

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, August 19, 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 Brett Argall, Jason Chapman, Claudia Demarest and Kurt Kipling (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 amended agenda with removal of items 11(k): Resolution #21-2026, Resolution for Payment-Reimbursement DWSRF #13 and 11(l): UPEA Agreement-PFAS Testing Grant.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Korsman, 107 W. Ridge St.; On February 2nd the sewer main collapsed behind their building causing raw sewage to backup into their basement and ground. John reviewed a handout he provided with more details. Asking to be reimbursed and to have this placed on a council meeting agenda in the future.

Hart Grigg, 641 Park St.; received a statement on his door for alley access use due to construction. Stated when he was cleaning up the alley by cutting trees, etc., a councilmember told him he was trespassing. Law enforcement was called. He is looking to get reimbursed for his barn.

Kevin Corkin, 604 N. Pine St.; provided an update about the upcoming Christmas Market. The Market will be 100% ran by volunteers, currently more huts are being built to have a total of eleven huts this year with a goal to get to forty huts in the future, \$60,000 has been raised with a goal of reaching \$100,000, thirty-six applicants have applied to be vendors, looking to have music and performers, partnering with the DDA and other area businesses, and has a partnership with Upper Hand Brewery to make a special beer for the event. The Marquette Senior Center plans to bring a bus of people to the market. Provided thanks to City Manager and DPW Director.

Nathan Williams, 604 North 3rd St.; provided comments regarding the potential project on Malton Road that was proposed on the original agenda. Wants the City to get the highest revenue per acre for the land sold so that it is the most benefit to the community. Provided some examples.

6. MANAGER OFFER OF INFORMATION - nothing to report

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (July 15th and Special July 29th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Confirmation of NIWA Loan Schedule
- d. Reappoint Clarice Champion to a 3-Year Term on the Ishpeming Commission on Aging: Term Exp. 9/29
- e. Reappoint Joseph Pelkola to a 3-Year Term on the Ishpeming Commission on Aging: Term Exp. 9/29

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

Finance Director/Deputy City Manager Grey Getschow reviewed the Financial Summary Report with Period Ending July 31, 2026, as presented in the packet.

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

b. DPW Update

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

c. Short-Term Rental Update

City Manager Scholz reviewed the report provided in the packet.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Special Event Application(s)

i. Request to Extend Music in the Park & Farmers Market: Through September 24, 2026

ii. Al Quaal Double Header: October 17 & 18, 2026

iii. 2026 Homecoming Parade: October 2, 2026

iv. Ishpeming Trunk or Treat: October 31, 2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Kipling, seconded by Councilmember Chapman, and carried unanimously to approve all four special event applications as presented with approval to waive any fees for the Ishpeming Trunk or Treat being held on October 31, 2026.

b. Updates Regarding Cliff's Purchase

City Manager reviewed, moving forward will be closing on that deal in hopefully a couple weeks, still working on items. No Council action needed at this time.

c. City Hall Hours of Operation

i. Letter of Agreement Between City of Ishpeming and AFSCME Local 1282.01, City of Ishpeming Clerical Employees

City Manager Scholz reviewed the agreement. Clerical staff asked to consider going to standard hours for the whole year to maintain a schedule of City Hall operational hours to be Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Scholz agrees that this type of schedule would help with recruitment, assist the public with extra morning and evening hours, and cost saving measures.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, and carried unanimously to approve and sign the Letter of Agreement Between the City of Ishpeming and AFSCME Local 1282.01, City of Ishpeming Clerical Employees and move to a year-round four-day work week for City Hall.

d. Deficit Elimination Plan

Finance Director/Deputy City Manager Getschow reviewed the deficit from the general fund and the Deficit Elimination Plan as present in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, and carried unanimously to accept the Deficit Elimination Plan as presented in the packet and to move forward with sending this Plan to the State.

e. Brasswire Solar Grid Tie-In Quote

Finance Director/Deputy City Manager Getschow reviewed the original contract amount for the Brasswire Quote which included a \$25,000 estimate that was provided by UPPCO for the tie-in to the larger electrical grid. The quote came back at \$28,248.38, which brought the total project amount to an increase of \$3,248.38. This brings the total project amount for Brasswire Solar Array from \$124,916.00 which was originally approved by council, to now \$128,164.38. Asking council to up the amounts to the new amount highlighted in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, carried unanimously to increase presented project amount to \$128,164.38 for the Brasswire Solar Tie-In.

