councilor Bruns stated that he welcomed Troy Walsh looking at the document again. Councilor Martire said the department already dealt with the issues and didn't know why the city couldn't deal with it on their own without bringing the consultant in. Councilor Sullivan stated there was more than what was just in the email. He noted that there were firefighters with expired first responder certifications. Councilor Martire stated he wanted to see who was expired; further, he stated that the alcohol policy should be zero tolerance and wasn't sure how the existing policy was included. Councilor Bruns said that there are training officers within the department, and they are supposed to have records to make sure the staff are properly trained. Councilor Martire said that it is the responsibility of the Chief to maintain the records and the training officer.

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Jensen to engage with LMC's Loss Control Consultant Troy Walsh to work through issues and concerns within the Nashwauk Fire Department's SOG document.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

### **School Board Follow-up**

Councilor Sullivan noted that at the meeting held the previous night with the ISD 319 Board, they stated that they had not received official notification about the city's interest and intent with the high school property. He stated he wanted to make a motion establishing intent.

\*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Councilor Sullivan to draft correspondence to ISD 319 stating that the City is interested in the high school property, with all buildings razed, and stating the City's intent to redevelop the property with a focus on residential development. Further, including information that the property is zoned R-1 and the City intends to keep it zoned that way.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

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

#### **Ambulance Service**

Change to one year (eliminate up to)

\*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Councilor Jensen to approve the following language for the Itasca County HHS RFP: to allow the successful applicant of the Itasca County RFP the following usage within the Nashwauk Public Safety Building: one vehicle bay, upstairs office, living quarters, EMS specific storage cabinets, and access to generally shared areas within the building. Use of these areas will be at no charge for one year. After one year of use, the City may consider charging a negotiated fee. A second vehicle bay may be utilized for a negotiated fee. The successful RFP applicant will provide all of their own computer equipment. All computer systems accessing the City's network must be regularly updated and maintained; no changes or additions to the network will be allowed without City approval.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

#### **Fire Department**

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Mayor Heyblom to approve the quote from Stryker for an AED in the amount of \$2,688.73.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

#### **Police Department**

##### **2019 Squad Repairs**

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Martire to approve an estimate from TJ's Auto to repair the 2019 squad in the amount of \$1,100, as the vehicle was currently unable to drive faster than 30 mph.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Chief Longoria said he is working with Justin from FusionTech who will be helping him with the camera discussions.

Chief Longoria stated that the department has some unused duty pistols, and he was looking to sell them. He will follow-up on the sale of the guns at the next meeting with more information.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee**

Councilor Bruns shared an update about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event planning. There will be wristbands issued to people over 21 to assist law enforcement with alcohol enforcement. He stated that there are multiple food trucks interested in joining the celebration and there are currently issues with the parking lot and the dilapidated building next to it. The pin-up pageant will happen again. Rick Denne will be organizing the car show. The Committee is considering having a flea market at the pavilion. There will be a butterfly

release, which will be a fundraiser. Councilor Jensen questioned if Mucho Si will have a DJ because the music interferes with the band, as you can hear both. The council discussed placement of the bandstand.

### **Mayor and Council Updates**

Mayor Heyblom shared the Build Mesabi, Build Itasca Day at the Capitol event, which would be on April 9, 2025.

Mayor Heyblom shared a letter of support drafted by RAMS for the appointment of Mike Jugovich to the LCCMR Board. Mayor Heyblom stated his support for Mr. Jugovich's appointment as he was a local and understood the Iron Range.

\*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Councilor Sullivan to draft a letter of support for the appointment of Mike Jugovich to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources Board and send it to Governor Walz.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Councilor Martire asked if there was a home show this year. It will be held on April 25-26.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer