

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, 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 City Manager Randy Scholz.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Tonkin, 612 N. Third Street, would like to see funding submitted to the State for a new fire truck and repairs to the fire tower; he spoke to the condition of the fire tower and the issues he believed cause the failure to the brick; and suggested the DPW be moved to a new location and the existing structure be used to house the police and fire department.

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

(a) Request for State funding for Police/Fire/DPW Building or a new Fire Truck

Manager Randy Scholz explained he received notification from the State late on Tuesday that funding may be available for the fire hall facility or a new fire truck, but the application was due by end of the day today and asked Council for direction on what to include in the application.

Tanner Orban, attending via Zoom, Legislative Aide for State Representative Karl Bohnak, introduced himself and explained what funding was available and noted there was no local match requirement and it would be a lump sum payment. There was discussion related to any reporting requirements, length of time to utilize the funds, the maximum award possible, and the plans/design required for submittal.

Mayor Pat Scanlon explained there currently was no plan for construction of a new fire hall; however, there were estimates for the repairs to the fire tower and specs and cost for a fire truck. He suggested these were the two items that funds should be requested for. He added Council should ask the Manager to move forward with beginning to put plans together for the construction of a new facility for future opportunities to request funding.

Councilmember Ben Argall, Kurt Kipling, and Brett Argall agreed with pursuing funding for repairs to the fire tower and the purchase of a new fire truck.

Councilmember Jason Chapman agreed but also would like to continue to pursue a new facility for police and fire. There was discussion related to some of the police and fire department needs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pat Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling and carried unanimously to direct the Manager to request the funds for a fire truck and request restoration funds for the fire tower.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 a.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall and carried unanimously to adjourn.



Cathy Smith, City Clerk