1. CALL TO ORDER
The regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Pat Scanlon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. 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 and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall and carried unanimously to add 11(b)(iii) Change Order #3 CWSRF and 11(c)(iii) NMU Ski Race and approve the agenda as amended.

A motion was made by Mayor Pat Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling and carried unanimously to continue with one public comment with a limit of 5 minutes per person to be used for general public comment and/or to speak on an agenda item.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT
Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, thanked Grant Getschow for all his extra efforts during the interim period.

Glen Lerlie, 727 N. First Street, advised he was present to answer any questions on the Special Event Application for the RAMBA Shenanigan's Race at Brasswire.

Tim Hares, 1040 Wabash Street, was present on behalf of the Ishpeming High School Board, and asked Council to still consider allocating the dollars for the tennis court project to the School for reconstruct the tenia courts. The MNRTF grant was not approved by the DNR, but the school would like to still move forward with the project.

Bill Larson, 1000 Old Farm Road, expressed his concerns with the City's decision to stop plowing private property off of Old Farm Road which was done in the past.

Mike Tonkin, 612 N. Third Street, expressed his concern with the removal of the second public comment from the Council agenda; and questioned the use of salt on the roads versus sand.

Jeff DeGabriele, 413 Vine Street, thanked the Mayor for finding Council training; and expressed his concerns with some of the information on Councilmember Jason Chapman's Facebook page; and questioned the off-street parking by some residents on Marquette Street.

Sara Suardini, representing Superior Connections, provided an update advising their organization has restructured and they look forward to contributing to the community in a positive way. They handed out some contact information for members of their organization.

Ray Chapman, 204 Ready Street, advised there has been no violation of parking at 204 Marquette Street by his family and he did not think politics should be brought up during public comment and thought some of the comments made during public comment were out of line.

Kathy Schooler, 769 Michigan Street, pointed out everyone should be working toward the betterment of the City of Ishpeming and all the arguing should stop.

Amy Lerlie, 725 N. First, thanked Council for approving all the special events in the City and thank Interim Manager Grant Getschow for all his hard work over the last several months.

Jason Chapman introduced the students from Westwood High School, Nathan Gray and Lucy Ostola, who was working with Rose Chivens for the West End Youth Center, and, he advised he would be the liaison to the Board and would report information back to Council.

6. MANAGER OFFER OF INFORMATION
Interim Manager Getschow explained the dollars allocated towards the tennis courts by the City were for the match for the grant and the grant was not received. He added part of the challenge is to apply City funds where it is a benefit to the majority of the community; and, with the large water project beginning, the City would have a limited amount of time, while the ground was open, to put the funds towards infrastructure.

7. CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Jason Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (January 15, 2025)
b. Approval of Disbursements
c. Declare 330 library books and 7 plastic children's chairs as surplus
d. Reappoint Dave Leverton to a 5-year term on the Compensation Commission: Term Exp. 2/2030

8. MONTHLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS
a. Financial Statement Report
Interim City Manager Grant Getschow reviewed the unaudited balance sheet including the General Fund, Major and Local Streets, Sewer and Garbage fund, DDA, and Police and Fire Retirement Fund for the period ending January 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall and carried unanimously to approve the unaudited financial report as presented.

9. PUBLIC HEARING – There were none.
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was none.

11. NEW BUSINESS
a. Presentation from Ashley Roberts, Ishpeming Senior Center
Ashley Roberts, Executive Director of the Senior Center, provided a brochure of information to the Council and gave a brief history of the programming offered and the number of employees on staff at the Senior Center; advised the new building has brought many opportunities for programming that could not be offered in the old building; and noted approximately 50-75 people visit the center daily which does not include the number of seniors that visit the caseworkers. She summarized some of the services provided by the caseworkers to seniors in the City as well as surrounding municipalities.

b. Project Pay Applications
i. Second Street Storm Sewer: Payne and Dolan Pay Application #2 – Chris Holmes explained there was some retainage left for this project so that in the spring the work can be evaluated and reviewed for final payment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall and carried unanimously to approve Payne and Dolan Pay Application #2 as presented in the amount of $30,471.24 pending the signing of the contract by Payne and Dolan.

ii. Resolution #4-2025, Pay Application Reimbursement Request – CWSRF –A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling and carried unanimously to approve the reimbursement request for the CWSRF pending EGLE's approval.

