

**NASHWAUK
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR AGENDA**

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City of
NASHWAUK
FROM TIMBER TO TACONITE

301 Central Avenue, Nashwauk, Minnesota 55769

City Council

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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April Kurtock

City Administrator/Clerk

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Tom Martire

Street Lead

Joe Martire

Fire Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. Discussion with the Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission regarding the 3rd Street project.

3. Adjourn

April Kurtock

From: Mike Bubany <Mike@daviddrown.com>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 9:57 AM
To: April Kurtock
Subject: Sidewalks / 3rd Street Infrastructure Project

April,

Thanks for reaching out to me in regards to sidewalks along 3rd Street. Based on the complaints the City has been receiving, I think Councilperson Heyblom is correct in making this a high priority item. As I recall, we planned on possibly reconstructing that very street THIS year, but delayed doing so due to a large amount of delinquent taxes (\$400K or so?). Those delinquent taxes, I understand, have now been mostly recovered.

The concern I have is that if the City uses cash to repair sidewalks now that money might be wasted because when 3rd Street is reconstructed they will likely need to be ripped up when new utility services are installed and/or simply because the space is needed for the overall project work.

Still, the residents' concerns should be taken into account.....So, in light of the fact that the City is catching up on outstanding taxes, I advise the City immediately authorize the City Engineer to begin working on plans for the reconstruction of 3rd Street (including sidewalks) for 2024. Hopefully, the residents will accept that plan knowing not only would their sidewalks be fixed, but also their roadway (which I understand to be in very rough shape). Typically, I find that folks agree to small delays if they know the work is being scheduled...that using public dollars in the most efficient way possible is best, even if it means one more year of bad sidewalks.

If you or the Council have any questions, please forward them to me at your convenience. I hope all is well in Nashwauk!

Mike Bubany, Associate
David Drown Associates, Inc.
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**FY24 General Community Project Form
Pete Stauber (MN-08)**

The office of Congressman Pete Stauber is seeking local community project requests for fiscal year 2023. Although House rules for funding requests for 2024 have not been released yet, please provide some preliminary information about your request below.

Funding for FY24 will not begin consideration until Spring 2023 but this form will ensure that your project gets due consideration for potential inclusion in Congressman Stauber's project requests.

To ensure your project is included for consideration please have this form submitted to StauberProjects@mail.house.gov by 3/3/2023.

Name of Project: City of Nashwauk, MN Third Street Infrastructure Improvements

Recipient Point of Contact:

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Project Address: Third Street, Nashwauk, MN

Project website link: www.cityofnashwauk.com

Agency/Account: Interior and Environmental / EPA, STAG, Clean Water SF, Clean Water & Drinking Water

General description of the project and why it is needed:

This infrastructure project replaces the water, sewer, and stormwater systems for the six blocks of Third Street that pass through the center of the City of Nashwauk. This street provides access and utility service to the Nashwauk-Keewatin High School, churches, businesses, and residential neighborhoods. The improvements are part of a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan which outlined all city streets, alleys, and buildings and the repairs that will be needed for them. The City's Capital Improvement Plan is updated annually and identifies Thirds Street as needing imminent repairs.

The project area includes Third Street from Central Avenue to Fern Avenue and consists of replacing/fixing old VPC sanitary sewer mains, manholes, and water mains as well as the reconstruction of the existing storm sewer and street. The old VCP sanitary sewer mains will be replaced with 6" PVC. Water mains will be constructed with 6" DIP, hydrants and gate valves will be replaced and all water services will be replaced with copper tubing and new curb stops. Restoration will include full restoration of the sidewalk, curb, bituminous surface, and other project-related restoration (32' curb and gutter sections) and replacement of storm sewer, catch basins, and storm manholes within the project limits.

What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?

These infrastructure improvements promote health and economic growth, reduce poverty and provide efficient access to schools, businesses, housing, and recreation. This project is a priority as Third Street is the street in the poorest condition in Nashwauk. Near the high school, there have been multiple water line breaks during the winter months. This has caused the school district to cancel school multiple times due to waterline repairs, as the school cannot operate without water. Replacing these waterlines will allow the high school to operate normally and reduce contamination of the City's drinking water system.

Amount Requested for FY24: \$1,500,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,666,000

Estimated start and completion dates: 09/30/2023 -- 10/31/2024

Has the project received federal funds previously? If so, please describe. No.

What kind of community support has this project received?

This project has received widespread community support from residents, the school district, and local churches and businesses whose health, safety, and ability to operate have been affected by the critical condition of Third Street.