

City of Nashwauk  
August 26, 2025  
City Council Work Session

Members present: Councilor Bruns, Councilor Martire, Councilor Jensen, Councilor Sullivan, Mayor Heyblom.

Also present: Engineer John Jamnick, Public Works & Utilities Lead Jason Martire, Fire Chief Joe Martire, City Administrator/Clerk April Kurtock.

#### Considering Projects

Mayor Heyblom asked the Councilors to prioritize the projects that the City currently had on their list for consideration. Councilor Sullivan said that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project and the water tower are for the NPUC's consideration and the NPUC needs to work on furthering those projects, not the City.

Regarding buildings, Joe Martire encouraged the Council to focus on the public works building versus the public safety building. There was a Public Works grant through IRRRB, which could fund up to \$1.5 million of the project. The grant guidelines stated that the project need to be ready within a 9-month timeframe and Councilor Bruns asked if that timeframe was realistic for the City's public works building project. Engineer Jamnick said it could be ready within 9 months, but the site location would need to be determined.

Administrator/Clerk Kurtock said the IRRRB has offered this grant for quite some time and will likely continue offering the grant, so if the project is denied, the City can apply again in the future. Kurtock said she would have a resolution on the next Council agenda for Council's consideration, which would allow application to the grant.

Regarding the old school gym, Councilor Bruns said investing the estimated \$980,000 for renovations just so that the building can still exist doesn't make sense. He stated the City couldn't afford the ambulance service, so how can it justify taking on another building with nearly \$1 million in renovation requirements. He stated that when he hears feedback from the community, he tells them if they're so concerned about keeping the building, they should ask the school board to keep it and maintain it, as it is their building.

Councilor Sullivan summarized the history of the property with the school, demolition, conveyance, and the plan for redevelopment. Councilor Martire lamented the loss of the building because it would be a good community center. Mayor Heyblom affirmed the motion that was already passed by Council in March that the City wants to accept conveyance of the property from the school post demolition of all buildings.

Mayor Heyblom adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer