***Ishpeming City Council Special Proceedings: September 10, 2025***
***Ishpeming, MI 49849***

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Pat Scanlon called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Change Order #2: DWSRF Contract 2: Payne and Dolan

DPW Director Bill Anderson explained the proposed change order would cover a water main that needed repairs and Payne and Dolan would be able to complete the work this year, and this was within their scope of work. The cost was approximately $269,000. He asked Council to consider approval of the change order in the amount not to exceed $290,000 for the additional work.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall, and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #2 for the DWSRF Contract 2 with Payne and Dolan in the amount not to exceed $290,000.

b. Consider additional paving of Cedar Street from Tamarack Street east to the alley

c. Consider vacation of alley located at the end of Cedar Street

Mayor Pat Scanlon was contacted by the resident that lived on the gravel portion of Cedar Street. He suggested Council consider paving the gravel portion of Cedar Street to the alley ending with a guardrail and consider vacation of the alley. The approximate cost to pave was $17,000; however, this did not include the guardrail that would be needed at the end of Cedar Street if the alley were vacated.

Finance Director Grey Getschow explained payment for this project would either come out of the Public Improvement Fund, General Fund, or Local Streets Fund. He advised against the Public Improvement Fund due to all the work currently being done on Third Street and advised against the General Fund.

DPW Director Bill Anderson did not think funds should come out of the Local Street Fund because this portion of the street was not on the Paser rating map for local streets. He pointed out there were other streets in town, listed on the paser rating map, which needed repairs and reviewed some of the streets that could use a mill and overlay. He expressed his concerns with not paving that portion of the street to road standards.

Councilmember Jason Chapman suggested this item be placed in the capital projects for 2026 with the road being paved to street standards or that portion of the street should be vacated along with the alley. He further expressed his concern with paving to a dead end which would be a driveway.

Mayor Pat Scanlon expressed his concerns with a resident having access to their home from a gravel road.

Councilmember Ben Argall was not in favor of paving to a dead end which would basically be a driveway; and vacation of that portion of Cedar Street and the alley would be a solution.

Councilmember Kurt Kipling stated one issue could be plowing if the street was paved to a dead end.

Councilmembers and staff reviewed and discussed the map; utilities in the alley; possible vacation of the portion of Cedar Street and the alley; and concerns with paving to a dead end.

A motion was made by Mayor Pat Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to move this agenda item to the next regular Council meeting agenda and for DPW to provide information on the Cedar Street-Tamarack area to Council.

d. Amendment to Policy #408: Non-Discrimination Policy
City Clerk Cathy Smith advised this change to the policy was necessary for the Title VI Plan and the amendment was to change the City Manager to Randy Scholz.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to Policy #408 as presented.

e. Deficit Elimination Plans
i. Motor Pool Fund
ii. Library State Aid Fund
iii. Revised Brasswire Campground Fund
iv. Revised Teal Lake Water Project Fund
Finance Director Getschow received additional information from the State and there were two more deficit elimination plans that were needed, one for the Motor Pool fund and one for the Library State Aid Fund. He also had to make some revisions to the Brasswire Campground Deficit Elimination Plan and the Teal Lake Water Project Deficit Elimination Plan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall, and carried unanimously to approve the two new deficit elimination plans and the two revised deficit elimination plans as presented.

6. ADJOURNMENT
At 9:25 a.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Cathy Smith
Cathy Smith, City Clerk