f. First Reading of Amendment to the Official Zoning Map (RZ 2026-01): To Rezone a Parcel in the Deferred Development Zoning District to Multiple Residential Zoning District

Planning/Zoning Administrator Andrew Duerfeldt provided an overview.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, carried unanimously to approve the First Reading of Amendment to the Official Zoning Map (RZ 2026-01): To Rezone a Parcel in the Deferred Development Zoning District to Multiple Residential Zoning District.

g. First Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-100 (ZTA 2026-01): To Change Name, Permitted and Conditional Uses of Section 7.0 Deferred Development Zoning District

Planning/Zoning Administrator Duerfeldt provided an overview.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Argall, carried unanimously to approve the First Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-100 (ZTA 2026-01): To Change Name, Permitted and Conditional Uses of Section 7.0 Deferred Development Zoning District.

h. First Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-100 (ZTA 2026-02): To Add Minimum Lot Width to the Deferred Development Zoning District

Planning/Zoning Administrator Duerfeldt provided an overview.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall, carried unanimously to approve the First Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-100 (ZTA 2026-02): To Add Minimum Lot Width to the Deferred Development Zoning District.

i. First Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-100 (ZTA 2026-03): To Add Manufactured Housing Communities to Section 12.3.M as a Conditional Use in the Multiple Residential Zoning District

Planning/Zoning Administrator Duerfeldt provided an overview.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall, carried unanimously to approve First Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 8-100 (ZTA 2026-03): To Add Manufactured Housing Communities to Section 12.3.M as a Conditional Use in the Multiple Residential Zoning District.

j. Resolution #20-2026, Resolution for Payment-Reimbursement CWSRF #13

Chris Holmes reviewed Resolution #20-2026.

A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, carried unanimously to approve Resolution #20-2026, Resolution for Payment-Reimbursement CWSRF #13.

k. Resolution #21-2026, Resolution for Payment-Reimbursement DWSRF #13 – agenda item removed.

l. UPEA Agreement – PFAS Testing Grant – agenda item removed.

m. Jasper Street Washout Repair

DPW Director Roberts reviewed the Statement of Explanation regarding Jasper Street Washout Repair as presented in the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, carried unanimously to approve the repair of the Jasper Street Washout to not exceed \$6,000.

n. Winter Equipment Maintenance

DPW Director Roberts reviewed the winter equipment maintenance and Getschow reviewed the funding source and financial information.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall, carried unanimously to approve the repairs to the winter equipment to not exceed \$28,831.14.

o. Special Council Meeting: Rural Development Fund Application – August 26, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall, carried unanimously to hold the Special Council Meeting on August 26, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Chapman; continuing working on the Forging Futures Event and looking for more vendors. Has been attending on Main/Farmers Market. Provided thanks to all the organizers of that event. Provided comments about development. Attended the RRC Event today.

Councilmember Argall; attended two school board meetings and attended the DDA kick-off meeting. Did a survey with the DDA at the Farmers Market which received great participation from the public. Attended Music on Main events, weekly construction meetings, completed the Salisbury project site visit and new Fire Truck celebration. Attended the Special Planning Commission meeting to listen to public comments regarding Malton Rd. Attended RRC celebration today; provided thanks.

Councilmember Demarest; attended the parks and rec meeting yesterday. The next meeting is Sept 15th at 6:00 at Al Quaal to hopefully get a committee formed. Attended the RRC Event.

Councilmember Kipling; reported the tennis courts are paved as of today. Attended the Ore to Shore. RAMBA 24-hours of Shenanigans event is this weekend, Brasswire Campground is sold out for this event. Kipling would like the Council to look into information regarding Data Centers, not in favor of them. Would like the Council to discuss at a future meeting.

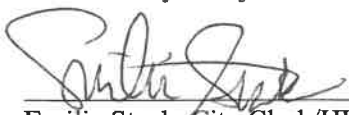
Mayor Pat Scanlon; attended the RRC event today. Provided thanks. Provided thanks to DPW for the work they completed from a water main in front of their daycare.

13. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Scholz reviewed his manager's report presented in the packet. Update Blight Workgroup; one structure that has been demolished.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:04 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Kipling, and carried unanimously to adjourn.



Emilie Stack, City Clerk/HR Manager