



Council Chambers

COTW Meeting

6:00PM

257 W MONROE ST BANGOR, MI 49013

1. **This meeting was called to order by Mayor Farmer at 6:00 pm.**
2. **ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
		Present	Absent
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	X	
Pati Martinez-Serratos	Mayor Pro Tem	X	
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember	X	
Jeremy Uplinger	Councilmember		X
Renee Doroh	Councilmember	X	
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	X	
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember	X	
QUORUM (4) MET (6 PRESENT)			

OTHERS PRESENT

Justin Weber, City Manager
 Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk
 Stephenie Cagle, City Treasurer

Steve Lowder, DPW Director
 Madelyn Landry, Nick Shelton,
 Dan Bomzer, Dawn Lund - Abonmarche
 Approximately 11 members of the public

3. **APPROVAL OF COTW AGENDA**

Motion to accept COTW Meeting 02/17/26 Agenda as presented.	
RESULT:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Renee Doroh, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
ABSENT:	Uplinger

4. **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

a. **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)**

i. **Financial Projections**

Water Capital Improvement Plan (CIP):

Madelyn Landry with Abonmarche reviewed the PowerPoint and explained that the study has a 5 & 20 year rate study. This study has most items starting in 2027 to give the City the best chances for low interest rate funds and any possible grants.

Rate Study Findings:

Dawn Lund with Abonmarche joined the meeting via conference call and reviewed the Financial Projections with UFS. Dawn explains the need for a water increase incrementally throughout the next five years to begin. The entire rate study goes out 20 years. There is a brief question and answer with Council and Dawn regarding the issue with raising water rates too much. Dawn reminds the Council that the fixed funds pay for a lot of items, the meters, employees' time, the overall system, water storage, etc, if these

fees are not set properly the City cannot maintain the system. The rates need to be stabilized in the system in order to meet revenue requirements. The City is currently on the lower end of rates across municipalities. Our fixed and variable rates are off.

Submission of the DWSRF Project Plan:

Next steps would require City Council approval of UFS Rate Study or alternative funding plan (required by the ACA).

City Council approval of Project Plan for DWSRF Application.

9. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Farmer opened the public comment. Two (2) public comments were offered. Mayor Farmer closed the public comment period.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:47 PM.	
RESULTS:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Darla McCrumb, Councilmember

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

Mayor Lynne Farmer

CERTIFICATION

I, **Shelly Umbanhowar**, the duly appointed Clerk for the City of Bangor, do hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the minutes from the **COTW Meeting held on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, March 2nd, 2026**, by unanimous vote. The original is on file at the Bangor City Hall, 257 W. Monroe Street, Bangor, Michigan 49013.

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk