

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, July 15, 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, and Brett Argall (4). Absent: Councilmember Jason Chapman (1). Also, present was City Manager Randy Scholz and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest seconded, by Councilmember Kipling and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented with the amendment of new business item, Declare Property off of Malton Road as Surplus to 11(h).

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Becker on behalf of the Ore to Shore; the Ore to Shore is celebrating its 27th Year. Jon was present to answer any questions regarding the special events application for the Ore to Shore, requests on the application are the same as past years.

6. MANAGER OFFER OF INFORMATION - nothing to report

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (June 17th and July 1st)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Confirm Mayor Appointment of Mayor Pat Scanlon to Building Authority: Term Expiring 6/27
- d. Confirm Mayor Reappointment of Randy Scholz to Building Authority: Term Expiring 6/29
- e. Confirm Mayor Reappointment of Grey Getschow to Building Authority: Term Expiring 6/28

A motion was made by Councilmember Argall, 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

Finance Director/Deputy City Manager Grey Getschow reviewed the Financial Summary Report with Period Ending June 30, 2026, as presented in the packet. City Manager Randy Scholz received notification that we received the garbage and recycling container grant.

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

b. DPW Update

DPW Director Jake Roberts provided no additions to add to the report provided in the packet.

c. Police Department Update

Police Chief Chad Radabaugh has sent out notices and letters for violations for miscellaneous debris and long grass; at about an eighty-five percent compliance rate. The school resource officer grant through the school ended the end of June; currently looking for other grants but haven't found any at this point. Lost an Officer to MSP lateral. Two other

Officers will be leaving. Provided thanks to Library for the Books and Badges Events. Fourth of July events went well, reporting some minor traffic incidents.

Mayor Pat Scanlon has been receiving numerous complaints regarding chickens; stated he would like to advise council to rescind the chicken ordinance if people don't start complying with the ordinance. The Ordinance can be found online.

d. August 4, 2026, Primary Election Update – City Clerk

City Clerk Emilie Stack provided an election update: for the Primary Election on August 4th, approximately 1,100 absent voter ballots have been issued to date with requests coming in daily. The Public Accuracy Test was completed on July 7th. Early In-Person Voting will begin on Saturday, July 25th and run through Sunday, August 2nd at the Negaunee Township Community Center with the hours on all 9-days being 9:00 am through 5:00 p.m. A reminder that the City consolidated precincts, from two precincts to one. Voting in-person for City residents on August 4th will be at KD Hall – St. John's Church from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Resolution #18-2026, Library Operating Millage for the November 3, 2026 Ballot

Manager Scholz reviewed the recommended millage language in Resolution #18-2026 as presented in the packet. Attorney Caroline Bridges stated this language meets statutory requirements.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Argall, carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #18-2026, Library Operating Millage for the November 3, 2026 Ballot.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Special Event Application(s)

- i. Swim Teal Lake, Benefit for Diabetes: July 25, 2026
- ii. Ore to Shore Mountain Bike Epic: August 8, 2026
- iii. Buzz the Gut Car Show & Parade: August 8, 2026
- iv. Jiiakamiigad Powwow: September 12, 2026
- v. Forging our Future 5K Run/Walk: September 26, 2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, and carried unanimously to approve all five special event applications as presented. Councilmember Kipling amended his motion to add approval to waive the rental fees for the pavilion rental, totaling \$450 (cleaning bond fee and rental fee), for the Jiiakamiigad Powwow and to provide a dumpster for the event.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, and carried unanimously to approve the Forging our Future 5K Run/Walk map closure and to waive the fees for the first year.

b. Quarter 2 Budget Amendments

Grey reviewed Quarter Two Budget Amendments as presented in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Argall, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, and carried unanimously to approve the Quarter 2 Budget Amendments as presented.

c. Request for Proposals – Electrical Contractor Services

Manager Scholz reviewed the Request for Proposals as presented in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, and carried unanimously to authorize the Manager to move forward with the request for proposals for electrical contractor services.

d. Second Reading of Ordinance 2-900, An Ordinance Regulating Conduct in Public Parks

Attorney Bridges reviewed there is a change from the First Reading, the change is under the last section under penalties as represented in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Argall, and carried unanimously to approve the amendments and adopt Ordinance 2-900, An Ordinance Regulating Conduct in Public Parks as presented in the Second Reading.

e. Resolution #17-2026, Resolution for Payment – Reimbursement DWSRF #12

Chris Holmes reviewed Resolution #17-2026 and the attached invoices as presented in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Argall, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, carried unanimously to approve Resolution #17-2026 for reimbursement and payment of funds for the City of Ishpeming DWSRF Water Improvement Project #12.

f. Winter Equipment Maintenance

Jake Roberts reviewed the equipment repairs needed for winter maintenance as presented in the packet. Grey Getschow reviewed surplus equipment that was sold, totaling \$135,000, would take that revenue and apply it to the equipment repairs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, carried unanimously to approve the winter equipment repair and maintenance totaling \$114,093.43.

g. Request to Pay for Fire Truck

Mayor Scanlon stated the hope is to have the new truck delivered to the Firemen's Tournament next weekend.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, carried unanimously to approve the request to pay for the Fire Truck.

h. Declare Surplus Property off of Malton Rd.

Mayor Scanlon presented the property off of Malton Road.

A motion was made by Mayor Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, carried unanimously to declare all property along Malton Road, from the old Cliff's purchase, as surplus property available for development.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, carried unanimously to hold a Public Hearing at the Special Council Meeting on July 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of declaring the property along Malton Road as surplus.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Argall co-hosted the Cruising for Cancer Car Show. Attended the DDA meeting, the Ribbon Cutting at the Skate Park, and attended the festivities for the Fourth of July which included walking in the parade. Provided thanks to the Fourth of July Committee.

Mayor Scanlon the Commission on Aging will be having their 5th year anniversary celebration of the building tomorrow which will have a lunch from 9:00-1:00; attended the Skate Park Ribbon Cutting.

Councilmember Kipling was out of town for the fourth; provided congratulations and to all that worked on the Fourth of July events and the Skate Park event. Provided thanks to Karl Bohnak for the work he did in regard to the fire truck.

Councilmember Demarest attended the ribbon cutting Skate Park. Parks and Rec had an Open House at the Al Quaal Lodge, there will be another meeting on the 15th at 6:00p. There was not a quorum at the last Parks and Rec Meeting.

13. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:44 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Argall, and carried unanimously to adjourn.



Emilie Stack, City Clerk/HR Manager