



**Council Chambers**

**Regular Meeting**

**7:00PM**

**257 W MONROE ST BANGOR, MI 49013**

1. **This meeting was called to order by Mayor Farmer at 7:00 pm.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS LED BY COUNCILMEMBER UPLINGER AND RECITED BY ALL PRESENT**
3. **ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Justin Weber, City Manager  
 Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk  
 Stephenie Cagle, City Treasurer  
 Scott Graham, City Attorney

Steve Lowder, DPW Director  
 Derek Babcock, Fire Chief  
 Ezekiel Drake, Police Officer  
 Approximately 4 members of the public

4. **AUTHORIZATION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER(S) FROM THE MEETING**  
 Motion to excuse Councilmember Garcia from the 03/02/26 Regular City Council Meeting.  
**Mover:** Councilmember Rivers; **Seconder:** Councilmember Doroh.
5. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Motion to accept Regular Meeting 03/02/26 Agenda as presented.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Renee Doroh, Councilmember
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Garcia

6. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

a. **Consent Agenda**

<b>Motion to accept Consent Agenda items with the removal of C. Approval of General Checking Accounts Payable &amp; Payroll, move to #9 (b) Unfinished Business: Regular Meeting Minutes 02/17/26 &amp; COTW Meeting Minutes 02/17/26 Roads Checking in the amount of \$450.00.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Garcia

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Resolutions

i. Resolution 2026-06 Five-Year Water Rate Study

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2026-06** Five-Year Water Rate Study by Abonmarche to Support Water System Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvements.

**RESULT:** CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)  
**MOVER:** Helène Rivers, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Darla McCrumb, Councilmember  
**ABSENT:** Garcia

i. Resolution 2026-07 Senator Gary C Peters FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Request for the Bangor Water Storage Tank

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2026-07** Senator Gary C Peters FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Request for the Bangor Water Storage Tank Grant Application approval.

**RESULT:** CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)  
**MOVER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Helène Rivers, Councilmember  
**ABSENT:** Garcia

b. Proclamations

None

c. Reports

None

d. Presentations

**Audit Presentation from Vredeveld Haefner LLC, For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

The Council reviewed and received the audit presentation from Mike Vredeveld of Vredeveld Haefner LLC regarding the audit findings. A discussion followed, including a question-and-answer session with the City Treasurer. The City Treasurer will be responsible for preparing deficit elimination plans for the two funds currently in deficit. The Council was also advised that both the City Treasurer and City Council should review the component unit budgets for the Bangor Housing Commission (BHC), Economic Development Corporation (EDC), and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

9. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Farmer opened the public comment. No public comments were offered. Mayor Farmer closed the public comment period.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/POSTPONED ITEMS/REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Unfinished Business/Postponed Items

None

b. Items Removed From Consent Agenda

Motion to approve **General Checking Accounts Payable & Payroll** in the amount of **\$108,750.04**, this is the new total, with the removal of the Crown Trophy invoice for \$100.00. This invoice was already paid by a private citizen.

**RESULT:** CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)  
**MOVER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Helène Rivers, Councilmember  
**ABSENT:** Garcia

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

## a. Planning Commission Lot Split for 206 Lincoln Ave

**Motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation – Lot Split for 206 Lincoln Ave.**

**RESULT:** MOTION CARRIED (6 YES; 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)  
**MOVER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Darla McCrumb, Councilmember  
**AYES:** Rivers, Uplinger, Doroh, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Farmer  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Garcia

## 11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Farmer opened the public comment. Zero (0) public comments were offered. Mayor Farmer closed the public comment period.

## 12. COUNCILMEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilmember comments were heard.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM.**

**RESULTS:** CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)  
**MOVER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

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 Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

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 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 **Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, by unanimous vote. The original is on file at the Bangor City Hall, 257 W. Monroe Street, Bangor, Michigan 49013.

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 Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

02/23/2026 INVOICE APPROVAL BY INVOICE REPORT FOR CITY OF BANGOR  
 EXP CHECK RUN DATES 03/03/2026 - 03/03/2026  
 BOTH JOURNALIZED AND UNJOURNALIZED OPEN AND PAID  
 BANK CODE: GCK-2

