

Ishpeming City Council Special Proceedings: January 12, 2026
Ishpeming, MI 49849

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Monday, January 12, 2026, 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 Brett Argall, Jason Chapman, and Kurt Kipling (4). Absent: Councilmember Ben Argall (1). 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 Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to add the letter of support for the Ski Hall of Fame to the agenda as item 5b and approve the agenda as amended.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Wollney, 173 W. Superior Street, expressed his concerns with snow removal in the alley behind his house and where the City piles snow; he had expressed his concerns many different time but nothing has been done about it and at some point the snow would be melting and he would have flooding issues again.

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Marquette County Brownfield and Land Bank Workshop

Jackie Solomon, Marquette County Treasurer; Anne Giroux, Director of Development and Investment Services, Invest UP; and Logan Mulholand, Brownfield Project Analyst from Fishbeck introduced themselves to the Council and were presenting on the Brownfield tools available.

Covered during the presentation was the Michigan definition of Brownfields, their capabilities and primary uses; what a Brownfield Tax Increment Financing Plan (TIF) is; and what were some of the eligible expenses. Further talked about were the housing incentives of a brownfield; housing needs in the area; TIF Eligible housing activities; and the application process for a developer. It was noted the city had three Brownfield Plans: First Bank, Anderson Building, and The Mather.

They announced the U.S. EPA Brownfield Community-wide Assessment Grant that was received to assess abandoned and contaminated properties throughout the County with a specific focus on the target areas of Ishpeming and Sawyer was received. Discussion followed about what activities could be grant funded; and the application put in by the City for Phase I on some of the Cliff's property to be purchased.

b. ADD ITEM: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SKI HALL OF FAME

Manager Scholz advised this was a request from the Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame to provide a letter of support for the FY26 Mission Support Grant through the Michigan Arts and Culture Council which they are applying for.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall, and carried unanimously to authorize the letter of support be submitted to the Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame for their grant application.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:35 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to adjourn.


Cathy Smith, City Clerk