

*Ishpeming City Council Special Proceedings: February 25, 2026
Ishpeming, MI 49849*

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, February 25, 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 Ben Argall, and Kurt Kipling (3). Absent: Councilmember Brett Argall and Councilmember Jason Chapman (2). Also present was City Manager Randy Scholz and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Approve 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Ben Argall, seconded by Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to approve the 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report as presented.

b. Request from Ishpeming Public Schools – Birchview to waive tube slide rental fee

City Manager Randy Scholz recommended that the Council approve the request, noting that similar waivers have been granted in the past. It was also stated that any other school located within the City of Ishpeming may request a waiver for the tube slide rental fee.

A motion was made by Kurt Kipling, seconded by Ben Argall, and carried unanimously to approve the request from Birchview Elementary Schools to waive tube slide fees for the requested event and authorize the waiver of fees for similar City of Ishpeming school-related events held during normal City business hours, subject to staffing availability.

c. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

i. Payne and Dolan Change Order #2: Interim Quantity Adjustment; Division Street & D/E Streets

Chris Holmes, UPEA provided a brief explanation regarding Payne and Dolan Change Order #2, primarily addressing pricing related to unforeseen circumstances that may arise during construction, as well as the estimated timeline.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ben Argall, seconded by Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to approve Payne and Dolan Change Order #2 as presented.

ii. Resolution 4-2026: Reimbursement #10: Payne and Dolan

Chris Holmes, UPEA, briefly explained that Resolution 4-2026 is for Reimbursement #10 for Payne and Dolan and UPEA in the amount of \$1,017,915.89.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 4-2026, contingent on EGLE approval of Change Order #2 Contract #2.

iii. A. Lindberg and Sons Change Order #3, Park Street Location

Chris Holmes, UPEA, explained that this Lindberg and Sons Change Order #3 involves the addition of unforeseen work that may arise during the construction and interim quantity adjustments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ben Argall, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to approve Lindberg and Sons Change Order #3 Contract #1.

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Grey Getschow, Finance Director, added that the City is reviewing its water and sewer reserves. He noted that the City will continue spending its matched dollars but will hold onto the unmatched funds until additional grants or funding opportunities are identified.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:13 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lexi Hart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lexi Hart, Deputy City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 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). Also, present was City Manager Randy Scholz and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pat Scanlon asked that item 7c on the Consent Agenda be amended to appoint Holly Boldt instead of Victor DePaoli because Mr. DePaoli turned in his resignation.

A motion was made by Mayor Pat Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda incorporating the amendment to item 7c on the consent agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Anderson, 100 E. Barnum Street, expressed his concerns about reducing the cost for the shut-off notice that was on the agenda.

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda incorporating the change to appoint Holli Boldt in item 7c instead of Victor DePaoli.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (January 21st and Closed Session January 21st)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Confirm Mayor appointment of ~~Victor DePaoli~~ Holli Boldt to 3-year term on Commission on Aging: Term Exp.9/28
- d. Declare two drafting chairs and one chair at the Carnegie Library as surplus

8. MONTHLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

a. Monthly Financial Statement Report

Deputy Manager/Finance Director Grey Getschow advised he was continuing to work on closing out 2025 and will be presenting final budget amendments at the March meeting. He reviewed the unaudited monthly financial report including the General Fund, Major and Local Streets, Sewer and Water, Garbage Fund, DDA and Police and Fire Retirement Fund for the period ending January 2026.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brett Argall, seconded by Councilmember Jason Chapman, and carried unanimously to accept the unaudited financial report as presented.

b. DPW Update

Manager Randy Scholz advised the recent water leak on Empire and Third Street was still under warranty and was being repaired by the contractor; and noted there was some damage to the Teal Lake Lodge roof and staff was clearing another entrance to the facility.

c. City Clerk Update

City Clerk Cathy Smith reminded Ishpeming voters that the City has combined the two precincts into one precinct, with Precinct 1 being located at KD Hall on Pine Street for all voters. She noted that all registered voters in the City

will be receiving new voter ID cards in the mail that will show Precinct 1 – KD Hall-St. Johns Church, 325 S. Pine Street for the precinct location in Ishpeming.

d. Police Department Update

i. Award Presentation

Police Chief Chad Radabaugh presented awards to three officers: Lt. Brian Kurin, Marquette County Sheriff's Office (MCSO); Deputy Michael Angeli, MCSO; and Ryan Kainulainen, Ishpeming Police Department, for their quick actions when they responded to a call at the Tru North Credit Union to an irresponsible person. They provided CPR and used the AED to revive the person from a cardiac incident. Chief Radabaugh passed along the thank you from the individual who said he would not be alive if it was not for the quick response of the officers. Chief Radabaugh and Mayor Scanlon thanked the officers for their dedication and training.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Public Hearing Michigan CDBG Application for funding for the Loeffler Block Development (216 W. Division Street)

Mayor Pat Scanlon opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Brice Sturmer, Developer, spoke on the proposed project at the Loeffler building, the former Rollies Furniture, and explained the project would include creation of five new dwelling units and the rehabilitation of two existing units with four of the units being 80% AMI (Area Median Income) out of the seven units.

The public hearing was closed at 6:23 p.m.

i. Resolution #3-2026, Authorize submission of CDBG Grant Application and Designate Signatory Authority

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #3-2026, Authorize submission of CDBG Grant Application and Designate Signatory Authority as presented.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was none.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Special Event Application: Marji Gesick – 9/18/2026 to 9/20/2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to approve the special event application for the Marji Gesick as presented.

b. Strategic Plan Update – Chris Germain

Diana Sundberg, Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP), was present for the strategic plan update. She asked Council to review the draft plan and send any recommended changes to Manager Scholz, and he could then forward to Chris Germain from the LSCP. Recommended changes would be added to the plan. She also reported that Match on Main was now open and runs through March 18th. She noted the City was close to being RRC certified and she would be collaborating with staff to update the website where needed.

c. Agreement with Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation – Storage of Portable Huts

Kevin Corkin, 604 N. Pine Street, provided an update on the KriskindlMarkt and the construction of the huts. He thanked the DDA for becoming a Presenting Sponsor for the event. The Committee was working on the vendor applications and hoped to get those out shortly.

He thanked the City for allowing the storage of the huts on City property for the Kriskindlmarkt and noted ABC Storage has also provided space for the decorations.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall, and carried unanimously to enter into the agreement with the Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation for the storage of the portable huts for the Kriskindlmarkt and authorize the Manager to sign.

d. RG Design – Al Quaal Lodge Renovation Estimate

Manager Scholz reviewed the design that was presented and approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission and recommended the Council approve the design and allow staff to move forward with searching for funding.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to approve the design and move forward with searching for financing and grant dollars.

e. Crane Engineering Quote – Bell Booster Station

Manager Scholz reviewed the estimate for the rehabilitation of the Bell Booster Station, which in total amounted to \$121,200.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ben Argall, seconded by Councilmember Jason Chapman, and carried unanimously to approve the Crane Engineering quote for the Bell Booster Station in the amount of \$50,220 for Line 1 and Line 3 on the quote.

f. Renewal Service Agreement with Hydrocorp-Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention

City Clerk Cathy Smith advised this was a proposal for a three-year renewal of a contract with HydroCorp for Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention. She explained the City has been using HydroCorp for many years and staff would like to continue services through Hydrocorp.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall, and carried unanimously to approve the three-year contract renewal with HydroCorp as presented.

g. Ordinance 11-700: Consideration of Sworn Statement

Mayor Pat Scanlon read the sworn statement from William Anderson Jr. into the record.

Bill Anderson expressed his concerns with the Charter not being accurate and would like to have the Charter updated not only for this language, but a complete Charter revision should be done by the City.

Attorney Bridges explained the language in the Charter has been ruled unconstitutional and further advised it cannot be enforced. State Law overrides the City Charter. She added the Charter does need to be amended and when that happens this language would be updated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, and carried unanimously to find the charges unfounded and to be dismissed, noting State Law overrides the City Charter.

h. Resolution #1-2026, Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test

City Clerk Smith advised the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test need to be approved annually for the March Board of Review hearings.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brett Argall, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #1-2026, Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test as presented.

i. Resolution #2-2026, MDOT Street Administrator

A motion was made by Councilmember Brett Argall, seconded by Councilmember Ben Argall, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #2-2026, MDOT Street Administrator incorporating the appointment of Randy Scholz, Interim DPW Director to MDOT Street Administrator as presented.