

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, July 16, 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 City Manager Randy Scholz and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor Pat Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda incorporating the following change: moving item 11(h) after unfinished business.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Becker, Ore to Shore Mountain Bike Race, asked Council for their continued support for this event and from the DPW and Police Department similar to prior events; and he would be present for any questions.

Kevin Thompson 740 E. Arch Street, with Marquette Marathon, asked the Council for their continued support for the event similar to prior events and would be present for any questions.

Glen Lerlie, 725 N. First Street and RAMBA President announced the beginner trail at the Brasswire Campground was now complete.

6. MANAGER OFFER OF INFORMATION - There was no additional information.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (June 18th, 26th July 9th 4 pm and 6 pm, and July 9th closed session)
- b. Approval of Disbursements

8. MONTHLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

a. Financial Statement Report

Finance Director 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 June 2025.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to approve the monthly financial report as presented.

In addition, he provided an update on the MDARD solar grant reporting the confirmation letter was received, and the Request for Proposals would be sent out soon; and added an audit extension was approved by the State for the 2024 audit with a completion deadline of July 31, 2025.

b. DPW Update

DPW Director Bill Anderson thanked the DPW staff for all their work to prepare for the Fourth of July festivities and thanked Tia Rodda and Andrea Jackson along with Kelly Milano for organizing a wonderful event; and he added repairs are finished on the water tank; and construction is progressing.

c. Police Update

Chief Chad Radabaugh also thanked his officers for all their work during the Fourth of July festivities.

He reported 124 rental inspections have been done to date this year with 80% of them in full compliance. Other inspections required very minor corrections before the certificate could be issued; he noted 107 notices have been sent out for miscellaneous debris with some citations have been issued; and the Police Department to date had 3,468 calls for service.

Mayor Pat Scanlon presented a Declaration of Appreciation to Chief Chad Radabaugh for his response to a call.

9. PUBLIC HEARING – There were none.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was none.

Moved 11h. Proclamation – RAMBA Month

Mayor Pat Scanlon presented a Proclamation to RAMBA declaring August 2025 as RAMBA month in the City of Ishpeming. RAMBA President Glen Lerlie thanked the City Council for allowing RAMBA to provide the trail system in the City and this proclamation was very much appreciated.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Special Event Applications

It was the consensus of Council to add the 4H Summer Camp to the Special Event Application pending receipt of all necessary paperwork to City Clerk Cathy Smith.

i. Ore to Shore: August 9, 2025

ii. Marquette Marathon: August 30, 2025

iii. Marji Gesick: 9/19-9/21, 2025

iv. Added: 4H Summer Camp at Al Quaal

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Jason Chapman, and carried unanimously to approve the special event applications as presented and thank the organizers for continuing to hold these events in Ishpeming.

b. Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

i. Resolution 18-2025, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Reimbursement #9

Chris Holmes, U.P. Engineers, and Architects (UPEA) reviewed the pay request for Reimbursement #9 from the CWSRF.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 18-2025, CWSRF Reimbursement Request #9 in the amount of \$476,162.73 for invoices for Payne and Dolan and U.P. Engineers.

ii. Resolution 19-2025, Clean Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Reimbursement #4

Chris Holmes, UPEA, reviewed the pay request for Reimbursement #4 for the DWSRF.

A motion was made by Mayor Pat Scanlon seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #19-2025, DWSRF Reimbursement #4 in the amount of \$1,994,622.44 for invoices from Payne and Dolan, U.P. Engineers, and Lindberg and Sons.

c. Change Order #1 for DWSRF Contract 1 – Lindberg and Sons

Chris Holmes, UPEA, reviewed Change Order #1 and explained this change included items from the change order approved at the special meeting on July 9th.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Mayor Pat Scanlon, and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #1 for Linberg and Sons in the amount of \$1,342,808.00.

DPW Director Anderson advised Deer Lake Road should be paved the week of August 11th; however, it will be temporarily opened for Italian Fest.

d. Proposed 2025 garbage rate increase and amendment to the 2025 fee schedule

Finance Director Getschow explained the proposed increase to garbage rates was a result of an increase in tipping fees at the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. The proposed increase was from \$21.90 to \$24.75, which would cover the increase in tipping fees. Staff recommended supporting the proposed increase and amending the 2025 fee schedule.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall, and carried unanimously to concur with staff recommendation and increase garbage rates from \$21.90 to \$24.75 and amend the fees schedule accordingly.

e. 2025 Quarter 2 Budget Amendments

Finance Director Getschow reviewed the proposed 2025 Quarter 2 budget amendments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ben Argall seconded by Councilmember Jason Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the 2025 Quarter 2 Budget Amendments as presented.

f. Second reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-600: Regulating Fences

Attorney Caroline Bridges explained there were some minor wording changes to the ordinance, but the major amendment was changing violations to a civil infraction versus a misdemeanor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall and carried unanimously to approve the second reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-600: Regulating Fences.

g. Second reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-100, Zoning Ordinance: RZ2025-01 from Industrial to General Residential

Attorney Bridges explained the Planning Commission held a public hearing at their regular meeting for Rezoning #2025-01: to rezoning lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18 of the Assessor's Plat of the Barnum Location No. 2 from the Industrial (I) district to the General Residential (GR) district, aka 240, 236, 207, 211, and 215 Stone Street. The Planning Commission moved to approve the rezoning as it was presented, based on the findings of fact with the removal of lots 12 and 13 from the rezoning.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ben Argall, and seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling and carried unanimously approve the second reading of amendment to Ordinance 8-100 Zoning Ordinance for Rezoning #2025-01: to rezoning lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18 of the Assessor's Plat of the Barnum Location No. 2 from the Industrial (I) district to the General Residential (GR) district.

h. Proclamation- RAMBA Month – This item was moved to after Old Business.

i. 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report

A motion was made by Mayor Pat Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to accept the 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report as presented.

j. Planning Commission proposed draft of new ordinance #7-700, Short Term Rental Ordinance

Mayor Pat Scanlon advised this was not a first reading of the ordinance; it was being presented to the Council for initial review and comment.

Attorney Bridges suggested Council weigh in on the ordinance as it was presented with consideration as to whether short-term rentals should be inspected; if they should be limited to specific zoning districts; how many should be permitted in one neighborhood; modifications to the appeal process; or requiring a registration fee.

Councilmember Ben Argall advised the one item the Planning Commission did not touch on was density, how many should be permitted in one neighborhood. It was discussed but the commission wanted to research it further before making a determination. He suggested registrations begin for short-term rentals in the City and then the process and specifics could be determined. The Planning Commission would like to know where existing short-term rentals were located.

Council would like the requirement for short-term rental registration to be announced so applications could start to be received.

Discussion took place on potential short-term rental registration fees, because currently a fee for registering a short-term rental was not required; density and number allowed in zoning districts and/or neighborhoods; inspection requirements, if any, for short-term rentals; and ensuring the number of units in a building are listed on the registration form.

Council will review the first draft of the ordinance and recommend changes to the Planning Commission.

Manager Scholz advised after review of the ordinance staff would prepare a plan to move forward.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Jason Chapman attended the ribbon cutting at Pam's Pickins in the Gossard; attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting noting there was discussion on the possibility of constructing an open pavilion at Brasswire Campground; thanked all the employees and the Fourth of July Committee for a wonderful celebration; thanked the St. Rocco Society for the roof over the stage at Al Quaal; and thanked Chief Radabaugh for his actions during the call.

Councilmember Brett Argall advised the DDA meeting was scheduled for this month so he would have more to report at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Pat Scalton thought morale was very good at the City; he continues to spend time with the City Manager and introducing him to businesses and local residents; there has been discussion regarding repairing Old Ish; the blight work group has been meeting and compiling information; and discussed purchasing laptops for the Council with the City Manager.

Councilmember Kurt Kipling reminded everyone with all the construction going on in town and out of town, please watch for construction workers when driving.

Councilmember Ben Argall attended the Planning Commission and thanked the Fourth of July Committee for putting on a wonderful event.

13. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Scholz briefly summarized his monthly report provided to Council.

14. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(d) TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) to consider purchase or lease of real property and to include Finance Director Getschow and DPW Director Anderson at 7:29 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Pat Scanlon, Councilmembers, Ben Argall, Brett Argall, Jason Chapman, and Kurt Kipling. (5). Nays: None (0). Motion passed 5-0.

Returned to open session at 8:49 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:51 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Jason Chapman, and carried unanimously to adjourn.



Cathy Smith, City Clerk