iii. Change Order #3 – CWSRF – Chris Holmes reviewed the change order and explained there were two items that would be non-participating and would be paid for from City funds instead of the loan for the CWSRF project. He advised Council action would be contingent upon EGLE's approval of the change order.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #3 for the CWSRF as presented pending EGLE's approval.

c. Special Event Applications
i. RAMBA Shenanigan's Mountain Bike Race – Brasswire Campground: August 22-24, 2025 – A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Jason Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the event as presented.

ii. Dancing with the Stars Team Congo Fundraiser – Tube Hill: February 22, 2025 – A motion was made by Mayor Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Jason Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the event and waive the fee for the event.

iii. NMU Ski Race: February 21-22, 2025 – A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kipling and carried unanimously to approve the event as presented.

d. Resolution #2-2025, Charitable Gaming-Raffle License for the Bell Auxiliary
A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #2-2025 for the raffle license for Bell Auxiliary.

e. Resolution #3-2025, Accept Application for NEZ Certificate: 314 S. Lake Street
Interim Manager Grant Getschow gave a brief review of the NEZ certificate process.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #3-2025 as presented for the NEZ certificate for 314 S. Lake Street.

f. Amendments to the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority Articles of Incorporation
Bob Hendrickson, Trail Administrator, was asking Council to support and adopt the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation. He advised Ely, Humboldt, and Republic voted to participate and were added to the Articles and the second change was to amend the governing board to include a County representative that must be an elector of Marquette County.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall and carried unanimously to approve the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation as presented by the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority and authorize the signature of the Articles of Incorporation.

g. Request to use Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction to auction surplus DPW vehicles/equipment
A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall and carried unanimously to approve the requested from staff to utilize Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction for the sale of DPW vehicles/equipment.

h. Confirm purchase of DPW SnoGo
A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling and carried unanimously to confirm the purchase of the DPW SnoGo for $59,000.

i. Discussion concerning administration of Ordinance #12-100
Interim Manager Getschow reviewed the language in the ordinance related to the ready to serve charge for all residences in the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall and carried unanimously to support the enforcement of Ordinance 12-100 and 12-800 supporting the ready to serve charges.

j. Amendment to the Traffic Control Orders per the Uniform Traffic Control Code: No Parking Designation Division and Fourth Street

Police Chief Chad Radabaugh explained the Police Department's concerns with the parking on Division and Pearl Street near the school. He advised this order would remove the time frame from the signage at these two locations. Handicapped parking would remain.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall and carried unanimously to approve the traffic control order amendment as requested.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Jason Chapman advised he would continue to work to make this community better; he added it does not take effort to be nice but it does take effort to be mean; he did not like the personal attacks at the podium and he did not like anonymous letters being sent about staff; he would start to hold his coffee hours again and Councilmember Brett Argall would also like to participate; and he joined the West End Youth Center Steering Committee and he would continue to share information and update Council on the progress. He Thanked Grant Getschow, Cathy Smith, and Bill Anderson for stepping up during the interim period.

Councilmember Brett Argall attended two school board meetings; he was very impressed with the leadership and the student body at the School; attended the DDA meeting and a new Chair and Vice Chair were appointed; attended the virtual MML training earlier this month; attended a ribbon cutting; and thanked DPW for repairing the water main break.

Councilmember Kurt Kipling attended the Central Dispatch meeting; announced the Meet and Greet for new manager Randy Scholz to be held at the Senior Center on Friday, February 28th from 11:00 -1:00 p.m.; thanked the Polar Roll for their event in Ishpeming; attended the ribbon cutting; and would like signage installed on the 41 corridor and M-28 for the Brasswire Campground.

Councilmember Ben Argall attended his first Planning Commission meeting; attended the virtual training from MML; and attended an event at the Landmark.

Mayor Pat Scanlon announced there would be special meeting of Council on March 26th and a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 2nd; and noted there would be further discussion on the tennis court project with the grant not being approved by the DNR.

13. MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Getschow advised staff would like to confirm pay applications rather than provide pay application to Council before payment; briefly discussed the construction on Third Street along with the upcoming DWSRF projects.

A motion was made by Mayor Pat Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling and carried unanimously to concur with the recommendation to confirm pay applications for construction projects after payment.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:04 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling , seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Cathy Smith

Cathy Smith, City Clerk