

*Ishpeming City Council Special Proceedings: May 13, 2026  
Ishpeming, MI 49849*

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Pat Scanlon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pat Scanlon, Council Members Brett Argall, Jason Chapman, Claudia Demarest, and Kurt Kipling (5). 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 approve the agenda

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Proposed revisions to the Ishpeming City Charter

i. Sections 2.15-2.17

Section 2.15: proposed new language to add, “the council shall meet as soon as possible but no later than 15 calendar days”. Note: the council meeting will have to have a quorum when meeting.

Section 2.16: change the language from provided for the “filing” of vacancies to “filling” of vacancies; no changes were made to the proposed new language.

Section 2.17(a): proposed new language; a vacancy occurring on the Council or any elective City office shall be filled within “30 days” by a majority vote of the remaining Council members.

Section 2.17(b): proposed new language was added from section 2.16.

Section 2.17(c): proposed new language; if, for any reason, the Council fails to appoint a qualified person to fill a vacancy within the “30 days” as required by subsection (a), a qualified person shall be selected by the lot within “15: days after the vacancy is declared.

ii. Section 5.1(c) - All councilmembers agreed on the proposed new language.

iii. Sections 10.6(a)-(c)

Section 10.6(a): proposed new language; for purchases of expenditures in the amount of “\$8,000” or less.

Section 10.6(b): proposed new language; for purchases or expenditures which exceed the sum of “8,001” but which are equal to or less than “\$25,000”.

Section 10.6(c): proposed new language; for purchases or expenditures which exceed the sum of “\$25,000”.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, carried unanimously to make the proposed changes to the City Charter.

A discussion took place for the new proposed language to be completed and sent to the State to be put on the November ballot by July 28, 2026. This is the County’s deadline for ballot proposal language.

iv. Other proposed revisions from Council

Councilmember Claudia Demarest proposed new language to the Ishpeming City Charter, Section 2.10 Elections on page 7; proposed new language to include, no person shall be qualified to hold, nor be eligible for election to, any elective City office unless that person is a registered and qualified elector and resident of the City of Ishpeming, “who has resided within the City of Ishpeming for one year”.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall, carried unanimously to accept the new proposed language to Charter, Section 2.10 Elections.

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Councilmember Brett Argall brought to attention how do you make the residential determination. After discussion, the council determined that the residential determination would be from the date of the voter registration.

Councilmember Kurt Kipling approved the motion to accept this proposed new language with the addition of the residential determination, councilmember Jason Chapman seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

b. Payne and Dolan Fill Agreement DWSRF – Malton Road Dump Site

Jake Roberts reviewed the Payne and Dolan Fill Agreement at the Malton Road Dump Site; proposed to change the language to “12,000 cubic yards” instead of 25,000 cubic yards.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Claudia Demarest, carried unanimously to accept the Payne and Dolan Fill Agreement – Malton Road Dump Site with the proposed language changes.

c. Lindberg and Sons Fill Agreement DWSRF - Malton Road Dump Site

Jake Roberts reviewed the Lindberg and Sons Fill Agreement at the Malton Road Dump Site; proposed to change the language to “12,000 cubic yards” instead of 25,000 cubic yards.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall and carried unanimously to accept the Lindberg and Sons Fill Agreement at the Malton Road Dump Site with the proposed language changes.

d. Lindberg and Sons Fill Agreement DWSRF – Water Tower Dump Site

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall, and carried unanimously to approve the Lindberg and Sons Fill Agreement at the Water Tower Dump Site.

e. Approve granting easement for Negaunee Ishpeming Water Authority through Al Quaal and schedule a Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilmember Claudia Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Jason Chapman, and carried unanimously to approve moving forward with granting the easement for the Negaunee Ishpeming Water Authority through Al Quaal.

A Public Hearing will be held at the next regular Council Meeting in June.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:40p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

  
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Emilie Stack, City Clerk