Vendor Code	Vendor Name Invoice	Description	Amount
AT&T	AT&T MOBILITY 02142026	PHONE @ WELLS	117.72
TOTAL FOR: AT&T MOBILITY			117.72
BENISTAR	BENISTAR/UA-6803 03012026	RETIREMENT BENEFITS MARCH 2026	3,197.50
TOTAL FOR: BENISTAR/UA-6803			3,197.50
BRONSON	BRONSON HEALTHCARE GROUP 020426	DPW DOT PHYSICALS - 2 EMPLOYEES	176.00
TOTAL FOR: BRONSON HEALTHCARE GROUP			176.00
CINTAS	CINTAS CORPORATION #301 4259637867 4259867052 4260389788 5319403805	DPW UNIFORMS RUGS CITY HALL & POLICE STATION DPW UNIFORMS DPW HARD SURFACE DISINFECTANT	57.49 102.16 57.49 7.53
TOTAL FOR: CINTAS CORPORATION #301			224.67
COMCAST	COMCAST 263031200	BILLING ACTIVITY UP TO AND INCLUDING 01/31/26 CITY HALL PHONE	271.05
TOTAL FOR: COMCAST			271.05
CONSUMERS	CONSUMERS ENERGY 100010938270.021626 100010938833.021626	WELL #9 01/16-02/16/26 WELL #8 01/16-02/16/26	519.08 2,238.40
TOTAL FOR: CONSUMERS ENERGY			2,757.48
CROWN	CROWN TROPHY #104 49795	MISS AND MR BANGOR KEYS TO THE CITY	100.00
TOTAL FOR: CROWN TROPHY #104			100.00
DANSAUTO	DAN'S AUTOMOTIVE I011797 I011800	#55 - COOLANT LEAK, HEATER HOSE CONNECTOR CODE ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE - TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM	230.00 482.50
TOTAL FOR: DAN'S AUTOMOTIVE			712.50

DELTA	DELTA DENTAL OF MICHIGAN		
	RIS0006870468	DENTAL INSURANCE	1,596.95
TOTAL FOR: DELTA DENTAL OF MICHIGAN			1,596.95
FERGUSON	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC		
	0239047	DPW SUPPLIES - 6X12 AND 8X12 ALL SS REP CLMPS	1,120.81
TOTAL FOR: FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC			1,120.81
HOEKSTRA	HOEKSTRA EQUIPMENT		
	X301020442:01	PLOW EDGE KIT/CURB KIT - DPW	214.79
TOTAL FOR: HOEKSTRA EQUIPMENT			214.79
SUNBELT	HOMESERVE USA		
	FEBRUARY	WATER LEAK, AND WATER & SEWER LINE COVERAGE	1,722.30
	JANUARY	WATER LEAK, AND WATER & SEWER LINE COVERAGE	1,722.30
TOTAL FOR: HOMESERVE USA			3,444.60
INTEGRITY	INTEGRITY TECH PARTNERS		
		CITY HALL SERVER BACK UP BATTERY - TO REPLACE	
	14508	FAILING ONE	1,599.90
	14514	DPW ON SITE SUPPORT - PASSWORD/MFA SET UP	22.50
	14524	CITY HALL INTERCOM/DOOR UNLOCK/LOCK SYSTEM	2,079.80
	14525	COUNCIL CHAMBERS/CITY HALL - VIDEO/ZOOM SYSTEM	2,863.50
TOTAL FOR: INTEGRITY TECH PARTNERS			6,565.70
PRIMAR	MERLE BOES, INC		
	SI-125724	DPW GAS 02/11/26	349.71
	SI-125983	DPW GAS 02/13/26	797.98
	SI-126168	DPW GAS 02/15/26	899.70
TOTAL FOR: MERLE BOES, INC			2,047.39
MRWA	MICHIGAN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION		
		MRWA WATER OPERATORS SCHOOL - DPW ASSISTANT	
	033026	DIRECTOR	805.00
TOTAL FOR: MICHIGAN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION			805.00
STATE POL	MICHIGAN STATE POLICE		
	551-671604	DRY GAS - POLICE DEPARTMENT	140.00
TOTAL FOR: MICHIGAN STATE POLICE			140.00
PLUNKETT	PLUNKETT COONEY		
	10973419	GALLEGOS V BANGOR SERVICES THRU 01/31/26	1,349.81
TOTAL FOR: PLUNKETT COONEY			1,349.81

PRIORITY	PRIORITY HEALTH		
	260170023849	HEALTH INSURANCE	12,425.49
	260480023290	HEALTH INSURANCE	12,425.49
TOTAL FOR: PRIORITY HEALTH			24,850.98
MISC	SPEER, CHARLES		
	02/19/2026	UB refund for account: 1.10500.0	149.49
TOTAL FOR: SPEER, CHARLES			149.49
STANDARD	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY		
	030126	LIFE INSURANCE	177.00
TOTAL FOR: STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY			177.00
STAPLES	STAPLES		
	7008719639	CITY HALL - OFFICE SUPPLIES MANILA FILE FOLDERS; DPW - MOP HEADS	60.42
	7008752902	FRONT COUNTER STAMPS FOR CITY HALL - DATE & BANK	92.98
	7008815906	DPW LAUNDRY DETERGENT; CITY HALL SIGN HOLDER	60.87
TOTAL FOR: STAPLES			214.27
STAR UNIFO	STAR UNIFORM		
	50695-2	POLICE UNIFORMS X 5	1,275.00
TOTAL FOR: STAR UNIFORM			1,275.00
TRACE	TRACE ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, INC		
	6020477	DRINKING WATER REQ	129.76
TOTAL FOR: TRACE ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, INC			129.76
USBANK	US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE		
	575039748	CITY HALL COPIERS - COPIER LEASE MARCH 2026	503.56
TOTAL FOR: US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE			503.56
VERIZWIRE	VERIZON WIRELESS		
	6135701720	DPW, POLICE, CODE ENF - ON DUTY CELL PHONES, WIFI HOTSPOT - CODE ENF JAN 11 - FEB 10, 2026	162.11
TOTAL FOR: VERIZON WIRELESS			162.11
VSP	VISION SERVICE PLAN		
	824657014	VISION INSURANCE	289.26
TOTAL FOR: VISION SERVICE PLAN			289.26

VREDEVELD	VREDEVELD HAEFNER LLC	PROF SERVICES THRU 01/31/26 PROGRESS ON CITY	
	7120	AUDIT ENDING JUNE 30, 2025	9,300.00
TOTAL FOR: VREDEVELD HAEFNER LLC			9,300.00

WOODHAMS	WOODHAMS FORD LINCOLN	POLICE CAR #54 DRIVERS DOOR KEY CYLINDER QUIT	
	45138	WORKING - NEW LOCK CYLINDER IN DOOR	381.33
TOTAL FOR: WOODHAMS FORD LINCOLN			381.33

<b>TOTAL - ALL VENDORS</b>	<b>62,274.73</b>
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**PAYROLL**

PAYROLL	PAYROLL	02/08-02/21/26 PAYROLL, INCLUDING BHC	44,213.63
	02/27/26		
TOTAL FOR: PAYROLL			44,213.63

<b>TOTAL - ALL PAYROLL</b>	<b>44,213.63</b>
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**CHECKS IN BETWEEN**

CHECKS IN BETWEEN	CHECKS IN BETWEEN	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES - CITY CREDIT CARD	
	42852	CHARGES/FEB 2026	2,176.68
	42853	METRO BUILDING INSPECTORS ASSOC - BUILDING	
		INSPECTOR MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING	185.00
TOTAL FOR: CHECKS IN BETWEEN			2,361.68

<b>TOTAL - ALL CHECKS IN BETWEEN</b>	<b>2,361.68</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL - ALL CATEGORIES</b>	<b>108,850.04</b>
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**FUND TOTALS:**

Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND	86,519.11
Fund 590 - SEWER FUND	5,388.03
Fund 591 - WATER FUND	11,173.11
Fund 661 - MOTOR EQUIPMENT FUND	5,769.79
<b>FUND TOTALS:</b>	<b>108,850.04</b>

**BANK TOTALS:**

Bank GCK-2 GENERAL CHECKING 2	108,850.04
<b>BANK TOTALS:</b>	<b>108,850.04</b>

**PAYMENT TYPE TOTALS:**

Paper Check	61,375.37
EFT Transfer	47,474.67
<b>PAYMENT TYPE TOTALS:</b>	<b>108,850.04</b>

<b>PAGE 4 TOTAL</b>	<b>56,256.64</b>
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02/23/2026 INVOICE APPROVAL BY INVOICE REPORT FOR CITY OF BANGOR  
 CHECK RUN DATES 02/20/2026 - 02/20/2026  
 BOTH JOURNALIZED AND UNJOURNALIZED OPEN AND PAID  
 BANK CODE: ROADS

Vendor Code	Vendor Name Invoice	Description	Amount
SULLINS EX	MIKE SULLINS EXCAVATING INC 1578	SNOW REMOVAL & STACKING AT LIONS PARK	450.00
TOTAL FOR: MIKE SULLINS EXCAVATING INC			450.00

<b>TOTAL - ALL VENDORS</b>	<b>450.00</b>
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**FUND TOTALS:**

