

March 12, 2026

City of Northwood Service Committee Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Northwood Service Committee was called to order at 06:30 PM on March 12, 2026 in the Council Chambers and via Live Stream.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by and those in attendance were as follows: Dean Edwards, Jim Barton, Pat McGaharan, City Administrator Kevin Laughlin, Public Service Director Tom Huntermark and City Engineer Josh Auman.

MOTION: Jim Barton made a motion to **appoint Dean Edwards as Chairman** ; seconded by Pat McGaharan. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Jim Barton, Pat McGaharan; **No:** Dean Edwards; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed; Dean Edwards appointed as Service Committee Chairman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Minutes were not presented.

TOPICS/ISSUES

TRAINFO

Proposal to replace the existing blue-light advanced warning system along Wales Road near the railroad crossing. Current system is unreliable and frequently malfunctions. New system would utilize sensors, beacons (7 total), and integration with navigation apps (e.g., Waze/Google Maps) to reroute traffic. Intended as a short- to mid-term solution while a third overpass project (estimated 5–10 years away) is pursued. System is scalable and could be expanded regionally (e.g., Lake Township, Walbridge).

Costs:

System: \$76,000
Installation (beacons/poles): \$26,690
Annual license/support: approximately \$9,600 (potential discount discussed)

Funding:

Not budgeted; would require appropriation (likely from fund balance or capital improvement funds).

MOTION: Jim Barton made a motion to **recommend to Council**; seconded by Pat McGaharan. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Dean Edwards, Jim Barton, Pat McGaharan; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

Quote for radar detection at Woodville & Wheeling

Existing radar detection system is nonfunctional and currently operating on recall (timed cycles only). Replacement needed for proper traffic signal operation and efficiency.

Cost:

\$30,675

MOTION: Jim Barton made a motion to **approve the purchase** ; seconded by Pat McGaharan. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Dean Edwards, Jim Barton, Pat McGaharan; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

Mower Quotes

Replacement of a 2018 tractor used for right-of-way mowing due to wear and tear.
Vendor: Red Line Equipment (Bowling Green).
Trade-in value: \$45,000

Costs:

New tractor: \$118,570
Net cost after trade-in: \$73,570
Budgeted amount: \$67,693 (increase of \$5,877)

MOTION: Jim Barton made a motion to **recommend the purchase of the mower from Redline \$73,570**; seconded by Pat McGaharan. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Dean Edwards, Jim Barton, Pat McGaharan; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

Discussion regarding the purchase of side and rear mower deck attachments for the new tractor. Noted significant cost increase since 2018.

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Cost:
\$56,815

MOTION: Pat McGaharan made a motion to **recommend purchasing the mower deck attachment**; seconded by Jim Barton. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Dean Edwards, Jim Barton, Pat McGaharan; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

Door Quote

Replacement of five steel man doors at various city facilities:

Two at Fire Station (main)
Two at Tracy Road Fire Station
One at Police Station

Several doors are in poor condition and require immediate replacement.

Cost:
\$18,676 (budgeted)

MOTION: Pat McGaharan made a motion to **recommend approval of the purchase to council**; seconded by Dean Edwards. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Dean Edwards, Jim Barton, Pat McGaharan; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

06:49 PM

ATTEST: Emily Popovitch
Clerk

APPROVED: Dean Edwards
Chair