

**NASHWAUK  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR AGENDA**

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*City of*  
**NASHWAUK**  
FROM TIMBER TO TACONITE

301 Central Avenue, Nashwauk, Minnesota 55769

**City Council**

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025**

**Greg Heyblom**

*Mayor*

**Sheila Jensen**

*Councilor*

**Tom Martire**

*Councilor*

**Terry Sullivan**

*Councilor*

**David Bruns**

*Councilor*

**Sellman, Borland, &  
Simon**

*City Attorney*

**Lee Longoria**

*Police Chief*

**April Kurtock**

*City Administrator/Clerk*

*Deputy Clerk*

**Jason Martire**

*PW & Utility Lead,  
WW/WW Operator*

**Joe Martire**

*Fire Chief*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT.** Members of the public are welcome to address the Nashwauk City Council. Please provide your name and a brief description of the subject matter. You are limited to 3 minutes. Rules for public comment are available at the podium.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**5. NOTABLE ITEMS**

- a. Chuck Ball regarding the zoning permit request at 131 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to build a 22'x32' garage.
- b. Anthony Marinaro regarding departments using city businesses first versus business outside the city.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA.** The consent agenda gives the Nashwauk City Council a means of handling routine items in one action. However, any one councilor may request that an item be removed and placed on the regular agenda for discussion and consideration.

- a. Approve the minutes of August 12, 2025, City Council meeting.
- b. Approve the claim register #8262025 Claim 1 in the amount of \$3,961.59.
- c. Approve the claim register #8252025 Claim 2 in the amount of \$25,392.14.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Small Cities Development Program Update
- b. East Itasca Joint Sewer Project Update
- c. Public Safety Building follow-up.

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d. Follow-up regarding properties with hazardous conditions: 211 Central Avenue, 302 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 206 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 324 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

1. Consider enforcement of the Order issued for 2 Platt Avenue in April 2020.

e. Community Development Request—update to the August 2025 request:

1. Consider approval of the quote from Iron Oakes Fence in the amount of \$6,346.00.

2. Consider approval of the quote from Unit Solutions for active shooter response training kit, force on force rifles, and associated protection gear in the amount of \$9,714.68.

f. John Jamnick regarding storm sewer issues and Platt Avenue East Improvements.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Consider approval of the recommendation from City Administrator/Clerk Kurtrock to hire Kristina Tunink as Deputy Clerk effective September 8, 2025.

**9. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS & REQUESTS**

**a. Ambulance Service:**

**b. Fire Department:**

**c. Police Department:**

i. Consider approval of the quote from Insight for a computer and docking station in the amount of \$2,025.60.

**d. Street Department:**

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- i. Consider approval of the surplus equipment declaration for the old Central Avenue streetlights with an estimated fair market value of \$100 each.
- ii. Consider quotes from JK Mechanical & Electrical Contractors for electrical changes in relation to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events:
  - i. New Band Stand service: \$3,265.
  - ii. Food vendor area service: \$4,226.

**10. COMMISSION & COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES**

**12. Convene to a Work Session regarding City Projects.**

**13. ADJOURN**

**City of Nashwauk  
August 12, 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 and Utilities Lead Jason Martire, Patrol Officer Corey Bloom, Fire Chief Joe Martire.

**Public Comment**

Matt Ollestad, 4<sup>th</sup> Street resident, was present to state frustration with recent events involving another resident that lived near him at 2 Platt Avenue. He shared details related to the resident's conviction record and asked that the City Council pursue enforcement of the Order that was issued on the house in 2020.

**Adoption of Agenda**

\*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Councilor Jensen to adopt the agenda of the August 12, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Notable Items**

Peggy Hagen was present to discuss the Community Garden and said that the gardeners will be having an open house next Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. They'll put up signs for advertising and Mayor Heyblom requested it be advertised on the City Facebook page.

Andrew Elj, 4<sup>th</sup> Street resident, asked for an update regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Street storm sewer issues. The City engineer will be at the next meeting to discuss storm sewer. He also said he had an unfulfilled data request and wanted the information.

Elj also spoke to the Order that was issued for 4 Platt Avenue in 2020 and wanted to know why it was on the agenda suddenly. Mayor Heyblom stated that the Order was issued in 2020 for repair of hazardous conditions, a letter was received in 2020 stating repairs would be made, but repairs hadn't been made. Elj argued that work had been done, and he asked Council not to take action on enforcement of the Order so the family could figure out what they needed to do. Councilor Sullivan said that he has received numerous comments from other community members regarding the blighted condition of the house. He stated that the city has been pursuing blight properties consistently but not simultaneously. Elj argued that the house at 4 Platt Avenue wasn't that bad.

**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 July 22, 2025, City Council meeting.
- b. Approve claim register #8122025 Claim 1 in the amount of \$209,894.73.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

## **Unfinished Business**

### ***Small Cities Development Program***

The grant extension has been submitted but no confirmation has been received yet.

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

There will not be a meeting in the month of August.

### **City Projects and Prioritizing**

Mayor Heyblom summarized the projects that the city is currently considering and asked the Councilors to provide their input on how they would prioritize the projects. Councilor Jensen said that she put priority on the infrastructure projects. Councilor Bruns stated that he did not support keeping the school gym because the city is not in a position to have it or operate it when the Street Department can't take on more to maintain. Councilor Jensen said the school gym is a one-time opportunity that should be considered; however, she wanted the School District to explain the wellness center and the how the building would be accessible to the public. Councilor Sullivan said that he was told the wellness center would be run through community education. Mayor Heyblom said the superintendent should be contacted for discussion. Councilor Jensen said she would contact the superintendent.

Regarding city projects, Mayor Heyblom said some are wants and some are needs. He prioritized infrastructure and the public works building. Councilor Martire asked if the ambulance service would be accommodated if the city built a new public safety building. Mayor Heyblom said the service would be there for at least three years. Councilor Martire said that Chisholm got their public safety building project all paid for and it was hard to commit until the funding levels were known.

The Council extensively discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project and asked that it be communicated to the Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project needs to be prioritized.

\*Motion by Mayor Heyblom, seconded by Councilor Bruns to send a letter to the NPUC asking that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project be prioritized and bid.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

The Council agreed to a work session to continue the discussion.

### **Hazardous Buildings**

There were two quotes for asbestos abatement in the packet. Administrator/Clerk Kurtcock stated that the Council would not be asked to approve the quotes at this time because the quotes were needed first to request funding from IRRRB. However, quotes were also needed for demolition, and she indicated she would need assistance from the Street Department to draft the specs for the demolition quotes.

Council considered the Order issued for 4 Platt Avenue in 2020. Councilor Bruns asked for opportunity to go look at the property before making a decision. Councilor Sullivan said that it doesn't hinder the process the Elj family wants to do if the city moves forward with enforcement of the order.

\*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Mayor Heyblom to table consideration of the Order for 4 Platt Avenue until the next meeting.

Ayes: Councilor Bruns, Councilor Martire, Councilor Jensen, Mayor Heyblom.

Nays: Councilor Sullivan. Motion carried.

### **Community Development Request**

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Jensen to approve a Community Development project for August 2025, which would be installation of a fence around the sliding hill to prevent vandalism.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Banking Accounts**

\*Motion by Councilor Jensen, seconded by Councilor Martire to approve removal of Amber Goss from the city bank accounts and credit cards.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

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

#### **Ambulance Service**

The Office of EMS approved the request that the ambulance license be transferred to North Memorial Health effective September 3, 2025.

#### **Fire Department**

No update.

#### **Police Department**

\*Motion by Councilor Bruns, seconded by Councilor Martire to approve the recommendation from Chief Longoria to hire Jackilyn Mjolsness as a part-time patrol officer, contingent upon a pre-employment investigation.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

#### **Police Department Update**

Chief Longoria shared an update regarding what the department has been focusing on, which included enforcement of parking over sidewalks, ATV traffic stops, animal ordinance enforcement, and blight enforcement. Longoria noted that the department's body cam audit results came back as passing with a recommendation for minor changes to the policy. He provided the number of calls for service year-to-date, which was 987 and noted the department was on track to double the calls for service from previous years.

#### **Resolution 2025-11**

\*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, seconded by Councilor Bruns to approve Resolution 2025-11 a resolution approving the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Nashwauk on behalf of its attorney and Police Department.

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

#### **Street Department**

##### **Zoning Permit Application**

Council reviewed a zoning permit application for 131 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to build a 22'x32' garage on a 25' lot. Councilor Sullivan questioned the setbacks from the property lines, as he questioned if the request met the newly adopted zoning code rules. Public Works & Utilities Lead Jason Martire said he would double-check the setbacks in ordinance.

\*Motion by Councilor Martire, seconded by Councilor Bruns to approve the zoning permit for Charles Ball at 131 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to build a 22'x32' garage, contingent upon it meeting the setback requirements.  
Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Electric Upgrade Quotes**

Public Works & Utilities Lead Jason Martire presented two quotes from JK Mechanical for upgrades to the electrical meter and band stand service for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Both areas where the equipment would go were not on city property. Council requested confirmation from the owner that the equipment would be allowed to be installed in that location.

**Mayor and Council Updates**

The Council determined they would hold a work session following the next Council meeting regarding discussion of city projects.

Councilor Martire expressed a concern regarding a property in the New Addition that was being used as a facility for a person who had been running around the ballfield undressed. Administrator/Clerk Kurtcock said the house was licensed through the State for one child under 18 with full-time, live-in staff.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

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82625 Claim1

August 2025

**Claim Type**

Claim#	0 BLOMBERG, JOEN				
Cash Payment	E 100-45100-210	Operating Supplies	Beautification flowers Reimb		\$134.74
	Invoice				
Transaction Date	8/21/2025	Due 8/21/2025	Checking Account	10100	Total \$134.74
Claim#	0 BOUND TREE MEDICAL				
Cash Payment	E 650-48000-210	Operating Supplies	medical supplies		\$83.91
	Invoice 85881586				
Cash Payment	E 650-48000-210	Operating Supplies	Medical Supplies		\$441.65
	Invoice 85883194				
Transaction Date	8/21/2025		Checking Account	10100	Total \$525.56
Claim#	0 CITY OF HIBBING				
Cash Payment	E 650-48000-470	Intercepts	Intercept		\$400.00
	Invoice 319887-33008				
Transaction Date	8/21/2025		Checking Account	10100	Total \$400.00
Claim#	0 COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING SOLUTI				
Cash Payment	E 100-41100-322	Rental Inspection Fees	324 3rd inspection		\$600.00
	Invoice				
Cash Payment	E 100-41100-322	Rental Inspection Fees	Rental Inspection		\$862.00
	Invoice				
Transaction Date	8/21/2025		Checking Account	10100	Total \$1,462.00
Claim#	0 EDWARDS OIL INC				
Cash Payment	E 100-42100-316	GAS - VEHICLES & EQUI	Gas		\$49.84
	Invoice				
Cash Payment	E 100-42200-316	GAS - VEHICLES & EQUI	Gas and Diesel		\$78.41
	Invoice				
Cash Payment	E 100-43100-316	GAS - VEHICLES & EQUI	Gas and Diesel		\$142.03
	Invoice				
Transaction Date	8/21/2025		Checking Account	10100	Total \$270.28
Claim#	0 EXCEL BUSINESS SYSTEMS				
Cash Payment	E 100-42200-410	Lease & Rental	copier lease		\$112.87
	Invoice 80200				
Transaction Date	8/21/2025		Checking Account	10100	Total \$112.87
Claim#	0 GRAND RAPIDS TIRE & AUTO INC				
Cash Payment	E 100-42100-312	2022 Chevy Tahoe	Oil Change		\$156.86
	Invoice 56604				
Transaction Date	8/21/2025		Checking Account	10100	Total \$156.86
Claim#	0 IMPERIAL DADE				
Cash Payment	E 650-48000-210	Operating Supplies	Cleaning Supplies		\$36.68
	Invoice 4413252				
Cash Payment	E 100-42100-210	Operating Supplies	Cleaning Supplies		\$36.66
	Invoice 4413252				
Cash Payment	E 100-41100-210	Operating Supplies	Cleaning Supplies		\$36.66
	Invoice 4413252				
Cash Payment	E 650-48000-210	Operating Supplies	Cleaning Supplies		\$34.26
	Invoice 4413296				

