

**City of Nashwauk**  
**June 24, 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, Public Works & Utilities Lead Jason Martire, Attorney Jackie Simon.

**Public Comment**

Ken Ricker stated that he attended the Nashwauk Chamber of Commerce meeting, and they were receptive to submitting a letter that he had drafted for their consideration regarding the Nashwauk grocery store and informing other grocery stores around that the one here was available for purchase.

\*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Councilor Martire to draft a letter to local grocery store owners and send it to them with information regarding the former grocery store in Nashwauk, further, providing Ken Ricker with a copy of the letter.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Adoption of Agenda**

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Jensen to adopt the agenda of the June 24, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025, City Council meeting.
- b. Approve claim register #6242025 Claim 1 in the amount of \$42,259.42.
- c. Approve claim register #6242025 Claim 2 in the amount of \$8,999.79.
- d. Approve April Kurtock and any member of Council to attend the CGMC Regional Meeting on July 9, 2025, in Hibbing; no attendance fee.

e. Approve food concession stand permits for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July for High on the Hog BBQ, Original Gyros, Bigfoot Dogs, Taste of Italy, Ma Jo's Foods, and Schweiby's Concessions.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

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

The East Itasca Joint Sewer Board heard from their consultant, Community Resources Development, that the bonding bill had been passed and the MN PFA had been funded at levels higher than anticipated. The PSIG grant maximum allowable amount increased from \$7 million to \$12 million. If Lone Pine Township is awarded \$12 million from the PSIG grant, they may not need loan funding, as they have also been awarded a \$3 million allocation from IRRRB. Jon Korpi told the Board that Lone Pine Township will seek voter approval with or without 100% funding, as they promised their voters that the project would be put to a vote.

### **Public Safety Building Follow-up**

Administrator/Clerk Kurtcock stated that she had spoken with Nathan Norton of ICS to provide clarity on what the city's use would potentially be for the old school.

### **Hazardous Buildings**

The asbestos testing results had been received for the property at 211 Central Avenue. The two inspection reports would be forwarded to the abatement company to receive abatement quotes. The Council asked that the property owner for 324 3<sup>rd</sup> Street be contacted to request if the city can perform clean-up before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, especially with mowing grass.

### **New Business**

#### **Ordinance No. 2025-04**

\*Motion by Councilor Martire, seconded by Councilor Sullivan to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-04 an ordinance of the City of Nashwauk, MN amending Nashwauk City Ordinances by adding Chapter 96 entitled "Trees."

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

### **Public Broadcasting Request**

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Bruns to submit a letter of support for the KAXE News Team for support of public broadcasting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

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

#### **Ambulance Service**

\*Motion by Councilor Martire, seconded by Councilor Bruns to accept the resignation of Cody Woodman from the Nashwauk Ambulance Service effective June 10, 2025.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

### **Fire Department**

\*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Councilor Martire to approve the request to purchase a rescue trailer from Pine River Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$25,057.89; further, authorizing the purchase now using funds from the fire equipment fund and reimbursing the fund when Mesabi Metallica issues payment of the \$15,000 June 2025 Community Development request.

Ayes: all present. motion carried.

### **Street Department**

#### **Zoning Permit Application**

\*Motion by Councilor Martire, seconded by Councilor Sullivan to approve the zoning permit application for Lisa Peratalo and Halie Nash to install 70' of fencing, which includes two gates for the property at 612 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

### **Mayor and Council Updates**

Mayor Heyblom stated that the Mesabi Metallica tours had 370 people show up and seven busloads of people did the tour. He shared that Mesabi Metallica announced that they had placed an order with Komatsu for 10 haul trucks.

Councilor Sullivan asked that the blight house at 324 3<sup>rd</sup> Street be fast tracked to being addressed.

\*Motion by Mayor Heyblom, seconded by Councilor Martire to issue an Order for abatement of dangerous and hazardous conditions for the property at 324 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and providing 30 days for repair, noting the City anticipates receiving the inspection report soon.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Councilor Martire asked about the RV at 117 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. He was informed that the Court had just approved an eviction order for the tenant.

**Adjourn**

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Martire to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

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City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer