

Ishpeming City Council Proceedings: December 6, 2024
Ishpeming, MI 49849

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Friday, December 6, 2024, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Pat Scanlon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pat Scanlon, Council Members Ben Argall, Brett Argall, Jason Chapman, and Kurt Kipling. (5).
Absent: None (0). Also present was Interim City Manager Grant Getschow.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling and carried unanimously to accept the agenda as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Approval of Interview Questions

Mayor Scanlon advised any additional interview questions should be directed to him or staff; particularly if there was a second interview scheduled. There was some brief discussion related to the proposed interview questions. It was the consensus of Council to have Interim City Manager Grant Getschow ask the questions to the applicants. It was noted Councilmembers could ask questions regarding answers provided by the applicant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Jason Chapman and carried unanimously to accept the interview questions as presented.

b. Interview with Randy Scholz

City Councilmembers conducted an interview with Randy Scholz and questions were asked as outlined by the Interim City Manager and approved by the Council. Councilmembers also asked any questions relevant to answers provided by the applicant. The applicant was then provided an opportunity to ask any questions of Council.

There was a recess of ten minutes between interviews.

c. Interview with Andrew Duerfeldt

City Councilmembers conducted an interview with Andrew Duerfeldt and questions were asked as outlined by the Interim City Manager and approved by the Council. Councilmembers also asked any questions relevant to answers provided by the applicant. The applicant was then provided an opportunity to ask any questions of Council.

d. Discuss City Manager Position Vacancy

Council discussed the process of seeking applications and discussed both applicants at length. Councilmembers agreed that one applicant had much more overall experience, particularly in working for a municipality, and in different capacities.

Council agreed that Mr. Duerfeldt was a very good candidate, however, he lacked experience. Interim Manager Getschow and Mayor Pat Scanlon would meet with him today to advise.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Jason Chapman and carried unanimously to schedule a second interview, with the City Attorney in attendance, with Randy Scholz and to direct the Interim Manager to begin the reference checks and direct the Police Chief to begin a background check; and, in addition, notification should be provided to Andrew Duerfeldt.

Any questions that individual Councilmembers would like to ask during the second interview should be emailed to Mayor Pat Scanlon, Interim Manager Getschow, and City Clerk Smith.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

At 12.26 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling and carried unanimously to adjourn.



Cathy Smith, City Clerk