Fund 202 - MAJOR STREETS FUND	225.00
Fund 203 - LOCAL STREETS FUND	225.00
	450.00

**BANK TOTALS:**

Bank ROADS STREET FUNDS	450.00
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**PAYMENT TYPE TOTALS:**

Paper Check	450.00
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**CITY OF BANGOR  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FIVE-YEAR WATER RATE STUDY  
PRESENTED BY ABONMARCHE TO SUPPORT WATER SYSTEM  
INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS**

**RESOLUTION: 2026-06**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bangor held on March 2, 2026.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council conducted a Working Session on February 17, 2026, at which Abonmarche presented the findings and recommendations of a comprehensive Five-Year Water Rate Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Five-Year Water Rate Study is to evaluate the City's current water utility revenue structure, projected operational costs, capital improvement needs, and long-term financial sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Study outlines recommended rate adjustments over a five-year period beginning in 2027, including a projected rate adjustment to customers of 10.0%, to ensure adequate funding for the continued operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the City's water infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the first five years of the estimated capital project costs identified in the Study are calculated to be approximately \$7,326,358; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the recommended rate structure will support critical infrastructure improvements, regulatory compliance, system reliability, and the protection of public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that adoption of the Five-Year Water Rate Study and its recommended rate plan is in the best interest of the City and its water customers to maintain a safe, reliable, and financially sustainable water system;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Bangor hereby adopts the Five-Year Water Rate Study as presented and recommended by Abonmarche; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the recommended water rate adjustments outlined in the Study shall be implemented beginning July 1, 2026, and phased in over a five-year period, consistent with the Study's schedule and recommendations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Administration is authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to implement the adopted rate structure, including preparation of any required ordinances, budget amendments, public notices, and administrative procedures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Bangor City Council.

Motion to adopt Resolution proposed by Councilmember Rivers, Second by Councilmember McCrumb

Approved as follows:

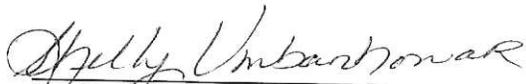
**AYES:** McCrumb, Rivers, Uplinger, Doroh, Martinez-Serratos, Farmer

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

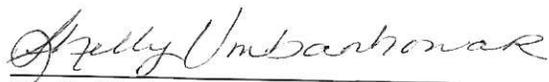
**ABSENT:** Garcia

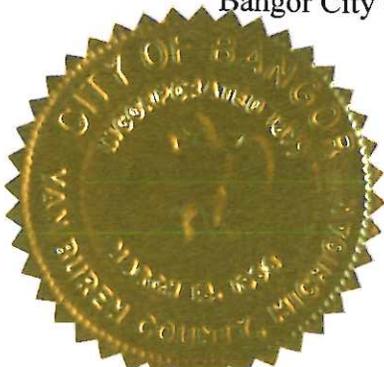
The Mayor declared the resolution adopted on 03/02/26.

  
Shelly Umbanhowar  
Bangor City Clerk

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Shelly Umbanhowar, Clerk of City of Bangor, Van Buren County, Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council at the regular meeting of said board held on 03/02/26 at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

  
Shelly Umbanhowar  
Bangor City Clerk



**CITY OF BANGOR  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SENATOR GARY C. PETERS  
FY27 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST  
FOR THE BANGOR WATER STORAGE TANK GRANT APPLICATION**

**RESOLUTION: 2026-07**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bangor seeks to improve its water system to promote long-term sustainability, ensure adequate fire flow protection, and maintain high water quality standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the City intends to undertake necessary repairs and extensive improvements to ensure the longevity of the water storage tank and the continued delivery of safe drinking water to users; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will address the City-owned 300,000 gallon above ground water storage tank; and

**WHEREAS**, funding is available through Senator Gary C. Peters Fiscal Year 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending Requests from the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Bangor approves the submission of the Congressionally Directed Spending Request to the Office of Senator Gary C. Peters with a total project cost of **\$558,500.00**, funded 80 percent by the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies and 20 percent by local match through the City's water fund, and commits to providing the required local match if the project is funded.

Motion to adopt Resolution proposed by Councilmember Uplinger, Second by Councilmember Rivers.

Approved as follows:

**AYES:** Uplinger, Rivers, McCrumb, Doroh, Martinez-Serratos, Farmer

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

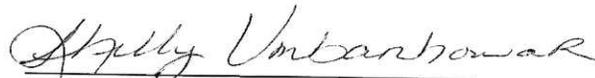
**ABSENT:** Garcia

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