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82625 Claim1

August 2025

Cash Payment	E 100-42100-210	Operating Supplies	Cleaning Supplies	\$34.26
	Invoice	4413296		
Cash Payment	E 100-42200-210	Operating Supplies	Cleaning Supplies	\$34.26
	Invoice	4413296		
Transaction Date	8/21/2025	Checking Account	10100	<b>Total</b> \$212.78
Claim#	0 MMUA			
Cash Payment	E 100-43100-325	Dues & Maintenance Plan	Annual random Drug and alcohol test	\$150.00
	Invoice	66808		
Transaction Date	8/21/2025	Checking Account	10100	<b>Total</b> \$150.00
Claim#	0 NAPA AUTO PARTS			
Cash Payment	E 100-43100-269	96 Ford Dump Trk 168-11	Parts for Dump truck	\$78.14
	Invoice	505477		
Transaction Date	8/21/2025	Checking Account	10100	<b>Total</b> \$78.14
Claim#	0 PARK STATE BANK			
Cash Payment	E 100-41400-361	Bank Charges	Monthly cash management fees Aug 25	\$40.00
	Invoice			
Cash Payment	E 650-48000-361	Bank Charges	Monthly cash management fees Aug 25	\$20.00
	Invoice			
Transaction Date	8/21/2025	Checking Account	10100	<b>Total</b> \$60.00
Claim#	0 PRECIOUS PAWS HUMANE SOCIET			
Cash Payment	E 100-42100-350	Dog Care	Contract Fee	\$150.00
	Invoice	N.2025.07		
Transaction Date	8/21/2025	Checking Account	10100	<b>Total</b> \$150.00
Claim#	0 RADKO IRON & SUPPLY			
Cash Payment	E 100-43100-269	96 Ford Dump Trk 168-11	Parts for Dump Truck	\$4.99
	Invoice	025479/1		
Cash Payment	E 100-43100-269	96 Ford Dump Trk 168-11	Parts for Dump Truck	\$82.42
	Invoice	025474/1		
Cash Payment	E 100-43100-269	96 Ford Dump Trk 168-11	Parts for Dump Truck	\$160.95
	Invoice	025420/1		
Transaction Date	8/21/2025	Checking Account	10100	<b>Total</b> \$248.36
	<b>Claim Type</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,961.59</b>

Pre-Written Checks	\$60.00
Checks to be Generated by the Compute	\$3,901.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,961.59</b>

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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August 2025

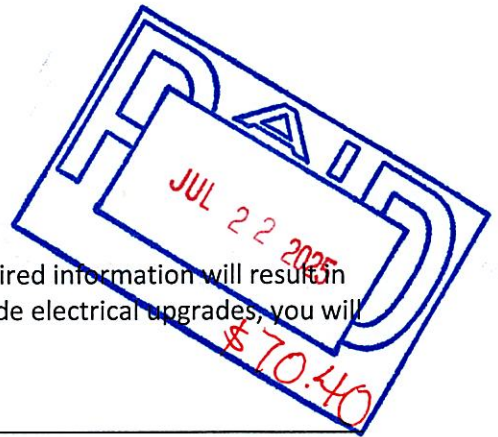
**Claim Type**

Claim#	1 EMS MANAGEMENT & CONSULTAN			
Cash Payment	E 650-48000-490 Billing Fee Ambulance	AR billing fee		\$7.00
	Invoice EMS-018248			
Transaction Date	8/26/2025	Checking Account	10100	<b>Total</b> \$7.00
Claim#	2 MACQUEEN EMERGENCY			
Cash Payment	E 100-42200-285 2011 E-1 Rear Mount Pu	Engine 1 Repairs		\$214.50
	Invoice W07247			
Cash Payment	E 100-42200-287 2011 Wynn Fire Tanker	Engine 2 Repairs		\$1,734.09
	Invoice W07246			
Transaction Date	8/26/2025	Checking Account	10100	<b>Total</b> \$1,948.59
Claim#	3 PINE RIVER SALES INC			
Cash Payment	E 100-42200-210 Operating Supplies	rescue trailer		\$23,436.55
	Invoice c191			
Transaction Date	8/26/2025	Checking Account	10100	<b>Total</b> \$23,436.55
	<b>Claim Type</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,392.14</b>

Pre-Written Check	\$0.00
Checks to be Generated by the Compute	\$25,392.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,392.14</b>

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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CITY OF NASHWAUK  
APPLICATION FOR ZONING PERMIT  
(ORDINANCE REFERENCE-SECTION 17)



Please carefully complete this application. Failure to supply all of the required information will result in the application being denied or returned. If your improvements also include electrical upgrades, you will also need to complete a New Construction Electric Service Application.

Name of Applicant: Charles A Ball  
Mailing Address: 131 3rd Street  
Telephone Number: 218-256-9061

1. Address of Property where the development or improvements will occur:  
131 3rd St

2. Property Size: width 25 ft. depth 25 ft. .07 acres

3. Existing Zoning Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Provide a detailed description of the development/improvements to be made. Include square footage for building improvements and linear foot length for fence improvements:

227 32 Garage 704 Sq FT

5. The number of families, housekeeping units, or rental units the building is designed to accommodate: 1

6. Existing conditions on the lot (what is currently on this property):

House & Small Garage

7. Include detailed building and improvement plans drawn to scale, showing the actual dimensions and shape of the lot to be built on, the location, size and arrangement of all existing and proposed buildings, structures, driveways and drainage or alterations all in relation to the lot lines.

8. Appropriate fees shall be included, and application must be complete to be accepted. Remit this completed application to Amber Goss at [agoss@nashwaukmn.gov](mailto:agoss@nashwaukmn.gov) or to City Hall at 301 Central Avenue, Nashwauk.

9. Applicant's Signature: Charles A Ball

10. Date Received (to be filled in by Zoning Office): 7/22/25

11. Date of Approval or Denial (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_



**§ 152.35 R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL**

- (A) *Intent.* This district is intended to provide for low-density residential development in keeping with the existing development of this district.
  
- (B) *Permitted uses.*
  - (1) One unit, detached dwelling;
  - (2) Parks, playgrounds, golf courses, and other outdoor recreation areas;
  - (3) Temporary buildings for and during construction; and
  - (4) Private garages and storage sheds.
  - (5) Public utility buildings and structures
  - (6) Home occupations, subject to standards set forth in General Provisions;
  - (7) Pre K, Elementary, junior and senior high schools
  
- (C) *Conditional uses.*
  - (1) Two-unit detached dwelling dwellings;
  - (2) Assembly Uses
  
  - (4) farms including truck gardening and plant nurseries;
  - (5) Hospitals, assisted living, and nursing homes;
  - (6) Planned unit residential development on site of not less than 5 acres;
  - (7) Townhouses
  - (8) Wellness Centers
  
- (D) *Minimum lot width:* 25 feet
  
- (E) *Maximum building height:* 35 feet.
  
- (F) *Minimum setback requirements.*
  - (1) Front yard - 30 feet;
  - (2) Rear yard - 40 feet, provided that accessory buildings may be located within 10 feet;
  - (3) Side yard – 2 feet. The side yard of a corner lot facing a street shall be 10 feet; and
  - (4) Private garages facing the property line shall have a setback of 20 feet.
  
- (G) *Signs*
  - (1) One sign identifying home occupation which shall not exceed 2 square feet in area and shall be placed no more than 2 feet away from the principal building;
  - (2) One sign advertising property for sale, lease, or rent which shall not exceed 12 square feet; and
  - (3) No illuminated, flashing, or moving signs are permitted.



CITY OF NASHWAUK, MINNESOTA

PLATT AVENUE EAST IMPROVEMENT

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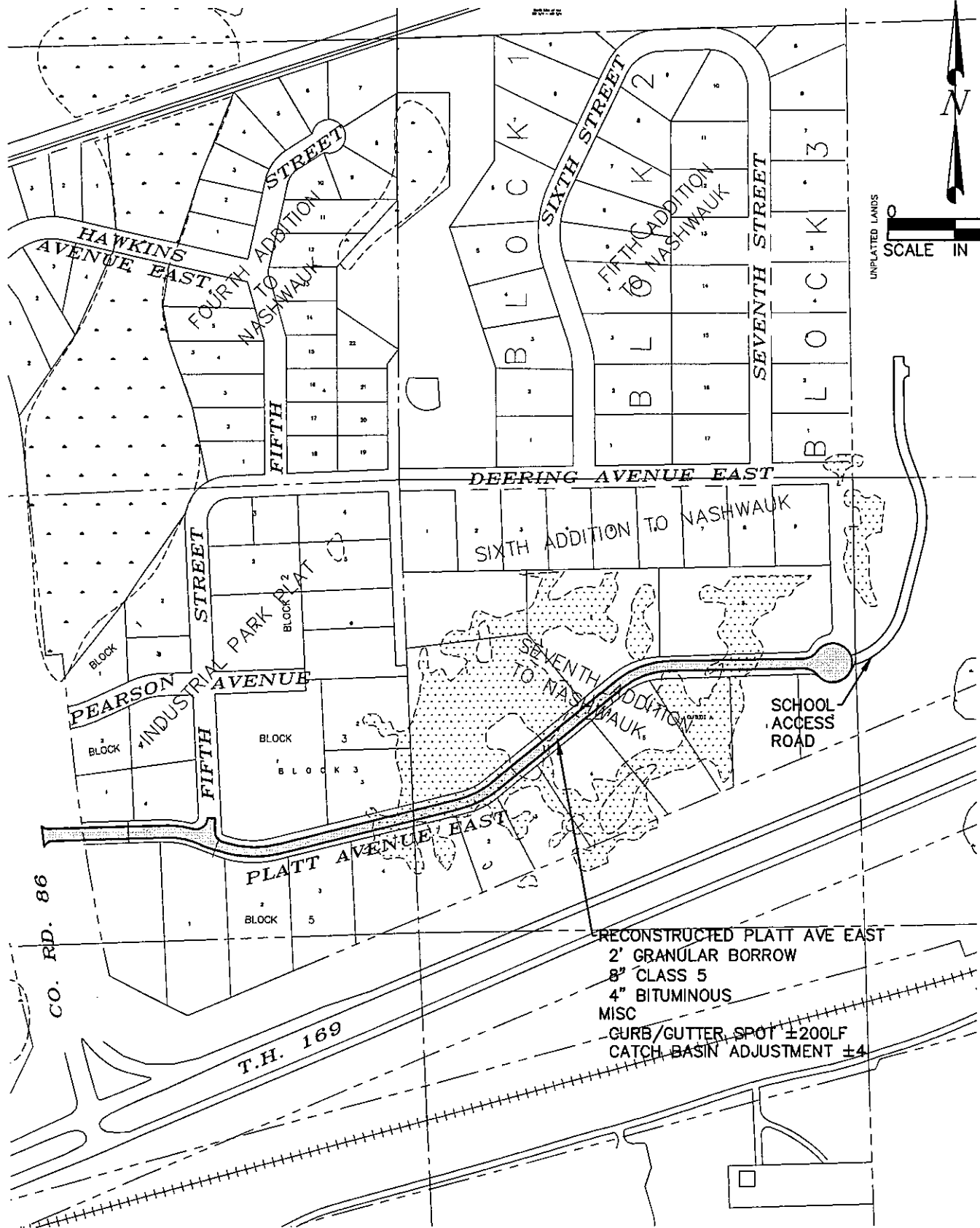
July 15, 2025

**PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST**

NO	ITEM	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
2104	REMOVE CURB AND GUTTER	200.00	LIN. FT.	\$3.00	\$600.00
2104	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	9,838	SQ. YD.	\$3.00	\$29,514.00
2104	SAWING PAVEMENT	470	LIN. FT.	\$6.00	\$2,820.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	8,750	CU. YD.	\$10.00	\$87,500.00
2105	SELECT GRANULAR BORROW	6,560	CU. YD.	\$15.00	\$98,400.00
2211	AGGREGATE BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	2,190	CU. YD.	\$25.00	\$54,750.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	1,135	TON	\$100.00	\$113,500.00
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEARING COURSE	1,135	TON	\$100.00	\$113,500.00
2531	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER, DESIGN B618	200	LIN. FT.	\$30.00	\$6,000.00
2573	CONSTRUCTION SITE EXIT CONTROLS	1	L.S.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
3000	MISCELLANEOUS	1	L.S.	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

TOTAL PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST	\$541,584.00
CONTINGENCIES	\$54,158.40
LEGAL, FISCAL, AND ENGINEERING	\$97,485.12
TOTAL PROBABLE PROJECT COST	<u>\$693,227.52</u>

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RECONSTRUCTED PLATT AVE EAST  
 2' GRANULAR BORROW  
 8" CLASS 5  
 4" BITUMINOUS  
 MISC  
 CURB/GUTTER SPOT ±200LF  
 CATCH BASIN ADJUSTMENT ±4



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# PLATT AVENUE EAST IMPROVEMENT

NASHWAUK, MN

PROJECT NUMBER	13-861
SHEET NUMBER	1

## ORDER

**IN RE:** REV DESC 5 of NW SE, NASHWAUK  
2 Platt Avenue, Nashwauk, Itasca County, Minnesota

**TO:** Earl and Charlotte A. Brown, 2 Platt Avenue, Nashwauk  
Minnesota 55769

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED That the City Council of the City of Nashwauk has determined that the building on above described property is in a dangerous or hazardous condition requiring removal of the hazardous building. Specifically, the dangerous condition found by the Council is as follows:

1. Overhead door is missing, leaving interior exposed to outside elements.
2. Roof on garage has collapsed in majority of garage, remaining roof has severe rot.
3. Rear service door of garage does not have proper landing, railing or stairs.
4. Walls of garage have severe water damage and pose a concern of collapse.
5. Areas around garage service door have signs of soil erosion.
6. Roof on residence has numerous tarps covering large sections of roof, missing shingles.
7. Roof on residence shows signs of leaking to the interior.
8. Wood soffit and fascia show signs of heavy rot and neglect.
9. House and garage wood siding has inadequate paint/stain.
10. Residence has severe pigeon infestation; other rodent signs present as well.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 463.16, the governing body of the City has the right to order the abatement of such dangerous condition.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED That the dangerous condition must be corrected within 30 days from the date of the receipt of this Order. Further, the City of Nashwauk has the authority pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 463.17 to move the District Court of Itasca County for a summary enforcement of this Order unless corrective action is taken or an answer filed within 20 days from the date of the service. If no answer is filed, the Court may enter a judgment fixing a time after which the governing body may proceed with the enforcement of this Order. The City shall have the right to raze or remove the building and to charge the real estate with the costs of the repairs or removal pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 463.21.

Dated this 15 day of April, 2020.

CITY OF NASHWAUK

Signed   
April Kurtock, City Clerk

# Iron Oakes Fence

# JOB ESTIMATE

29208 Eden Loop Road 218-247-7219 Phone  
Bovey, MN 55709 218-259-8490 Mobile

Date: 15-Aug-25

City of Nashwauk  
ATT Jason Martire  
301 Central Avenue  
Nashwauk, MN 55769  
  
Jason mobile 969-4448

Date of original estimate:

[jmartire@nashwaukmn.gov](mailto:jmartire@nashwaukmn.gov)

Install approximately 300 lineal feet of 4' high chain link fence and gate adjacent the sliding area the LaRue Pit Road

## ITEMIZED ESTIMATE: TIME AND MATERIALS

## AMOUNT

### Materials and Installation:

Line posts 2" OD x 7' x SS20 galvanized steel; Terminal posts 2 1/2" OD x 8' x SS20 galv steel; Top and brace rail 1 5/8" OD x SS20 galv steel; Fabric 2" x 4' x 9 ga x KK galvanized chain link.

Gates: (1) 16' wide double drive gate installed on 3" OD x 8' x SS40 galv steel posts, with bulldog industrial hinges and a DAC "Strongarm" lockable latch.

Line posts driven 36", 10' 0" or less on center; Terminal posts driven 48"; Gate posts set in 48" of concrete.

### All materials and labor:

6,346.00

Jason: Thank you for contacting us for a quote; hopefully the above is acceptable and we install the fence.

## TOTAL ESTIMATED JOB COST

\$6,346.00

This is an estimate only, not a contract. This estimate is for completing the job described above, based on our evaluation. It does not include unforeseen price increases or additional labor and materials which may be required should problems arise. We will contact Gopher One Call to locate underground utilities; the customer is responsible for locating any private utility lines such as LP gas, wiring to garage from house, etc.

**Payment Requirements: One half down, balance upon completion. Once signed, this estimate becomes a contract.**

*Ed Foreman*

(Iron Oakes Representative)

*8-18-25*

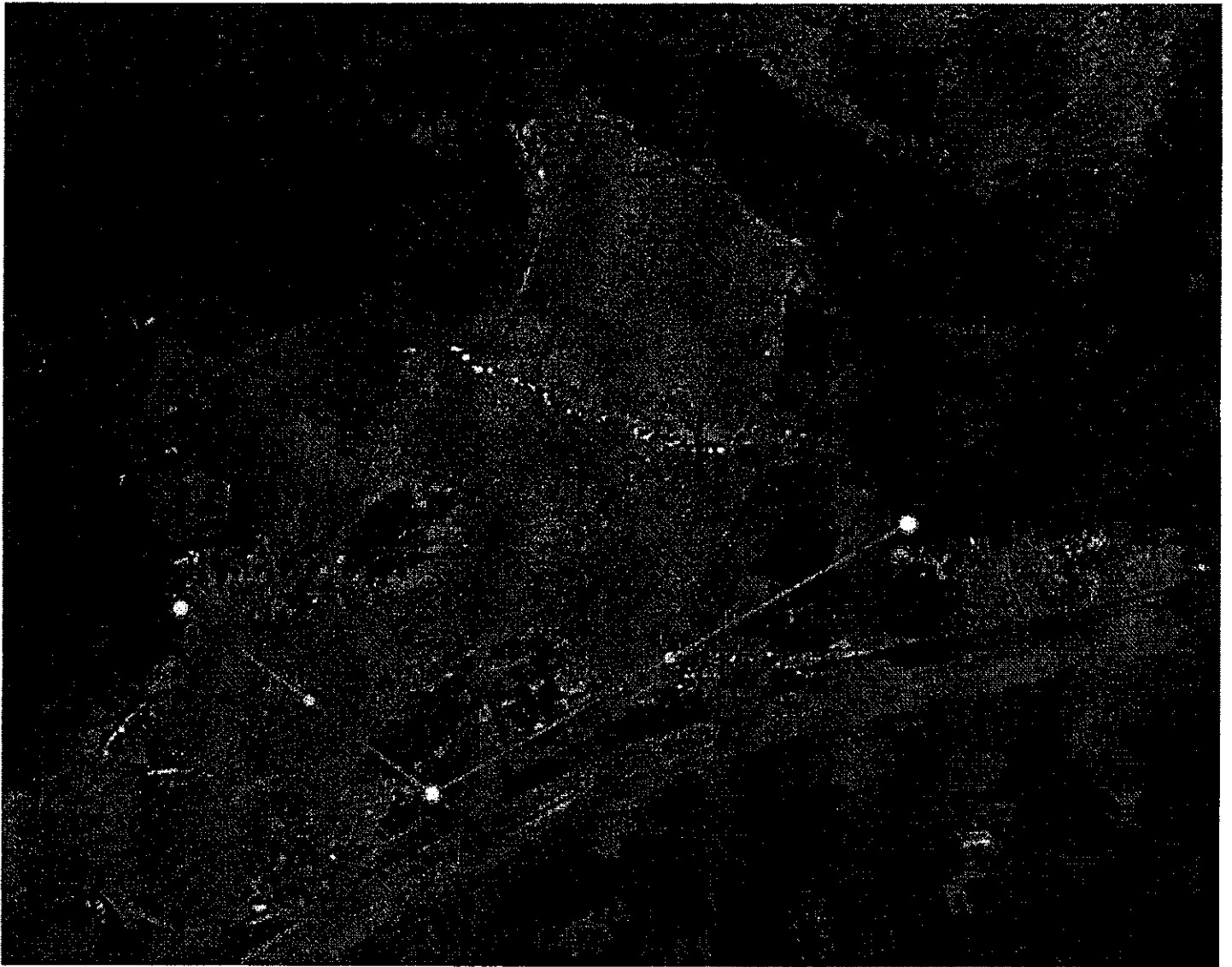
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(Customer Signature)

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(Date)



LaRue Pit Rd  
215' x 85'



**Customer Name:** Nashwauk Police Department  
**Contact:** Lee Longoria  
**Phone:** (507) 531-3152  
**Email:** [longoria@nashwaukmn.gov](mailto:longoria@nashwaukmn.gov)  
**Address:** 301 Central Ave  
**City, State, Zip Code:** Nashwauk, MN 55769

**OFFICIAL QUOTE**

**Dated As:** 20-Aug-25  
**Purchase Order #:** NASHWAUK-PD-001A  
**Payment Terms:** Net-30  
**Estimated Delivery Date:** 19-Sep-25

The Quote is valid for 60 days

**About Vendor:**

**Company Name:** UNIT Solutions  
**Address:** 12023 Aneta St.  
**City, State, Zip Code:** Culver City, CA 90230

**Contact:** Christopher C. Spence  
**Phone:** 931.472.8166  
**Email:** [cspence@unitsolutions.com](mailto:cspence@unitsolutions.com)

**Ship To:**

**Name:** Lee Longoria  
**Address:** 301 Central Ave  
**City, State, Zip Code:** Nashwauk, MN 55769

**Phone:** (507) 531-3152

DETAILS	QTY.	UNIT PRICE	Total
ASRTK With Fully Loaded Upgrade-MK10 Part Number: P4-10-700	1	\$8,389.00	\$8,389.00
UNIT4® MK10V2 Part Number: P4-10-002	4	\$0.00	\$0.00
UNIT4 Magazine Part Number: P4MG0001	8	\$0.00	\$0.00
Magpul MBUS3 Flip Up Front & Rear Sights Part Number: Custom	4	\$0.00	\$0.00
600 Round Value Pack - Neon Green Part Number: P4T-333	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
20 TPAK - Blue Part Number: P4TMLB01	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
20 TPAK - Non-Marking Part Number: P4TNM001A	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
600 Round Value Pack - Non-Marking Part Number: P4T-003	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
TPAK Re-Stack Assembly Kit Part Number: P4T-RSAF	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
4-Up Hard Rifle Case With Wheels Part Number: P4-RC100	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Blue Can Suppressor (Mini 5.5 Inch) Part Number: ACC-BCS01	4	\$0.00	\$0.00
Viridian 1x20 Venta Green Dot Sights Part Number: ACC-GDS04	4	\$0.00	\$0.00
UNIT9 Compact System - Consisting of: Part Number: SER-PRE01	3	\$749.00	\$2,247.00
UNIT9 Compact Part Number:	3	\$0.00	\$0.00
UNIT9 Magazine Part Number:	3	\$0.00	\$0.00
UNIT9 300 Mixed Round Value Pack w/CO2 Part Number:	3	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Additional Notes:</b> The UNIT4™ training rifles and magazines are covered from all defects in material and workmanship in the product that occur during the 5-year warranty period.  The following are not covered by the warranty: Damages, deterioration or malfunction resulting from: an accident, act of nature, abuse, misuse, neglect, modification or failure to follow the instructions provided in the Operator's Manual.	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		\$10,636.00
	<b>LEA Discount</b>		\$1,063.60
			\$9,572.40
	<b>SHIPPING</b>		\$142.28
	<b>TOTAL</b>		\$9,714.68
(Signatures of Authorized Person) (Write Designation Here)			



*City of*  
**NASHWAUK**  
**FROM TIMBER TO TACONITE**

301 Central Avenue, Nashwauk, Minnesota 55769

DATE: 8-22-2025

RE: Recommendation to hire a Deputy Clerk

TO: Nashwauk City Council

I am pleased to make the recommendation for the hiring of Kristina Tunink as Deputy Clerk effective September 8, 2025. The interview committee, after interviewing Ms. Tunink on August 15, 2025, determined that her HR generalist experience, administrative office experience, and customer service skills will contribute to the success of the Clerk's office.

Sincerely,

April Kurtock  
City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer



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**Account name: 11256377**

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**We deliver according to the following terms:**

Payment Terms : Net 30 days  
 Ship Via : Insight Assigned Carrier/Ground  
 Terms of Delivery : FOB DESTINATION  
 Currency : USD

Quotation	
Quotation Number :	0228736538
Document Date :	22-AUG-2025
PO Number :	
PO Release :	
Sales Rep :	Shawn Wood
Email :	SHAWN.WOOD@INSIGHT.COM
Phone :	6515236161
Sales Rep 2 :	Lauren Poe
Email :	LAUREN.POE@INSIGHT.COM
Phone :	+14803333509

Material	Material Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
BD5M4UT#ABA	HP EliteBook 6 G1i - 16" - Intel Core Ultra 7 255U - 32 GB RAM - 512 GB SSD OMNIA PARTNERS (COBB COUNTY) IT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES(# 23-6692-03) List Price: 1655.99 Discount: 2.838%	1	1,609.00	1,609.00
4J0G4AA#ABA	HP Thunderbolt Dock G4 - docking station - USB-C / Thunderbolt 4 - HDMI, 2 x DP, Thunderbolt, USB-C - 1GbE, 2.5GbE OMNIA PARTNERS (COBB COUNTY) IT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES(# 23-6692-03) List Price: 495.99 Discount: 16.006%	1	416.60	416.60
			Product Subtotal	2,025.60
			TAX	0.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>2,025.60</b>

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Sincerely,

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 SHAWN.WOOD@INSIGHT.COM  
 Fax 4807609899

Lauren Poe  
+14803333509  
LAUREN.POE@INSIGHT.COM

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Insight's online Terms of Sale can be found at the "terms-and-policies" link below.

