

Bangor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2023
257 W. Monroe Street
Bangor, Michigan

1. **Call To Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Farmer.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge started by Council Member Muenzer and recited by all present.
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Council members Martinez-Serratos, Munzer and Murphy as well as Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz and Mayor Farmer. Absent: Council Members Legon and Uplinger. Also present were City Manager Simpson, City Attorney Graham and acting City Deputy Clerk Katarina Kusmack. About 17 citizens were also present.
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Murphy to accept the agenda as presented. Support by Council Member Martinez-Serratos. Motion Carried.
5. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2023:** Motion by Council Member Martinez-Serratos to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Council member Murphy. Motion Carried.
6. **Approval of Payments and Bills:** Motion by Council Member Murphy to pay the bills in the general checking 2 in the amount of \$ 142,440.72 Support by Mayor Farmer. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent Council Members Legon and Uplinger. Motion by Council Member Murphy to pay the EDC-3 bills in the amount of \$44,268.34. Support by Mayor Farmer. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: All members present vote yes. Nays: None. Absent: Council Members Legon and Uplinger. Motion Carried. Motion to pay the bills for roads in the amount of \$19,600.00. Support by Mayor Farmer. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: All Members Present. Nays: None. Absent: Council Members Legon and Uplinger.

7. *Departement Reports:* Police Chief Justin Weber presented Office Tyler Kendregan with a lifesaving award for his actions on January 3rd, 2023.

Fire Chief Babcock gave the fire department report. 55 call in December with an average response time of 6:47 minutes. This brought the 2022 year-to-date total to 564 calls.

Mayor Farmer who is the DPW Liaison presented the DPW report. Thanks to a grant, applied for by the City Manager Simpson, replaced many of the man hole covers along with the sewer and storm sewer drains. There was a water main break on Arlington Road and Alexander Street.

8. *Public Comment:* Brenda Balfor asked what was happening on Cass Street? City Manager Simpson informed her it was gas line work.

9. *New Business:*

a. Proclamation for Thad Earl. Mayor Farmer presented Thad Earl to thank him for his 37 years of service to the City of Bangor. Including 11 years on the City Council and 15 years on the DDA.

b. 307 N. Walnut: Manager Simpson met with the property owner and that it will be a one story house that will fit in with the neighborhood. Simpson recommended approval of the site plan. Council Member Munzer questioned the property line on the site plan. Simpson explained that the property was split.

Motion by Council member Murphy to accept the site plan. Support by Council Member Martinez-Serratos. Motion Carried. Motion by Council member Murphy to allow the land split. Support by Council Member Martinez-Serratos. Motion carried.

c. City Hall Update: Manager Simpson reported to the City Council that he appointed Stephenie Cagle to act as Clerk and Treasurer. Amanda Karr and Katarina Kusmack, and the new possible part time office assistant that will report to Cagle as the department head.

d. Blight update: City Manager Simpson gave the council an update on handling the blight in town.

e. Excessive Force Resolution # 2023-05. Motion by Council Member Murphy to adopt Resolution 2023-05 as presented. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.

f. Historical Society Resolution 2023-06. Motion by Council Member Murphy to adopt resolution 2023-06. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.

g. Closed Session./legal opinion: Council member Murphy made the motion to go into closed session for attorney client privilege. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Went into closed session at 7:32 PM. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council member Murphy to go back into regular session at 7:46PM. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.

h. Severance Agreement: Motion by Council member Munzer to accept the severance agreement package for Christina Sanders with the City of Bangor. Support by Council member Murphy. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: all members present. Nays: None Absent Council members Legon and Uplinger. Motion Carried.

10. Public Comment: None.

11. Council Comments: Mayor Pro Tem: None. Council Member Muenzer inquired as to what the current policy is for City Manager Review. Farmer said, that she will furnish the council members with the previous template for past manage evaluations. Council member Muenzer also shared an historical lesson on Davenport Jones, also known as Lil' Johnny Jones, who was a famous magician from Bangor. Council member Martinez-Serratos congratulated and thanked Officer Tyler Kendregan and Thad Earl even though they were not present. Council member Murphy also thanked Officer Tyler Kendregan who was not present at the time.

Mayor Farmer thanked Attorney Scott Graham for his services to the City of Bangor . She also thanked Officer Tyler Kendregan who were not present.

12. Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Council Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Lynne M. Farmer, Mayor. 17, 2023

