

CITY OF BANGOR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 January 16, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
 257 W. Monroe St. Bangor, MI // City Council Room

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Farmer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. ROLL CALL.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Pati Martinez-Serratos	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember	Present
Jeremy Uplinger	Councilmember	Present
Jerry Muenzer	Councilmember	Present
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	Present
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember	Present
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	Present

OTHERS PRESENT.

Interim City Manager Justin Weber, Acting DPW Director Steve Lowder, Office Kendegran, Treasurer Stephenie Cagle, Clerk Shelly Umbanhowar, Fire Chief Babcock, and approximately 20 members of the public.

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA.

Motion to accept Regular Meeting Agenda with the addition of 10 b. Apology and 10 c. Large Trash Pick-Up.

RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Pati Martiez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.

a. Approval of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 2, 2024

RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Pati Martiez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

6. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL.

a. Motion to pay bills from General Checking 2 in the amount of \$103,338.16

RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Pati Martiez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

b. **Motion to pay bills from Roads Checking in the amount of \$22.87**

RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Pati Martiez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

c. **Motion to pay bills from T&A2 Checking in the amount of \$2,617.26**

RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Pati Martiez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

7. **OTHER REGULAR BUSINESS.**

- a. **South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce:** Kathy Wagaman present the benefits of joining the commerce. There is no cost to the City to join.

Motion for the City to join the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce

RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES:	Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

- b. **Department Head Reports:** Fire Chief Babcock, Officer Kendegran, DPW Director Lowder, and Code Enforcement Murphy, Jr gave brief department updates.

8. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Public comments were heard.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Bryce Saylor/Total Lawn Care Invoices.**

Attorney Scott Graham was unable to attend the meeting. Update at the next Council Meeting.

10. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. **MML Essentials of Local Government Training.**

Motion to approve \$1,800.00 for MML Essentials of Local Government Training.

RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Pati Martiez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

- b. **Apology Letter.**

Mayor Farmer addressed the Council and Public. City Manager Weber read an apology regarding comment said at the 1/2/24 meeting.

- c. **Large Trash Pick-Up.**

City Manager Weber said this will be addressed approaching the spring months. The Council will need to start brainstorming what the game plan for the Spring will be for large trash pick-up. Weber has a meeting with Republic Services on 1/31. He will discuss options with them. The large trash pick-up will not be weekly. Most likely twice a year.

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

Public comments were heard: Nixle alerts are a good way to get more information out to the public. Joining the Chamber of Commerce is great. That really gives Bangor a way to tie in with South Haven. There will be lots of meet and greets, use those to network.

12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS.

Martinez-Serratos: The sidewalks were terrible, as a business owner my customers had to leave and go home. I expect the sidewalks to be free of snow.

Rivers: Thank you for coming out in this very cold weather, it shows your interest in the City. Thank you Shelly for getting the Council paperwork for the Council Meeting’s organized.

Uplinger: Thanks for coming out The Chamber of Commerce is a very cool thing to be part of. It will be beneficial to the City. Looking forward to moving forward in 2024.

McCrum: DPW nice job. Do we have a contract for City Manager Weber? *Answer: No, it’s almost done*

Garcia: Thank you DPW, great job and I appreciate it.

Muenzer: History Lesson: You think this snow is bad, in 1978 there was only like 4 or 5 days of school attendance in January. In 1839 C.V. Cross had 80 acres (downtown area) and paid \$1.55 for Winter Taxes.

Farmer: In 1978, as teachers, we shoveled the roofs. Thank you Shelly for the binders. DPW, thank you and I know it is rough, thanks for taking care of us.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER WEBER COMMENTS.

Don’t open texts or emails that claim to be from anyone at the City level asking for money, it’s a scam. We have local residents opening a new business opening up around February of 2024 – Hamilton House & Treasures on Monroe in the downtown area.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM

RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Darla McCrum, Councilmember
AYES:	Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrum, Farmer

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

Mayor Lynne Farmer