

Ishpeming City Council Proceedings: March 26, 2025
Ishpeming, MI 49849

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Pat Scanlon called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pat Scanlon, Council Members Ben Argall, Brett Argall, and Jason Chapman. (4). Absent: Councilmember Kurt Kipling (1). Also present was City Manager Randy Scholz and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pat Scanlon recommended that item (a) be discussed after items (b) – (e) on the agenda. A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall and carried unanimously to approve the agenda incorporating the change recommended by the Mayor.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

(b.) Resolution #6-2025, Designate Authorized Official for the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 6-2025 as presented.

(c.) Resolution #7-2025, Designate Authorized Official for the Technical, Managerial, and Financial Support for Lead Service Line Replacement Grant

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 7-2025 as presented.

(d.) Resolution #8-2025, Designating Authorized Project Representative for Clean Water State Revolving Fund

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 8-2025 as presented.

(e.) Resolution #9-2025, Designating Authorized Project Representative for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 9-2025 as presented.

(a.) Discussion on Waste Water Treatment Plant Interlocal Agreement

Mayor Scanlon advised this was basically an informational meeting and no action would be taken.

Casey Rose, Director at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), discussed a proposed project to reduce the tons of biosolids hauled to the landfill which was very costly and he discussed some of the future proposed upgrades to the facility. In addition, he talked about the problems the WWTP has with financing and added the current interlocal agreement will expire on January 1, 2030.

Kevin Kilby, Waste Water Treatment Plant Attorney, summarized how the Board was currently formed and what some of the pros and cons would be of extending the interlocal agreement. He advised the problem with extending is the Board is not able to bond. He further discussed dissolving the current Board and forming an Authority which falls under Public Act 233 of 1955. In discussing the various options, and noted some of the issues that could occur with employees and benefits with the creation of the Authority.

There was also discussion related to the current agreement with the City of Negaunee as a customer of the WWTP and the possibility of extending the opportunity for Negaunee to buy in as an owner.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:06 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall and carried unanimously to adjourn.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cathy Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Cathy Smith, City Clerk