<https://www.insight.com/terms-and-policies>

City of Nashwauk  
Surplus Equipment Declaration

Department: Street

Surplus Equipment Identified:

old central avenue street lights

Fair Market Value of Surplus Equipment:

\$100.00 each

I have identified the above listed items as surplus equipment and recommend these items be approved as eligible for sale, auction, or donation.

Department Head Signature: Jason Matie



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Date: 07/23/2025

## PROPOSAL

To: City of Nashwauk  
301 Central Ave  
Nashwauk, MN 55769  
Attn: Lance, Jason

Job: Nashwauk Band Stand New Service

We propose to furnish all materials and install work as described below for the net sum of:

Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Five Dollars and 00/100 Dollars: \$3,265.00

Disconnect and remove existing service on the back side of the old Hardware Hank building. Supply and install a new service mast with a new 200 amp meter main with 12 circuits. Supply and install a 2 pole 100 amp breaker with a CGB with Kellem grip to accommodate provisions for the city owned temporary panel. Also included is a Hoffman KO plug for summer months when not in use and the electrical permit.

**TERMS:** Payment Due Upon Completion

The receipt of the following addenda to the specification is acknowledged.

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As per Plans and Specifications drawn by: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

City of \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted by Ross Taylor

**JK Mechanical & Electrical Contractors Inc.**

\*Accepted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This proposal is subject to credit approval and acceptance within 30 days.

\* This proposal signed by you and returned to us shall constitute a contract, and a copy of the same with our signature of a company officer will be returned to you. Any change in contract must be agreed upon in writing. All orders accepted by us with the understanding that we are not to be held liable for non-delivery because of transportation difficulties, labor strikes, fire, war, flood, accidents at factory, or any causes beyond our control.

Quotations subject to change without notice before receipt of acceptance.

We carry in force: Workman's Compensation, Public Liability, and Property Damage Insurance policies.



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Date: 07/23/2025

## PROPOSAL

To: City of Nashwauk  
301 Central Ave  
Nashwauk, MN 55769  
Attn: Lance, April

Job: Nashwauk Parking Lot Concessions  
Electrical Service for 4th of July

We propose to furnish all materials and install work as described below for the net sum of:

Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six Dollars and 00/100 Dollars: \$4,226.00

Disconnect and remove an existing disconnect. Supply and install a new panel 100 amp 3R panel and breakers to serve  
four 20 amp outlets, two 30 amp outlets and two 50 amp outlets all to be mounted on a HDPE sheet complete with wire,  
conduit, weather head and all accessories. Also included is the necessary electrical permit.

**TERMS:** Payment Due Upon Completion

The receipt of the following addenda to the specification is acknowledged.

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**City of Nashwauk  
Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission  
August 19, 2025**

Chairman Latvala called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Nashwauk City Hall.

**Members present:** Chairman Milt Latvala, Commissioner Tom Martire, Commissioner Mark Marinaro, Commissioner Ekholm, Commissioner Anderson.

**Also present:** John Jamnick, April Kurtrock, Joe Peterson, Lance Hopke, Jason Martire.

**Adoption of Agenda**

\*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the agenda of the August 19, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

\*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Martire to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

\*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to approve the claims and file the claims register as official record.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**East Itasca Joint Sewer Project Update**

There was not a meeting held in August.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Street Utility Project Update**

John Jamnick said that applications were in and were waiting for a response from the State agencies to know funding levels. The Commission received the request from the City Council regarding wanting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project to move forward. It is easy to want the project to move forward, but funding is necessary before it can be bid. It is on hold until funding is in place. It is an active utility project that the NPUC is consistently working on. Requests have been submitted to be included on the 2026 IUP.

**Water Tower Restoration**

The Commission decided to wait until the 2024 audit was completed, which would then be submitted to Financial Consultant Mike Bubany to update the projects and receive rate recommendations.

**Joe Peterson Updates**

\*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Martire to approve the quote from Border States in the amount of \$6,342.57 for a primary pedestal.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Commissioner Marinaro asked about the transformer disconnect invoice and if it could be invoiced to the school for those costs. Peterson agreed that it could be invoiced.

Peterson shared an update regarding electrical projects going on at Mesabi Metallica. They have an aggressive timeframe.

Peterson shared information about a grant application through the EDA with the help of ARDC and MMUA. He will apply for a \$5 million project. The grant allows for 80% of project costs.

**New Business**

Lance Hopke said that the Street Department's garage is getting full and needs space for electrical parts, transformers, wire. Commissioner Marinaro requested a quote for the next meeting.

Commissioner Marinaro questioned about the power outage if there was a second way for Nashwauk to be fed. There were multiple outages across the Range, so Minnesota Power was stretched for staffing for response.

Commissioner Anderson asked about the electrical pole at the south end of town where there was a fire on the pole and a power outage. It was a Minnesota Power pole. He said the pole next to it doesn't look so healthy. He wanted to know if the pole could be flagged to Minnesota Power. Joe Peterson said he would look at it.

Jason Martire said that the pumps have been installed in the pump house. Automatic Systems needs to have a rep come to install some software.

**Adjourn**

\*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to adjourn at 1:40 p.m.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

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Secretary



Ms. April Kurtock  
City of Nashwauk  
301 Central Avenue  
Nashwauk, MN 55769

Dear Ms. Kurtock:

As President of the U.S. Highway 169 Range Gateway Coalition, I want to thank you for your membership. Your support helps us advance our mission to make Highway 169 a safer and more efficient route for families, communities, and businesses throughout the Iron Range.

Over the last 50 years, Highway 169 in Northern Minnesota has been slowly expanded and modernized, largely thanks to efforts from residents, organizations, and elected officials in the communities along the corridor. The estimated cost of expanding the total remaining two-lane, 8-mile segment between Taconite and Pengilly is \$150 million. RGC's strong advocacy will be essential to securing the remaining funds needed for planning, engineering and construction.

2025 is the Range Gateway Coalition's first year as an organization, and it was immediately clear to me how important our group is to ensuring this project moves forward. In addition to our efforts to secure new funding at the legislature, we've also pushed MnDOT to make use of the \$10 million in state and federal money that's already been appropriated. Thanks to our continued advocacy, MnDOT has renewed their commitment to the project, has already begun moving forward with the planning process, and is exploring new avenues to advance construction. RGC will remain closely involved to build on this momentum and ensure that progress continues.

I wanted to reach out with information about your RGC membership dues. In order to strengthen our founding membership and give your community a chance to get involved in RGC, the 2025 dues for the City of Nashwauk were paid by Itasca County. **The estimated dues for the City of Nashwauk next year will be \$500 based on the 2025 dues schedule (enclosed).** At the RGC annual meeting later this year, you and other RGC members will approve the 2026 dues schedule, which we anticipate will not change the estimated amount. After the 2026 dues schedule is approved, RGC staff will send an invoice for payment. This letter is not an invoice and is being sent as a reference to consider during your budgeting process for the upcoming year.

Please reach out to Emma Nelson at [ennelson@flaherty-hood.com](mailto:ennelson@flaherty-hood.com) or (651) 259-1936 with any questions about membership dues or about the Range Gateway Coalition.

Once again, thank you for your partnership. I look forward to continuing to work together to finish Highway 169.

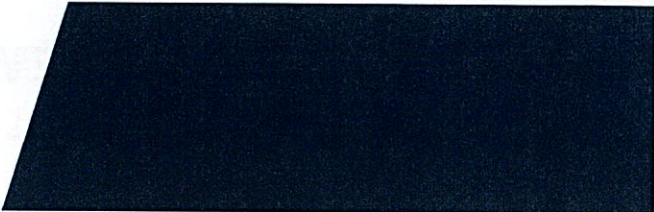
Sincerely,

Casey Venema  
President, Range Gateway Coalition  
Commissioner, Itasca County

525 Park Street #470, St. Paul, MN 55103

(651) 225-8840

[rangepathway.org](http://rangepathway.org)



## 2025 Highway 169 Range Gateway Coalition Dues Schedule

### Local Government Members

	<u>Rate</u>
County	\$15,000
Large City (pop. 10,000 or greater)	\$5,000
Medium City (pop. 5,000-9,999)	\$1,500
Smaller City (pop. 1,000-4,999)	\$750
Small City (pop. less than 1,000)	\$500
Township	\$500

### Affiliate Members

#### Rate

*Affiliate members include other government entities, businesses, chambers of commerce, area economic development organizations, and nonprofit organizations.*

Platinum Membership	\$3,000
Gold Membership	\$2,000
Silver Membership	\$1,500
Bronze Membership	\$750
Nonprofit Membership	\$500

### Individual Members

Individual Membership	\$100
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DEDICATED TO A STRONG GREATER MINNESOTA

August 6, 2025

Ms. April Kurtock  
City of Nashwauk  
301 Central Avenue  
Nashwauk, MN 55769

Dear Ms. Kurtock:

I am honored to have been elected President of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) for 2025-2026 at the CGMC Membership Meeting in July. It was great to be together at the Summer Conference in Bemidji. I want to thank the outgoing CGMC President, Mayor Shelly Carlson from Moorhead, for her leadership and advocacy on behalf of Greater Minnesota over the past year.

Since last November, Minnesota politics has been filled with unprecedented drama and tragedy. The 67-67 tie in the Minnesota House, the closely divided Senate, and the darkening state budget situation proved tremendously challenging to navigate. The murders of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband challenged our very faith in our shared civic life. Through it all, the CGMC has been a steady voice for Greater Minnesota cities.

During the last session, the CGMC was laser-focused on our shared legislative priorities: protecting local government aid (LGA), creating an ongoing sustainable funding program for EMS, passing a bonding bill that invested in water and wastewater treatment projects, and defeating one-size-fits-all zoning mandates from St. Paul. We were successful on all these fronts.

By far, our most important work this last session revolved around protecting the LGA program from cuts. Even as they were proposing new and increased taxes and funding new programs, the Senate DFL proposed cutting \$20 million in LGA. These cuts would have been terrible for Greater Minnesota, and the CGMC was front and center in opposition, calling them out as unnecessary and unfair. Ultimately, the legislature and governor passed a balanced budget that left LGA intact.

### **Path forward requires a focus on the basics**

If 2025 showed one thing, it's that we can't take anything for granted. With state budget uncertainty being the new normal, protecting LGA will again be at the center of our advocacy.

We are also certain that the conversation around housing policy and zoning preemption will continue next year. The CGMC will continue to resist these intrusions on local control and work to focus the legislature on solutions that are more impactful for Greater Minnesota's housing challenges.

Following up on our success last year, we will renew our work to pass another bonding bill that makes investments in water and wastewater infrastructure, the critical Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) grant program, child care, transportation, and important local projects statewide. We will also continue our fight to defeat efforts by metro legislators who seek to undermine key water and wastewater programs at the Public Facilities Authority (PFA).

While we were successful at establishing a program to help EMS providers with their operating deficits—especially in Greater Minnesota—we were disappointed that the program was only funded for one year. One of our key goals for the upcoming year will be to secure ongoing funding for the program so that residents and visitors can know that if they have a health issue or accident, help is on the way.

**Working together for the future of Greater Minnesota**

As I mentioned at the beginning of this letter, I have just come from the CGMC's annual Summer Conference in Bemidji. While there, I was inspired by the commitment of city officials from across the state to our shared work of building strong communities in Greater Minnesota. We have a great CGMC team, and you and your city have been a critical part of it.

As we look forward to next year, I want to explain the invoice included with this letter:

*Invoice for General Dues*—This invoice indicates the cost of your city's CGMC membership for 2025-2026. In recognition of the additional uncertainty and pressures being placed on city budgets, neither the base fee nor the per capita assessment rates have been increased for dues this year. At the CGMC Membership Meeting in July, the membership voted to maintain our current dues rate. If you are a recent member whose dues are still phasing up to their ongoing total, you will see that increase reflected on your invoice. If you are a long-time member, your dues will vary slightly from last year due to population changes. In some cases, your dues may go up slightly, and for some cities, they may be slightly lower than last year.

As stated on the invoices, payment is due by **February 1, 2026**. We encourage cities to pay early if they are able. For any questions about your invoice, please contact CGMC Membership Coordinator Emma Nelson at [ennelson@flaherty-hood.com](mailto:ennelson@flaherty-hood.com) or 651-259-1936.

**Renew your CGMC membership today!**

These are pivotal times for Greater Minnesota. Renew your membership today to help us continue the important work of strengthening our communities. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,



Keri Johnson, St. Peter City Council Member  
President, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities