1. CALL TO ORDER
The regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, June 17, 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 Claudia Demarest, Kurt Kipling, Brett Argall, and Jason Chapman. (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 Councilmember Chapman seconded by Councilmember Argall and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the new business item: Vac Truck Pricing M Tech (Hydro Truck) Rental, added to 11(n)(1).

5. PUBLIC COMMENT
Clint Collick, 412 East High Street; has lived at this address for the last 35 years. Over the years dealt with a major water issue due to a storm drain issue. Flooding happens during rainstorms and it affects three other homes with yard flooding and back-ups into the driveways and basements. Would like the City to address this issue. Puts up sandbags on the sidewalk and worries that would put him at liability if someone got hurt.

Derek Swajanen; running for 96th District Judicial Judgeship; provided his background and experience. Accepting ideas from communities.

Jim Bertucci, 801 N Maple; provided thanks to DPW for all the work this past winter.

Bill Anderson, 100 E. Barnum; representing Anderson Peterson Investments, local developer that just completed a five-million-dollar project with turning a blighted building into a multi-use building that includes apartments, two bar/cocktail lounges, ballroom, and restaurant becoming a gem of the city. Bill asked that Council show up to help developers in the community by showing support, provided thanks to Councilmember Brett Argall. Asked to reserve time to comment during Agenda Item 11(n).

6. MANAGER OFFER OF INFORMATION - nothing to report

7. CONSENT AGENDA
a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (May 13th and May 20th)
b. Approval of Disbursements
c. Confirm Mayor Appointment: Councilmember Claudia Demarest on the Parks and Rec Commission
d. Confirm Mayor Appointment: Councilmember Jason Chapman on the Planning Commission
e. Reappoint Lisa Peterson to a 4-year term on the Downtown Development Authority: Term Expiring 7/2030

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

8. MONTHLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS
a. Monthly Financial Statement Report
i. Balance Sheets – All funds
ii. Monthly Detail – All funds
Grey Getschow reviewed the Financial Reports which included the Revenue and Expenditure Report and each Balance Sheet as presented in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall, carried unanimously to accept the financial reports as presented.

b. DPW Update
Jake Roberts provided an update on the two construction projects as well as the work being done on the Skate Park.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
a. Easement for Negaunee Ishpeming Water Authority through Al Quaal
Mayor Pat Scanlon called the Public Hearing open at 6:22 p.m.

Attorney Caroline Bridges reviewed the NIWA project with the new water line project at Al Quaal as presented in the packet.

No comments or questions were received.

Mayor Pat Scanlon closed the Public Hearing at 6:24p.m.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
a. First Quarter Budget Amendments 2026 (tabled from 5/20 Meeting)
Grey Getschow reviewed the First Quarter Amendments. Manager Scholz reviewed his recommendations as presented in the packet; reviewed the current and upcoming projects to assist with costs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Chapman to adopt the recommended budget amendments for local and major streets.

b. Report to City Council on the Fiscal State of the City Presentations
i. Community Feedback
Manager Scholz reviewed the presentations that were conducted to the community as well as to staff. Feedback wasn't received from the community; looking to receive direction from Council on how to move forward with a millage, etc. Grey Getschow reviewed the millage rates and recommendations that were presented at the Fiscal State of the City presentations as well as in the packet.

A discussion took place from Council.

ii. Council Direction for the 2027 Budget
Council direction is to have a tentative plan for the Special Council Meeting being held July 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. This would include millage language and the verbiage language for the ballot. Dispose of the proposed Special Council Meeting for June 24, 2026.

11. NEW BUSINESS
a. Proclamation: November 3, 2026, Barnes-Hecker Day
Councilmember Jason Chapman read the proclamation for Barnes-Hecker Day to be November 3, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall, and carried unanimously to approve the Proclamation of November 3, 2026, as Barnes-Hecker Day.

b. Special Event Application
i. Chalk Art Day: June 30, 2026
ii. Skate Park Grand Opening Event: July 2, 2026
iii. Ishpeming Firecracker 5K Fun Run or 1K Walk: July 4, 2026

Krystan Beaumont reviewed the upcoming Ishpeming community events as presented in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, and carried unanimously to approve all three special event applications as presented.

c. St. Rocco-St. Anthony Society Request to Install Sidewalk at Al Quaal Pavilion
A motion was made by Councilmember Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, and carried unanimously to approve St. Rocco-St. Anthony Society's request to install a sidewalk at the Al Quaal Pavilion.

d. Purchase STimaging ViewScan5 Microfilm Scanner with Computer & Software for Library
Jesse Shirtz reviewed the statement of explanation as presented in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the STimaging ViewScan5 Microfilm Scanner with Computer and Software for the Library.

e. Library Presentation for Sustainability
Jesse Shirtz provided a Library Presentation for Sustainability.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, and carried unanimously to take recommended action and ask each township to contribute 3/10 of a mill with a gradual step to the full 3/10.

f. Skate Park Hours of Operation
Grey Getschow reviewed the Statement of Explanation regarding the Skate Park Hours of Operation and park rules as presented in the packet and provided an example of the sample sign.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, carried unanimously to approve the recommended Skate Park Hours of Operation and park rules.

g. Brasswire Solar Bid Award
Grey Getschow reviewed the Brasswire Solar Bid from Peninsula Solar as presented in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Claudia Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kurt Kipling, carried unanimously to award the Brasswire Solar Bid as presented.

h. Resolution #14-2026, Opposing State Legislation that would Preempt Local Zoning Authority Regarding Housing Development
City Manager Randy Scholz reviewed Resolution #14-2026 as presented in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall, carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #14-2026, Opposing State Legislation that would Preempt Local Zoning Authority Regarding Housing Development.

i. Resolution #15, 2026, Resolution for Payment-Reimbursement DWSRF #11
Chris Holmes reviewed Resolution #15-2026 as presented in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Brett Argall, carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #15-2026, Resolution for Payment-Reimbursement DWSRF #11.

ii. Revised Summary of Cost Breakdown – DWSRF Reimbursement #10
Chris Holmes reviewed the revised summary of the cost breakdown to DWSRF Reimbursement #10 as presented in the packet and gave his recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest and seconded by Councilmember Kipling to accept the revised summary of the cost breakdown for DWSRF Reimbursement #10.

j. Payne and Dolan Fill Agreement DWSRF – Malton Road Dump Site
A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall, carried unanimously to approve the Payne and Dolan Fill Agreement, DWSRF, for Malton Road Dump Site.

k. Payne and Dolan Fill Agreement DWSRF – Malton Road Old Landfill Site
A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall, carried unanimously to approve the Payne and Dolan Fill Agreement, DWSRF, for Malton Road Old Landfill Site.

l. First Reading of Ordinance 2-900, An Ordinance Regulating Conduct in Public Parks
Attorney Caroline Bridges reviewed the amending changes in Ordinance 2-900.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall, and carried unanimously to move to the second reading of Ordinance 2-900.

m. Restated Wastewater Board Agreement
Caroline reviewed the updated restated agreement as presented in the packet.
A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall, and carried unanimously to accept the Restated Wastewater Board Agreement.

n. City Manager's Contract Amendment
Attorney Caroline Bridges reviewed the changes in the City Manager's Contract Amendment.
Public Comment was provided by Bill Anderson and Clint Collick who both expressed financial concerns with the severance package as presented in the packet. As well as the extension of the contract with new council members coming in at the end of the year.

Councilmember Kipling abstained from comment. Councilmember Argall expressed concern about the severance change due to the unknown of future city managers as this would set a precedent; doesn't feel comfortable with approving a full-year severance as presented. Mayor Scanlon agreed with Councilmember Argall; believes it is quite exorbitant and doesn't believe it is prudent for our community members; will have to vote against this due to the financial impact it could impose.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kipling to approve the City Manager's Contract Amendment. A rollcall vote was conducted:

YAES: Councilmembers: Jason Chapman, Claudia Demarest, and Kurt Kipling
NAYs: Mayor Pat Scanlon and Councilmember Brett Argall

Motion Passed.

n. (1) New business item: Vac Truck Pricing M Tech (Hydro Truck) Rental
Jake Roberts reviewed the Statement of Explanation of the Vac Truck Pricing Rental and the estimates in the provided handout.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Demarest to accept the proposal as presented for the JDC HXX Quote to not exceed 16,660 and to support the monthly cost.

o. Proposed Special Council Meetings
i. June 24, 2026: 2027 Budget
ii. July 1, 2026: Bid Award for 2026 CWSRF – Sewer Improvements Project

iii. July 8, 2026: 2027 Budget

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Chapman, and carried unanimously to drop the June 24, 2026, meeting, hold the July 1, 2026 to include the 2027 Budget with the Bid Award for 2026 CWSRF – Sewer Improvements Project, and the July 8, 2026 meeting will have the 2027 budget on the agenda.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Demarest attended the Memorial Day Parade and provided thanks. Attended the Parks and Rec Meeting which didn't have a quorum. Will be hosting an Open House at Al Quaal.

Councilmember Kipling gave no report.

Mayor Scanlon attended the Commission on Aging Meeting; they are working on their budget and financials. Construction has started; numerous meetings have been attended. Potholes on Third Street will be repaired. An intern is assisting with communication this year which has improved communication.
Received a call from a member of the Blue Notes; they would like to use the Pavillion for being inducted into the Hall of Excellence. Mayor Pat Scanlon asked for a motion to have the rental and clean-up bond fees waived for the rental.

A motion was made by Mayor Pat Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, and carried unanimously for the Blue Notes to pay the refundable clean-up bond fee and waive the Pavilion Rental Fee

Councilmember Argall was absent at last council meeting due to being on a mission trip. Met with Randy Scholz to go over the fiscal state of the city. Attended the LSCP Golf Outing, took part in Serve Day at NorthIron Church, attended the Ribbon Cutting at The Mather, and attended and will be attending the progress meetings with P&D. Attended Business After Hours Event at Jasper Ridge Brewery; no July events are scheduled for Business After Hours but events will be starting back in August.

Councilmember Chapman provided an update on the 501C Forging Futures, that is working to make some improvements to playgrounds in our community. A Dine and Donate event will be on June 24th at Texas Roadhouse to help benefit 501C Forging Futures playgrounds; ten percent of their meal sales will go to the organization. Attended the Memorial Day Event and Barnes-Hecker Groundbreaking. Discussions with the Ski Hall of Fame about improvements. Continuing speaking with elected officials of which many have expressed their happiness with City Manager Randy Scholz. Attended Pride Fest in Marquette; wished a Happy Pride Month.

13. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Scholz reviewed his manager's report presented in the packet.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Chapman, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Emilie Stack, City Clerk/HR Manager