

ISHPEMING CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers, 100 E. Division Street, Ishpeming MI (906) 485-1091

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Public Comment** *(limit 5 minutes per person--to be used for general public comment or to speak on agenda items)*
- 6. Manager Offer of Information**
- 7. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (May 21, 2025)
 - b. Approval of Disbursements
 - c. Mayor reappointment of Darren Boldt to a 5-year term on the Library Board: Term Exp: 5/30
- 8. Monthly Reports from Departments**
 - a. Financial Statement Report
 - b. DPW Update
 - c. Police Department Update – MCOLES Audit
- 9. Public Hearings** *(limit 3 minutes per person) – None*
- 10. Unfinished Business**
 - a. 2025 Water and Sewer Rates
- 11. New Business**
 - a. Special Event Applications
 - i. Buzz the Gut: 8/9/2025
 - ii. Swim Teal Lake-Benefit for Diabetes: 7/26/2025
 - b. Final Payment to Payne and Dolan for Second Street Storm Sewer Improvements
 - c. Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
 - i. Resolution # 16-2025, DWSRF Reimbursement #3
 - ii. Resolution # 17-2025, CWSRF Reimbursement
 - d. 2025 Native American Heritage Fund Grant Application: Jiikakamiigad Powwow in Ishpeming
 - e. Approval of RAMBA beginner trail and bridge project
 - f. MERS Defined Contribution Plan – Contribution Addendum
 - g. Amendments to Policy #304: Utility Billing and Payment Policy
 - h. First Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-600: Regulating Fences
 - i. First Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-100, Zoning Ordinance: RZ2025-01 from Industrial to General Residential
 - j. Addendum to Water Tank Maintenance Contract with Utility Services Company
 - k. Declare Police Department Code Vehicle as surplus
 - l. DPW request to purchase new pickup truck through State of Michigan MiDeal Contract
 - m. New Photocopier Lease for City Hall through State of Michigan MiDeal Contract
 - n. Amendment to the 2025 Fee Schedule
 - o. Schedule Special City Council meeting
 - i. Confirm July 9, 2025 – Information/Listening Session regarding Fluoride
 - ii. Schedule Meeting for Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) to consider purchase or lease of real property
- 12. Mayor and Council Reports**
- 13. Manager's Report**
- 14. Adjournment**



Randy Scholz, City Manager

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GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	YTD BALANCE 05/31/2025 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 05/31/2025 INCREASE (DECREASE)
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND			
TAX REVENUE		1,656,307.68	146,128.41
LICENSES & PERMITS		59,675.53	22,638.34
STATE GRANTS		35,294.42	12,754.04
STATE REVENUE		172,570.00	0.00
FINES & FORFEITS		24,324.37	3,924.49
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		402,897.99	54,357.97
CONTRIBUTIONS		10,188.05	16.57
INTEREST & RENTS		16,732.64	9,486.72
LAND SALE & LEASES		1,536.74	0.00
REIMBURSEMENTS & INSURANCE PROCEEDS		7,192.40	0.90
TOTAL REVENUES		2,386,719.82	249,307.44
PERSONNEL SERVICES		1,309,326.48	373,777.44
EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES		168,909.08	52,076.30
UTILITIES		97,992.41	22,654.51
OTHER SERVICES		41,657.02	8,200.00
PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACT SERVICES		115,880.11	44,739.98
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE		6,884.05	433.88
DEBT SERVICE		297,643.54	0.00
EQUIPMENT RENTALS		948.63	31.26
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,039,241.32	501,913.37
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:			
TOTAL REVENUES		2,386,719.82	249,307.44
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,039,241.32	501,913.37
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		347,478.50	(252,605.93)
BEG. FUND BALANCE		924,659.71	
NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2024		(2,378.61)	
END FUND BALANCE		1,269,759.60	

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Fund 202 - MAJOR STREETS			
	STATE REVENUE	368,555.01	117,939.61
	INTEREST & RENTS	9,334.71	6,119.62
	TOTAL REVENUES	377,889.72	124,059.23
	PERSONNEL SERVICES	146,698.34	23,917.63
	EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	48,517.28	1,575.78
	DEBT SERVICE	27,141.00	0.00
	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	181,863.30	17,954.82
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	404,219.92	43,448.23
Fund 202 - MAJOR STREETS:			
	TOTAL REVENUES	377,889.72	124,059.23
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	404,219.92	43,448.23
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	(26,330.20)	80,611.00
	BEG. FUND BALANCE	692,602.82	
	NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2024	304,416.39	
	END FUND BALANCE	970,689.01	

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Fund 203 - LOCAL STREETS			
STATE REVENUE		184,116.39	48,814.34
INTEREST & RENTS		7,634.37	4,700.82
TOTAL REVENUES		191,750.76	53,515.16
PERSONNEL SERVICES		105,302.14	25,423.41
EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES		9,808.42	4,090.57
DEBT SERVICE		33,885.00	0.00
EQUIPMENT RENTALS		126,141.60	29,715.72
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		275,137.16	59,229.70
Fund 203 - LOCAL STREETS:			
TOTAL REVENUES		191,750.76	53,515.16
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		275,137.16	59,229.70
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(83,386.40)	(5,714.54)
BEG. FUND BALANCE		674,266.43	
NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2024		154,156.14	
END FUND BALANCE		745,036.17	

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Fund 248 - DDA			
TAX REVENUE		240,400.28	0.00
CONTRIBUTIONS		100.00	0.00
INTEREST & RENTS		6,783.94	4,207.83
TOTAL REVENUES		247,284.22	4,207.83
PERSONNEL SERVICES		9,340.71	5,969.85
EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES		1,389.39	1,321.75
PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACT SERVICES		21,634.28	3,908.34
DEBT SERVICE		132,762.00	0.00
EQUIPMENT RENTALS		265.64	265.64
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		165,392.02	11,465.58
Fund 248 - DDA:			
TOTAL REVENUES		247,284.22	4,207.83
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		165,392.02	11,465.58
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		81,892.20	(7,257.75)
BEG. FUND BALANCE		833,485.96	
NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2024		131,370.26	
END FUND BALANCE		1,046,748.42	

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Fund 401 - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND			
	TAX REVENUE	526,457.04	45,758.18
	INTEREST & RENTS	11,157.85	5,934.02
	TOTAL REVENUES	537,614.89	51,692.20
	EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	145,765.66	9,865.38
	OTHER SERVICES	4,816.20	0.00
	PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACT SERVICES	284,504.34	0.00
	DEBT SERVICE	41,202.00	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	476,288.20	9,865.38
Fund 401 - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND:			
	TOTAL REVENUES	537,614.89	51,692.20
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	476,288.20	9,865.38
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	61,326.69	41,826.82
	BEG. FUND BALANCE	611,293.39	
	NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2024	267,699.39	
	END FUND BALANCE	940,319.47	

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Fund 590 - SEWER FUND			
	FINES & FORFEITS	6,080.28	1,704.75
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	630,223.42	156,447.09
	INTEREST & RENTS	47,227.07	22,203.47
	FEDERAL GRANTS	2,426,341.71	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	3,109,872.48	180,355.31
	PERSONNEL SERVICES	119,033.02	30,546.47
	EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	41,058.08	32,246.27
	UTILITIES	2,169.20	380.72
	PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACT SERVICES	2,635,222.27	11,076.20
	DEBT SERVICE	86,216.44	0.00
	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	64.26	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,883,763.27	74,249.66
Fund 590 - SEWER FUND:			
	TOTAL REVENUES	3,109,872.48	180,355.31
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,883,763.27	74,249.66
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	226,109.21	106,105.65
	BEG. FUND BALANCE	10,246,693.25	
	NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2024	1,298,014.00	
	END FUND BALANCE	11,770,816.46	

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Fund 591 - WATER FUND			
	LICENSES & PERMITS	269.71	0.00
	STATE GRANTS	89,002.91	0.00
	FINES & FORFEITS	10,400.36	3,180.04
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	907,438.71	227,094.95
	INTEREST & RENTS	23,715.51	13,373.12
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,030,827.20	243,648.11
	PERSONNEL SERVICES	279,619.98	60,934.68
	EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	32,947.19	12,337.36
	UTILITIES	15,426.56	3,718.50
	OTHER SERVICES	2,612.30	0.00
	PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACT SERVICES	1,062,598.64	252,882.67
	DEBT SERVICE	105,446.75	0.00
	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	575.40	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,499,226.82	329,873.21
Fund 591 - WATER FUND:			
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,030,827.20	243,648.11
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,499,226.82	329,873.21
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	(468,399.62)	(86,225.10)
	BEG. FUND BALANCE	10,406,306.47	
	NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2024	354,286.32	
	END FUND BALANCE	10,292,193.17	

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Fund 596 - GARBAGE/RECYCLE			
	FINES & FORFEITS	3,945.34	1,172.31
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	293,495.05	74,554.07
	INTEREST & RENTS	6,087.13	3,565.49
TOTAL REVENUES		303,527.52	79,291.87
	PERSONNEL SERVICES	7,417.88	5,151.98
	EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	67,504.79	500.00
	UTILITIES	2,415.58	605.93
	PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACT SERVICES	202,866.17	125,215.71
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		280,204.42	131,473.62
Fund 596 - GARBAGE/RECYCLE:			
TOTAL REVENUES		303,527.52	79,291.87
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		280,204.42	131,473.62
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		23,323.10	(52,181.75)
BEG. FUND BALANCE		520,218.14	
NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2024		81,920.46	
END FUND BALANCE		625,461.70	

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Fund 732 - POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT			
TAX REVENUE		268,391.64	23,152.83
CONTRIBUTIONS		20,728.00	6,451.13
INTEREST & RENTS		213,479.72	193,680.18
TOTAL REVENUES		502,599.36	223,284.14
PERSONNEL SERVICES		210,683.09	44,692.77
PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACT SERVICES		15,783.22	3.29
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		226,466.31	44,696.06
Fund 732 - POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT:			
TOTAL REVENUES		502,599.36	223,284.14
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		226,466.31	44,696.06
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		276,133.05	178,588.08
BEG. FUND BALANCE		4,877,021.00	
NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2024		366,002.83	
END FUND BALANCE		5,519,156.88	
TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS		8,688,085.97	1,209,361.29
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		8,249,939.44	1,206,214.81
BEG. FUND BALANCE - ALL FUNDS		438,146.53	3,146.48
END FUND BALANCE - ALL FUNDS		29,786,547.17	
		33,180,180.88	

City of Ishpeming Statement of Explanation

1. Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: Water and Sewer Rates – Fee Schedule

Department: Finance

Prepared By (Name & Title): Grant Getschow, Deputy Manager/Finance Director

Date Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 06/11/2025

2. Background & Purpose

Purpose / Background: Council voted to postpone the annual water and sewer rate hikes until June 2025.

3. Fiscal Impact

Total Cost / Revenue Impact: A potential 5% rate increase.

Funding Source(s):

4. Recommended Action & Alternatives

Alternatives Considered (Anticipate questions): We paused the rate increase to watch how revenues performed.

Recommended Action: I recommend no rate increase be made in 2025.

5. Approval & Routing

Department Head Approval

(Name & Signature):  Date: 6/11/25

6. Attachments / Exhibits : Year-to-date water revenues.

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Fund 590 - SEWER FUND						
Revenues						
Dept 000 - NON DEPARTMENTAL						
590-000-641.000	METERED SALES	1,841,784.53	625,906.04	154,980.81	1,215,878.49	33.98
Total Dept 000 - NON DEPARTMENTAL		1,841,784.53	625,906.04	154,980.81	1,215,878.49	33.98
TOTAL REVENUES		1,841,784.53	625,906.04	154,980.81	1,215,878.49	33.98
Fund 590 - SEWER FUND:						
TOTAL REVENUES		1,841,784.53	625,906.04	154,980.81	1,215,878.49	33.98
Fund 591 - WATER FUND						
Revenues						
Dept 000 - NON DEPARTMENTAL						
591-000-641.000	METERED WATER SALES	2,613,727.33	863,398.46	214,679.70	1,750,328.87	33.03
Total Dept 000 - NON DEPARTMENTAL		2,613,727.33	863,398.46	214,679.70	1,750,328.87	33.03
TOTAL REVENUES		2,613,727.33	863,398.46	214,679.70	1,750,328.87	33.03
Fund 591 - WATER FUND:						
TOTAL REVENUES		2,613,727.33	863,398.46	214,679.70	1,750,328.87	33.03
TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS		4,455,511.86	1,489,304.50	369,660.51	2,966,207.36	33.43

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City of Ishpeming Statement of Explanation

1. Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: 2025 Native American Heritage Fund Grant Application: Jiikakamiigad Powwow in Ishpeming

Department: City Manager

Prepared By (Name & Title): Randy Scholz, City Manager

Date Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 06/12/2025

2. Background & Purpose

The City Manager was contacted and asked to submit a grant application to help fund a Powwow in the City of Ishpeming. The grant needed to be submitted by June 6, 2025. I did not have time to bring it to Council before submission. If Council decides not to move forward, I can withdraw the application.

3. Fiscal Impact

Total Cost / Revenue Impact: The estimated budget for the event is \$23,000. The request for the grant is \$20,000. The remaining amount would be raised by the event. There is no cost to the City for the grant. The City Manager will spend time managing the grant.

Funding Source(s): Grant and fund raisers.

4. Recommended Action & Alternatives

Alternatives Considered (Anticipate questions): The City does not have to submit for the grant. The City would still need to approve the event.

Recommended Action: Approve the grant application and authorize the City Manager to manage the grant.

5. Approval & Routing

Department Head Approval

(Name & Signature): R. J. Kelly Date: 6.12.25

6. Attachments / Exhibits

Application.

City of Ishpeming Statement of Explanation

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1. Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: Approval of RAMBA Beginner Trail and Bridge Project

Department: City manager

Prepared By (Name & Title): Randy Scholz, City Manager

Date Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 06/12/2025

2. Background & Purpose

RAMBA has proposed the construction of a beginner trail and a bridge on City property. The project is intended to expand trail access to new and younger riders and improve connectivity. This approval is for the concept of the project, with the understanding that a lease agreement for all related trails, bridges, and structures will be developed and brought to the Council for approval later.

3. Fiscal Impact

Total Cost / Revenue Impact: There is no cost to the City. RAMBA will fund the project and manage construction.

Funding Source(s): RAMBA and its supporting partners.

4. Recommended Action & Alternatives

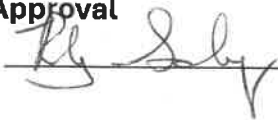
Alternatives Considered (Anticipate questions): The City could choose not to approve the project, delaying expansion of the trail system.

Recommended Action: Approve the RAMBA beginner trail and bridge project, with the understanding that a lease agreement will be developed and approved separately.

5. Approval & Routing

Department Head Approval

(Name & Signature):



Date: 6-12-25

6. Attachments / Exhibits

Site map, project overview, and proposed trail/bridge layout.



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May 7, 2025

Randy Scholz, City Manager
City of Ishpeming
100 E. Division Street
Ishpeming, MI 49849

Mr. Scholz,

In 2023, RAMBA, on the direction of then City Manager, applied for and obtained a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy permit to construct a bridge over Partridge Creek as part of constructing a low skill trail for use by all. RAMBA has long been committed to achieving this construction based on community feedback. The new trail will start at the HOB (Howard Oil Building) Trailhead and will meander around the adjacent area near the parking lot, skill park, and existing pump track. We see this trail as an opportunity to grown the outdoor enthusiast community and to provide free outdoor recreation for all.

The permit issue date was 9/12/2023 and expires 9/12/2028. It must be signed by the Permittee to be valid. We did observe they have listed (p. 1) RAMBA as the Permittee. We do not know if that is permissible as the property belongs to the City. With clarification and signing, RAMBA is committed to proceeding as described within the General Permit Authorization and its attachments.

We hope you agree this project is worthy and look forward to your guidance in moving forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glen Lertie

Glen Lertie, President
RAMBA

Attach. EGLE Notice of Authorization

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City of Ishpeming Statement of Explanation

1. Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: MERS Defined Contribution Plan - Contribution Addendum

Department: City Manager's office

Date Submitted: 6-12-2025

Prepared By (Name & Title): Cathy Smith, City Clerk

2. Background & Purpose

During AFSCME union negotiations, it was agreed that the employer contribution for the MERS Defined Contribution Plan would increase from 11% to 13%. MERS requires this addendum to the original Plan Agreement notating this increase.

3. Fiscal Impact

Total Cost / Revenue Impact:

Funding Source(s):

4. Alternatives:

None

5. Recommended Action:

Approve the MERS Defined Contribution Plan Addendum as presented.

5. Department Head Approval

Name: Cathy Smith

Signature: 

Date: 6-12-2025

6. Attachments / Exhibits

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Contribution Addendum for MERS Defined Contribution (and DC portion of Hybrid)



1134 Municipal Way Lansing, MI 48917 | 800.767.2308 | Fax 517.703.9711

www.mersofmich.com

This is an Addendum to the Adoption Agreement completed by City of Ishpeming

Name of Participating Employer

for the following:

All FT Employees after 1/1/2020

Employee Group Name

Division Code: 110645

The Addendum accompanies the MERS 401(a) Defined Contribution (DC) Adoption Agreement. Please complete this addendum for each contribution structure associated with the covered employee group.

Section 1: Matching Contributions

The Participating Employer will make matching contributions into the DC Plan based on

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- ☐ Employee's MERS 457 program election
- ☐ Employee's non-MERS 457 program election
- ☐ Employee's one-time election of MERS Defined Contribution required employee contributions
- ☐ Other _____

For each payroll period in which employee contributions described in Section 1 are made, the Participating Employer will contribute _____% of the employee contribution amount.

For example, if an Employer elects a 50% match, then for every 1% the participant defers to the Program, the Employer will contribute 0.5% to the Program.

Employer Cap: The Employer elects the following matching contribution cap:

- ☐ **Percentage Cap:** In no event will matching contributions made on behalf of a participant exceed _____% of the participant's IRS Section 401(a)(17) includable compensation as defined by the Employers' Adoption Agreement. Match cannot exceed 100% of participant's income.
- ☒ **Flat Dollar Cap:** In no event will matching contributions made on behalf of a participant exceed a flat dollar amount equal to \$_____ per _____.

Contribution Addendum for MERS Defined Contribution (and DC portion of Hybrid)



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Section 2: Required DC Contributions

Select one:

- ☐ Employees are required to contribute per pay period: _____ (specify \$ or %)
- ☒ Range from _____ to _____ (specify \$ or %) per pay period
- ☐ Employee contributions must be in whole numbers
- ☐ Employee contribution election may be in increments of _____% (for example, 0.5% increments)
- ☒ Choice of contribution amounts per pay period:

Employee Contribution (\$ or %)	Employer Contribution (\$ or %)

The Employer designates _____ (specify \$ or %) as the default contribution

Federal law requires employees only be offered a contribution choice at the time of first eligibility. Therefore, the default will apply when an eligible employee fails to make an election prior to the first payroll reporting in which they qualified for the plan, and those employees who are transferred, rehired, or previously covered under a non-MERS plan.

Direct Required Employee Contributions: ☐ Pre-tax ☒ After-tax

Section 3: Non-Matching Contributions

The Employer hereby elects to make contributions to the participants' accounts without regard to a participant's contribution amount (check all that apply):

- ☐ **Annual:** A one-time annual contribution of \$ _____ or _____% of compensation per participant.
- ☒ **Pay Period:** \$ _____ or ¹³ _____% of compensation per participant for each payroll period.
- ☐ **One time:** \$ _____.

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City of Ishpeming Statement of Explanation

1. Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: Policy 304 Revisions

Department: Finance

Prepared By (Name & Title): Grant Getschow, Deputy Manager/Finance Director

Date Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 06/11/2025

2. Background & Purpose

Purpose / Background: To revise and clarify the city's utility billing schedule and procedures to provide residents with a fair and predicable billing cycle.

3. Fiscal Impact

Total Cost / Revenue Impact: N/A

Funding Source(s):


4. Recommended Action & Alternatives

Alternatives Considered (Anticipate questions): We have experience with our old billing cycle and have tested similar alternatives between January 2025 and now.

Recommended Action: I recommend adopting the proposed policy revisions.

5. Approval & Routing

Department Head Approval

(Name & Signature):  Date: 6/11/25

6. Attachments / Exhibits : Policy 304 draft, Calander for reference.

Date Adopted May 23, 2016Date Amended: ~~September 6, 2023~~ 6/18/2025**POLICY FOR UTILITY BILLING AND PAYMENT PROCESS**

When an account is opened a \$250 deposit is required. Deposits are refundable for any account kept in good standing as defined by ordinance 12-100 (6). Deposits shall be billed and collected along with the first usage charges on the all new accounts. There will be no treatment differentiating unpaid deposits from past due balances.

~~Each month after the initial bill, On the 8th of each month, a monthly bill covering approximately thirty (30) days of water-bill, sewer, and garbage usage (please note that the 30 period may vary due to equipment or staff availability) is sent out to each customer on a monthly cycle and is due twenty-five (25) days after the billing date (as posted on the bill) the 5th of the following month. If this bill goes unpaid, upon the due date, a 5% penalty is added to the past due balance. when the next bill is prepared in the billing cycle. If a past due balance remains unpaid by the 15th the month (10 days after the due date), a letter of disconnect (shut off notice) for the total amount owed will be issued. A corresponding fee of \$25 will be assessed to the account. This letter of disconnect will allow until the 25th of the month, as a final payment window prior to disconnection of service. Any unpaid delinquent balance remaining on the 26th will result in disconnection of service. To restore service, the full utility account balance, including disconnect notices, turn-off fees, and turn-on fees, must be paid in full. In addition, service shall not be restored to any account without a \$250 deposit on file.~~

~~After disconnect, payments must be made with cash, a money order or by credit card. Personal checks are not accepted for restoration of service.~~

If a customer is unable to pay the utility bill in full they may fill out an Application for Temporary Extension to receive up to two weeks of relief or an Application of Hardship for an extension up to two months of relief prior to a letter of disconnect being issued. Temporary Extensions and Hardship Applications are no longer issued once a disconnect letter is sent. However, payment extensions of two weeks may be given regardless of door hanger status to allow for additional processing time upon receipt of a signed promise to pay, or written commitment from an aid agency. Either application can be found online, picked up in person at City Hall or mailed upon request. The applications are to be filled out completely, signed, and returned in person to the Utility Billing Department. Application for Hardship Extension can only be filed once annually per address per customer. Application for Temporary Extension may be filed more than once per year per customer; however, after the first application, a \$20.00 processing fee must be paid with each application that is turned in. The Utility Department has the authority to deny an Application for Temporary Extension or Hardship at its sole discretion.

~~If a past due utility balance remains unpaid at the time the current bill is due, a letter of disconnect for the total amount owed will be issued. A fee of \$25.00 is assessed to the account. This letter of disconnect will allow six days from postmark as a final payment window prior to disconnection of~~

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~~service. After six days from postmark, if the account balance and disconnect notice fee is not paid in full, the City may shut off utility service. Upon shut off a door hanger, stating the utilities have been shut off due to nonpayment, will be left at the property resulting in an additional \$25.00 fee. To restore service, the utility account, disconnect notice and door hanger charges and the disconnection and reconnection charges must be paid in full. In addition, service shall not be restored to any account without a \$250 deposit on file.~~

~~After disconnect, payments must be made with cash, a money order or by credit card. Personal checks are not accepted once the service has been disconnected.~~

The City of Ishpeming will not be tracking payment plans. The City will manage the Utility Billing system as outlined in Ordinance 12-100 . Payments by customers made outside of these guidelines must have a current and approved Application for Temporary Extension, Application for Hardship Extension, or a signed promise to pay from a local aid agency filed with the City.

At the discretion of the City Manager or the Department of Public Works Director this policy may be lifted in times of extreme weather. The City shall not be required to inform customers of the lift in policy. When lifted, the policy becomes effective immediately on April 1st or as soon as weather permits with disconnect notice going to customers with a past due balance the month prior to enforcing the policy.

July 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5 PRIOR BILLS DUE	6
7	8 CURRENT BILLS ISSUED	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 SHUT-OFF NOTICES SENT	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 FINAL DAY TO PAY DELINQUENT BALANCES	26 SHUT-OFF	27
28	29	30	31			

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City of Ishpeming Statement of Explanation

1. Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: 11h. First Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-600

Department: City Attorney

Date Submitted: 6/12/2025

Prepared By (Name & Title): Caroline Bridges

2. Background & Purpose

The current Fences Ordinance carries Misdemeanor penalties for erecting a fence that does not conform to its requirements, including jail time. This seems a very heavy and inappropriate penalty for a fence violation. We have converted most City Ordinances to Civil Infractions, which carry more appropriate penalties and are easier to enforce.

3. Fiscal Impact

Total Cost / Revenue Impact: none

Funding Source(s):

4. Alternatives:

Motion to approve the dates with specific changes.

5. Recommended Action:

Motion to approve the draft of the First Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-600, Fence Ordinance.

5. Department Head Approval

Name: Caroline Bridges

Signature: _____

Date: 6/12/2025

6. Attachments / Exhibits

ORDINANCE NO. 8-600
~~AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FENCES IN THE CITY OF ISHPEMING~~
FENCES

THE CITY OF ISHPEMING ORDAINS:

Section 8-601. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms are herewith defined.

Fence. Any permanent partition, structure, or gate erected as a dividing marker, barrier, or enclosure, including living hedges, bushes or shrubs, encircling wholly or any portion of any area.

Owner. The record title holder of a parcel of land, or an occupant or person in actual or constructive possession of said parcel.

Protective Measures Fence. A fence erected for the express purpose of protecting an enclosed area and the property therein, or a fence intended to deny access to a dangerous property or location.

Section 8-602. Requirements.

From and after the date of adoption of this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to construct or cause to have constructed or to repair or replace any fence upon any property within the corporate limits of the City of Ishpeming, except in accordance with the requirements and restrictions in this Ordinance.

Section 8-603. Permit.

Any person desiring to build or cause a fence to be built, planted, constructed, repaired, or replaced upon property within the corporate limits of the City of Ishpeming shall first apply to the Zoning Administrator for a permit to do so. Application for such permit shall contain the following:

- a) name and address of landowner;
- b) lot number, parcel tax I. D. number, or street address where fence is or will be located;
- c) photographs of existing fence, if any;
- d) drawing (plan view) of location of proposed new or replacement fence in relation to existing structures, lot lines, and adjacent public rights-of-way;
- e) drawing, photographs, or text description of proposed fence;
- f) summary of repairs proposed to be made to existing fence; and
- g) all other information that may be required after the Zoning Administrator reviews the above.

Every permit issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall require completion of the installation, repair or replacement of the fence within six (6) months from the date of permit issuance. Failure to complete the work within the six (6) month period shall void the original permit and require either issuance of a permit extension not to exceed six (6) months, or removal of the partially installed fence. If a permit extension is issued and the fence is not completed, repaired or replaced within the extended period, the Landowner shall remove all work done under the original permit and the extension within 30 days after expiration of the extension permit. A flower, fruit or vegetable garden less than 40 square feet in area shall not require a permit under this ordinance.

Section 8-604. Permit Fee.

Permit fees for issuance of an original permit and for an extension permit shall be set by the City Council and included as part of the City Fee Schedule.

Section 8-605. Zoning District Requirements.

- (a) In Residential Zoning Districts SR, GR, MR and in Neighborhood Commercial (NC), the following conditions shall apply:

Height. Fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

Exceptions. On the street sides of corner lots, a fence may not exceed four (4) feet in height. A fence in a front yard shall not exceed four feet in height and may not have more than 50% of the fence area opaque.

Living Fence. A fence of living hedges, bushes or shrubs shall not exceed the eave height of the dwelling roof between the front line of the dwelling and the rear property line as defined in the Zoning Ordinance. Dead or diseased hedges, bushes, or shrubs shall be removed.

- (b) In Zoning Districts General Commercial (GC), Central Business District (CBD), Industrial (I), Deferred Development (DD), and Mining (M), the following conditions shall apply:

Height. Fences shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.

Construction. Fences shall not have more than 50% of the fence area opaque.

Exception. A screening fence, as authorized or required by any City Ordinance or by any City administrative board or official, or by State law, may be opaque. A protective measures fence may be allowed pursuant to Section 8-607(b) below.

Section 8-606. General Fence Requirements.

- (a) Every fence must be located on the private property of the property owner or occupant constructing or installing the fence. A fence shall not be constructed in, on, or across any public street, alley, sidewalk, or public easement.

- (b) Every fence constructed or installed contiguous or adjacent to an alley shall not be closer than three (3) feet to the alley right-of-way line.
- (c) Fences shall be constructed with boards, chain link construction, or other suitable material firmly connected to posts sunk in the soil at least two (2) feet or more as necessary to properly support the fence.
- (d) The boards, chain link, or other material used in the building of a fence shall be fixed to that side of the posts nearest to the property line.
- (e) Electrically charged fences may only be constructed, installed, or maintained on parcels larger than five (5) acres. An electrically charged fence must be posted with at least three (3) conspicuous warning signs, giving notice that the fence is electrically charged.
- (f) Barbed wire, except in the Mining Zoning District (M) and in the Deferred Development Zoning District (DD) and except as permitted by the Board of Zoning Appeals on approved protective measure fences, is prohibited on all fencing.
- (g) A fence made up of individual strands of wire, rope or wooden boards must be parallel with the adjacent grade of the fence line. The individual strands of wire, rope, or wooden boards must be evenly spread between the top and bottom of the posts, and must be no more than six (6") inches apart.
- (h) Barb wire, concertina wire, and similar types of fence with sharp edges designed to injure, are prohibited, except as allowed under Sections 8-606(f) and 8-608(c) herein.

Section 8-607. Special Purpose Fences.

- (a) Swimming Pools. All permanent swimming pools with a water depth of three (3') feet or greater at any point shall be enclosed with a six (6') foot high fence, not closer than four (4') feet from the pool's edge on any side. Gates in the fence shall have a self-latching catch or lock located not closer to the base of the fence than four (4') feet and inaccessible from the outside to small children.
- (b) Protective Measures. A protective measures fence may only be erected upon a review and finding by the Board of Zoning Appeals of the need for such fence. A protective measures fence shall not exceed twelve (12') feet in height and may only be placed in Industrial, Deferred Development, and Mining zoning districts.

Section 8-608. Fence Maintenance.

- (a) All fences existing prior to adoption of this Ordinance, and any fences permitted under this Ordinance, shall be maintained so as not to endanger life or property. Any fence which, through lack of repair, type of construction, or otherwise, imperils life or property, shall be deemed a nuisance. The Zoning Administrator shall notify the owner of the property on which such fence is located of the existence of such nuisance. The owner must then abate said nuisance within fifteen (15) days of sending such notice. In

the case of immediate danger to life or property, the Zoning Administrator may require immediate abatement.

- (b) An abatement under Section 8-608(a) above requiring repairs to 50% or more of a fence existing prior to the adoption of this Ordinance shall require total replacement of the entire existing fence. Replacement fences shall meet all of the requirements of this Ordinance.
- (c) Fences existing at the time of adoption of this Ordinance containing barb wire, concertina, or similar wire shall be removed upon notification from the Zoning Administrator. Such fences are deemed unsafe and are prohibited in the City of Ishpeming, except in the M and DD Zoning Districts, which are allowed under Section 8-606(f) above.

Section 8-609. Appeals.

Upon appeal in writing by the owner or owner's agent of any property and payment of a \$100 appeal fee to the City Clerk, the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Ishpeming may, after notice and a hearing, in the Board's discretion, change or alter the requirements of this Ordinance in individual cases. The Board shall only have the power to change or alter the requirements in this Ordinance where such action will not be contrary to the public interest or public safety and where, owing to special circumstances or conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would result in practical difficulties or undue hardship. The Board may not allow any kind of fence which is prohibited under this Ordinance.

Section 8-610. Violation and Penalty.

~~Every person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or imprisonment in the Marquette County Jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.~~

Violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a Public Nuisance which may be enjoined pursuant to the Michigan Revised Judicature Act and other state law. Any costs and/or expenses incurred in enforcing this Ordinance, including those incurred by the City in removing and disposing of fencing, shall be invoiced to the Owner. In the event that the property owner has failed to pay such an invoice within 30 days of the date of service upon him or her, all costs and expenses incurred by the City shall be a lien against the real property upon which the fence was situated and shall be charged against the parcel by adding same to the real property tax roll to be collected in the same manner as the collection of real property taxes levied by the City.

Failure to comply with this Ordinance shall also constitute a Municipal Civil Infraction under Michigan law, and shall subject the property owner to a civil fine as set forth in the City Fee Schedule plus applicable costs. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the City from engaging in any or all manner of enforcement available by law and in this Ordinance, at the same time and even in the same proceeding.

Adopted: June 8, 2011

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City of Ishpeming Statement of Explanation

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1. Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: Surplus the Code vehicle

Department: Police Department

Prepared By (Name & Title): Chad Radabaugh, Chief of Police

Date Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 06/05/25

2. Background & Purpose

Purpose / Background: The code vehicle is a 2016 Police Interceptor, with 93154.8 miles and has a very bad steering issue. Our DPW cannot fixed it, and I was told by Willey's in Marquette that the vehicle is not worth the cost to repair the steering. I was also informed that to fix the steering the exhaust would have to be completely removed and replaced. They also believe once the exhaust is removed other issues will present themselves so they could not even give me a proper quote.

3. Fiscal Impact

Total Cost / Revenue Impact: Zero

Funding Source(s): N/A

4. Recommended Action & Alternatives

Alternatives Considered (Anticipate questions):

Recommended Action: Its to declare this vehicle as Surplus and put in Auction as a possible parts vehicle.

5. Approval & Routing

Department Head Approval

(Name & Signature): Chad M. Radabaugh Date: 6/5/2025



6. Attachments / Exhibits



City of Ishpeming Statement of Explanation

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1. Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: DPW Truck Purchase

Department: Water/ Sewer

Date Submitted: 6/11/25

Prepared By (Name & Title): Bill Anderson- DPW Director

2. Background & Purpose

Code enforcement vehicle has been red tagged/ out of service. The Water/Sewer department would like to move the 2026 truck purchase to 2025 and move truck 53 to Code Department. Truck 53 is a 2017 GMC Sierra1500 4WD.

3. Fiscal Impact

Total Cost / Revenue Impact: \$56,997.76

Funding Source(s): Water and Sewer Departments

4. Alternatives:

Allow Police to purchase new vehicle out of the general fund.

5. Recommended Action:

Make a motion to allow staff to purchase 2025 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD with Utility body from Fox Marquette for \$56,997.76 with funds from the Water and Sewer Departments.

5. Department Head Approval

Name: Bill Anderson Dpw Director/ Chad Radabaugh Police Chief

Signature: 

Date: 6/11/25

6. Attachments / Exhibits



2653 US-41, Marquette, MI 49855
906-936-0700
www.FoxMarquetteChevrolet.com

Date/Time: 5/23/2025 5:13:06 PM

Buyer: MARKUS MADDOCK
Home Phone: (906) 485-1091
Cell Phone: (906) 362-0955
Address: 100 E DIVISION ST
ISHPEMING, MI 49849

Salesperson: Jim Grundstrom

2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD

No Photo
Available

Body Type: Truck

MSRP/Retail	\$50,638.00
Selling Price	\$46,125.00
Rebate	\$2,100.00
Total Savings + Rebate	\$6,613.00
Government Fee	\$39.00
Proc/Doc Fee	0.00
Accessories	\$12,933.76
Total Taxes	0.00
Amount Financed	\$56,997.76

Itemized Accessories UTILITY BODY: \$12933.76

This Proposal is based upon approved credit. This Proposal shall be followed by a final Buyer's Order that contains additional terms and conditions, which, when fully executed, shall supersede this Proposal and leave this Proposal null and void.

X

Customer Signature

Date

X

Manager Signature

Date

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City of Ishpeming Statement of Explanation

1. Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: (n) Amendment to 2025 Fee Schedule

Department: City Manager's Office

Date Submitted: 6-12-2025

Prepared By (Name & Title): Cathy Smith, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager

2. Background & Purpose

The Cemetery Board took action on May 19th to increase the fees for burials that take place after 2:00 p.m. on weekdays and to increase the fees for burials on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. With the addition of summer hours for DPW, Monday-Thursday from 6-4 pm., action was also taken to add a section for the fees during "Summer Hours".

Cemetery Board minutes are attached.

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3. Fiscal Impact

Total Cost / Revenue Impact: Increase in revenues to cover staff time.

Funding Source(s):

4. Alternatives:

No increase to the fee schedule.

5. Recommended Action:

Concur with the Cemetery Board recommendation and approve the amendments to the fee schedule as proposed.

5. Department Head Approval

Name: Cathy Smith

Signature: 

Date: 6-12-2025

6. Attachments / Exhibits

Ordinance 11-600: Regulating the Ishpeming Cemetery**City Residents**

Interment or Disinterment		May 1 – November 30	December 1 to April 30
Casket		\$650.00	\$1,300.00
Urn in Ground		\$250.00	\$ 500.00
Children 5 & under (casket or urn)		\$200.00	\$400.00
Urn in Niche		No Charge	No Charge
Disinterment and Reinterment (Transfer within Cemetery)			
Casket		\$1,300.00	\$2,600.00
Urn in Ground		\$ 500.00	\$1,000.00
Children 5 & under (casket or urn)		\$400.00	\$800.00
Urn in Niche		No Charge	No Charge

Non-Resident

Interment or Disinterment	May 1 – November 30	December 1 to April 30
Casket	\$1,300.00	\$1,950.00
Urn in Ground	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
Children 5 & under (casket or urn)	\$400.00	\$600.00
Urn in Niche	No Charge	No Charge
Disinterment and Reinterment (Transfer within Cemetery)		
Casket	\$2,600.00	\$3,900.00
Urn in Ground	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Children 5 & under (casket or urn)	\$800.00	\$1,200.00
Urn in Niche	No Charge	No Charge

After ~~3:00~~ 2:00 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, the following rates are in addition to the rates in the charts above, except as noted below for summer hours.

- Casket ~~\$450.00~~ \$600.00
- Urn in Ground..... ~~\$150.00~~ \$300.00
- Urn in Niche ~~\$ 50.00~~ \$200.00

Sundays and Holidays, the following rates are in addition to the rates above.

- Casket ~~\$600.00~~ \$750.00
- Urn in Ground..... ~~\$200.00~~ \$350.00
- Urn in Niche ~~\$100.00~~ \$250.00

SUMMER HOURS --- First Monday after Memorial Day to Friday before Labor Day
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After 3:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday and all-day Friday and Saturday, the following rates are in addition to the rates in the charts above.

- Casket \$600.00
- Urn in Ground..... \$300.00
- Urn in Niche \$200.00

Special Services, the following rates are in addition to the rates above.

Graveside Services	Resident	Non-Resident
Tent, greens, lowering device, and chairs	\$200.00	\$400.00
Greens, lowering device, and chairs	\$90.00	\$180.00
Greens, lowering device	\$65.00	\$130.00
Lowering Device	\$40.00	\$80.00

Section 11-622: Transfer of Lot, Grave Space, or Niche

Deed transfer per Lot, Grave Space \$500.00

Deed transfer fee per Niche\$1,000.00

Section 11-627: Indigent Rates

As stipulated by Department of Social Services or State of Michigan.

Purchase of Lots and Niches

Lot Size	Resident	Non-Resident
1 grave space	\$550	\$1,100
2 grave spaces	\$1,100	\$2,200
3 grave spaces	\$1,650	3,300
5 grave spaces	\$2,750	\$5,500

Niche	Resident	Non-Resident
Bottom Row	\$1,095	\$2,070
Second Row	\$1,145	\$2,170
Third Row	\$1,195	\$2,270
Top Row	\$1,245	\$2,370

****Prices for Lots and Niches include 50% to the Perpetual Care Fund**

Placement of an Additional Monument on a Lot.....\$100.00/Additional Monument

The Ishpeming Cemetery Board meeting was held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Member Magnuson.

Staff present: Bill Anderson-DPW General Foreman, Kaleb Rundman-Assistant Foreman Cemetery Parks and Kathy Hakala-UB Clerk-Deputy Clerk. Council Liaison: Councilmember Kipling was present.

Present: Tracy Magnuson, Nichole Nelson, and Karen Kasper (3). Absent: Jim Bertucci and Councilmember Kipling (2). There is 1 vacant seat.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Member Magnuson, supported by Member Kasper and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 19, 2025, as presented.

CEMETERY REPORT

Kaleb Rundman – Assistant Foreman Cemetery/Parks provided an update on the Cemetery. The flags were brought by Tom Perry and being distributed before the weekend. We found two mowers and it will be going before the Council on Wednesday. We received numerous applications for summer help and 10 people were hired.

Bill Anderson – DPW General Foreman discussion on columbarium, we not selling spaces yet do not know when it will be built. We would like to do away with grass and do a stamped concrete instead. Instead of flags and markers, maybe do a medallion on each niche.

OLD BUSINESS

Kaleb Rundman – Assistant Foreman Cemetery/Parks provided an update on the artwork for the new columbariums. They are 3 different pieces of artwork to look at, 2 Eternal Peace and 1 Hope. They are mock pieces that the company came up with and they can do other designs if needed. The stairs design was chosen for Eternal Peace and we will ask for another design for the Hope one.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Anderson – DPW General Foreman discussed the Temporary Fee Schedule for New Summer hours for City Hall and the Department of Public Works pending Council approval. The hours would change to (4) 10-hour days. City Hall hours will be 7am-5pm and Monday – Thursday and DPW hours will be 6am-4pm and closed on Fridays. The hours will start on the Monday after Memorial Day and end on the last Friday before Labor Day. Fridays would be considered overtime for burials if the new hours are adopted. The fee schedule would be changed to overtime hours on Fridays.

A motion was made by Member Magnuson, supported by Member Kasper and carried unanimously to approve an increase to \$150.00 per previous discussion for the after-hour rates.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

The next meeting will be held July 21, 2025, at Ishpeming City Hall,

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:24 p.m., a motion was made by Member Magnuson with support from Member Kasper and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hakala
UB Clerk/Deputy Clerk

City of Ishpeming Manager's Report
Council Meeting – May 21, 2025
 (Reporting Period: May 16 – June 6, 2025)

1. Operational and Administrative Updates

- Weekly meetings with Grant and Cathy
- Weekly meeting with legal counsel
- Monthly meeting with department heads
- Attended weekly meetings with contractors on construction projects – the Mayor also attends
- Interview with Radio Results Network
- Met with a member of the Facility & Parks Committee regarding the Al Quaal lodge
- Met with Planning Commission Chair for an update on their work
- Met with a Council member about anaerobic digestion for NIWA/PFAS issues
- Met with our workers' compensation insurance provider
- Met with American Ramp Company – discussed the skate park timeline and talked with Grant about doing a groundbreaking ceremony
- Meeting about updating and relaunching Channel 189 – was able to get it working again; more to come on this soon
- Attended LSCP “Housing Now” workshop
- Met with representatives from the City of Jackson to learn how they addressed blight and housing challenges
- Emailed all employees about Council’s approval of union contracts and 10-hour workdays
- Met with the City’s liability insurance representative – discussed property on Empire Street
- Met with the County Building Official to learn more about their work across the County
- Attended LSCP meeting with the Lieutenant Governor
- Met with the City Manager of Negaunee – discussed potential collaboration
- Introductory meeting with UPPCO
- Meeting with the Director of the Ski Hall of Fame
- Attended Ambassador meeting in Marquette

2. Capital Projects and Infrastructure

- DPW large street projects have started
- DPW beginning work on the skate park location
- Weekly meetings with contractors on active projects

3. Financial and Budgetary Overview

- Received word that the committee recommended and advanced our grant for solar power at the Brasswire Campground – final approval letter not yet received
- Met with Grant and Cathy to discuss the budget timeline

4. Community Engagement and Public Services

- Met with citizens concerned about a previous construction project on Empire Street
- Attended RAMBA hike at HOB
- Attended the Michigan Veterans Homes Groundbreaking Ceremony
- Met with a citizen about snow removal concerns in the alley by Superior Street and water issues on Superior Street – going to make sure previous work at end of Superior Street was done properly, regarding groundwater drainage
- Accompanied the Mayor to speak with another resident on Superior Street – gathered historical insight on water issues in the area
- Followed up with the same citizens regarding the Empire Street construction project – shared findings from discussions with our insurance representative and City immunity research
- Met with citizen members and the Mayor to discuss concerns regarding fluoride in the water system
- Met with a citizen concerned about short-term rentals
- Met with a citizen to hear their vision for the City of Ishpeming and discuss potential collaboration
- Attended LSCP Breakfast – delivered a speech on the State of Ishpeming
- Attended ribbon-cutting ceremony for Grate Lakes Glass & Calibration