

Ishpeming City Council Special Proceedings: July 29, 2026
Ishpeming, MI 49849

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, July 29, 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 and Claudia Demarest (3). Absent: Councilmembers Kurt Kipling and Jason Chapman, Councilmember Chapman marked unexcused per Mayor Scanlon (2). Also present was City Manager Randy Scholz and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Argall, seconded by Councilmember Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with an amendment to change agenda item 6. Adjournment to item 7. Adjournment.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Clint Collick, 412 E. High St., Ishpeming; addressed issues with the lack of drainage across Third Street and down High Street; would like to see action taken from the City to address this issue. A solution he would like to see is bigger storm drains and would like feedback on where this stands. Expressed concern with the City buying properties but not allocating money towards this issue.

Mike Hawks, 406 S. Third St., Ishpeming; expressed concern regarding lighting at night. Would like to see the City adopt some sort of North Sky Ordinance. Provided a handout of an example of a north sky ordinance from Presque Isle Township Lighting Ordinance.

Antonio Adan, representing the Marquette County Land Bank; provided a couple remarks about agenda items regarding Malton Road and declaring it as surplus land to be further developed. This was part of a 2024 study Public that supported sites throughout the County; the Land Bank in partnership with eight Townships and three cities nominated the Malton Site as potential redevelopment due the nature and proximity to infrastructure. Any opportunity that exists for local cities and municipalities to move forward with any project right now is very important, especially regarding housing development. The Land Bank is here to assist with resources. The Malton Road Site for development has Antonio's full support.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Dispose of Property Along Malton Road

Mayor Pat Scanlon called the Public Hearing to order at 6:12 p.m.

Mayor Pat Scanlon provided an overview of the property along Malton Road and moving forward with disposing of any land along Malton Road as surplus and making any land along Malton Road available for development. A developer has been working with the City and the County regarding this property.

Resident Clint Collick expressed concerns regarding the development. A discussion took place between Council and resident Collick. Resident Collick can follow up with either Mayor Scanlon or City Manager Scholz for any additional questions or information. A development plan will be presented at a different time. The Council and the City have been and continue to work with the Planning Commission regarding this property and development.

Mayor Pat Scanlon closed the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Confirm Mayor Appointment: Jennifer Morrow to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission, Term Expiring 11/2028

b. Confirm Mayor Appointment: Mary Adams to fill an alternate vacancy on the Housing Appeals Board, Term Expiring 12/2026

c. Confirm Manager Appointment: Bailey Knight to fill a vacancy on the Downtown Development Authority, Term Expiring 7/2030

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d. Confirm Manager Appointment: Tamara Doney to fill the school representative vacancy on the Downtown Development Authority, Term Expiring 7/2029

e. Letter of Support for the Ishpeming Ski Club Phase II Lighting Project

Mayor Pat Scanlon asked to confirm all appointments, items 6(a-d) and agenda item 6(e) in one motion; Mayor Scanlon read each agenda item. A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Argall, carried unanimously to approve agenda items 6(a-e) as presented.

f. Request to Demolish Bruce Asgaard Playground at Wabash

A discussion took place regarding the Bruce Asgaard Playground. City Manager Scholz would like to see a full demolition plan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Argall, seconded by Councilmember Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the request to demolish the Bruce Asgaard Playground at Wabash with an amendment to the original motion to approve the demolish of the basketball court only at this time.

g. Resolution #19-2026, A Resolution Supporting the Designation of Census Tracts 19 and 20 in Marquette County as Opportunity Zones

City Manager Scholz reviewed the presentation and the Resolution as presented in the packet. Mayor Scanlon read Resolution #19-2026.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest seconded by Councilmember Argall, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #19-2026, A Resolution Supporting the Designation of Census Tracts 19 and 20 in Marquette County as Opportunity Zones.

h. CWSRF Change Order #4

Chris Holmes presented CWSRF Change Order #4 with a couple of adjustments that will be coming.

A motion was made by Councilmember Argall, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, and carried unanimously to approve the CWSRF Change Order #4 as presented, totaling \$23,187.73.

i. Purchase Foreclosed Properties

i. 145 Douglas (52-51-563-056-00) 551) – Currently \$9,598.04

ii. 551 Adams (52-51-414-001-00) – Currently \$7,722.04

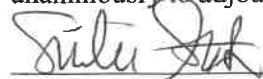
City Manager Scholz provided a handout with descriptions of the two properties, reviewed those items, and provided background information. Antonio Adan, Marquette County Land Bank, will be going to the Land Bank Board about development of these properties. Manger Scholz reviewed where the money would come from to purchase and demolish these properties.

Antonio Adan, Marquette County Land Bank provided information regarding background and tax rolls information, as well as the availability of grants. Stated the Land Bank is here to assist, and this is the long-term solution. Further discussion took place.

A motion was made by Mayor Pat Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Argall, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the Foreclosed Properties at 145 Douglas and 551 Adams.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:51p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Argall, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, and carried unanimously to adjourn.



Emilie Stack, City Clerk