Ishpeming City Council Special Proceedings: October 14, 2026
Ishpeming, MI 49849

1. CALL TO ORDER
The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Kurt Kipling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Mayor Pro Tem Kurt Kipling, Council Members Brett Argall, Jason Chapman, and Claudia Demarest (4). Also, present was City Manager Randy Scholz and City Attorney Caroline Bridges. Absent: Mayor Pat Scanlon (1).

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Demarest, and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda with the removal of agenda item 5(b): Proposed 2027 Budget.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – there was none.

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
a. Rental Fee Waiver Request – Lakeview Elementary School: October 23, Mining Heritage Pavilion
A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the event and the rental fees to be waived for this one-time rental of the Mining Heritage Pavilion for Lakeview Elementary School for their event occurring on October 23, 2026.

b. Proposed 2027 Budget
Item removed. A Special Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. to present the Proposed 2027 budget.

c. 2027 Health Insurance Renewal
City Manager Randy Scholz reviewed the statement of explanation as provided in the packet.
A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Argall and carried unanimously to approve the 2027 Health Insurance Renewal Plan with the Pool, effective January 1, 2027.

d. Resolution #27-2026, Approving and Authorizing Signatures to Michigan Department of Transportation Contract #26-5353
City Manager Randy Scholz reviewed Resolution #27-2026.
A motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Argall, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #27-2026, Approving and Authorizing City Manager, Randy Scholz, to sign on its behalf, Contract #26-5353 with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

e. Request from Ishpeming Housing Commission to Adopt an Annual Exemption from Michigan's Public Act 152
Doreen Shelley, Director of the Ishpeming Housing Commission, was present, Doreen provided documents to the Council for review. The Ishpeming Housing Commission is requesting to be included in the City of Ishpeming's annual exemption from Michigan's Public Act 152. Attorney Caroline Bridges reviewed Public Act 152 along with the statute intent and exemptions. Further discussion took place. The City will do more due diligence regarding this. The Resolution will be place on the agenda at the next Regular Council Meeting in November. A motion was not made at this time.

6. ADJOURNMENT
At 6:20 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Demarest, seconded by Councilmember Chapman, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Emilie Stack, City Clerk