

**CITY OF BANGOR**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
 March 4, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
 257 W. Monroe St. Bangor, MI // City Council Room

**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Farmer called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**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	Absent/Sick
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.**

City Manager Justin Weber, Acting DPW Director Steve Lowder, Fire Chief Derek Babcock, Clerk Shelly Umbanhowar, and approximately 14 members of the public.

**4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA.**

Motion to accept Regular Meeting Agenda	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.**

a. **Approval of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 20, 2024**

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

**6. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL.**

a. **General Checking Accounts Payable and Payroll.**

Motion to pay bills from General Checking 2 in the amount of \$68,099.02.	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

b. **Roads Checking Accounts Payable**

<b>Motion to pay bills from Roads Checking in the amount of \$1,500.00.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Farmer
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

c. **T&A2 Checking Accounts Payable**

<b>Motion to pay bills from T&amp;A2 Checking in the amount of \$573,284.36.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Uplinger, Farmer
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

7. **OTHER REGULAR BUSINESS.**

None

8. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

No public comments.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Attorney Scott Graham reminds councilmembers of the expectations about the action they need to take at this meeting. Brief discussion about the reason for city council closed sessions.

<b>Motion to authorize Attorney Scott Graham to move forward with litigation against Bryce Saylor's Total Lawn Care.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Farmer
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

b. **City Logo**

City Manager Weber introduces three reimagined apples and trains logos. These are for FYI purposes and not to be voted on.

c. **\$500K from Savings to Higher Yielding Rate Account**

Discussion regarding the benefits of a higher yielding rate account for the City's money. Local banks interest rates were submitted and reviewed.

<b>Motion to authorize the movement of \$500K from Savings to MI Class.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	McCrumb, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, Farmer
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

**10. NEW BUSINESS.**

**a. Bulk Trash Pick Up.**

Discussion regarding bulk trash options. Director Steve Lowder informs the council that in the next few weeks DPW will begin to pick up 2024 spring brush and remainder of 2023 fall brush (leaf bags and vac truck).

<b>Motion to accept option #1 Republic Services one (1) time per year curbside bulk trash pick-up.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer
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**b. DPW Mowing Crew.**

City Manager Weber presents the information and need for seasonal DPW workers (mowing crew). Brief discussion on what this 6-month temporary crew will do for the City.

<b>Motion to hire two (2) short-term (6 months/May-October) employees with a pay scale of \$14-15 per hour.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Farmer
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**c. Water Meter(s) Recovery Policy/Charges for Meter(s) and Service.**

DPW Director Steve Lowder presents the case for the City capturing meter and service charges for homeowners that are negligent and their meter breaks.

<b>Motion to accept Resolution 2024-04 Recovery Policy/Charges for Meter(s) and Service.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Uplinger, Farmer
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<b>Motion to amend 'accept Resolution 2024-04 Recovery Policy/Charges for Meter(s) and Service' to add 'bases upon actual total charges'.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
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**11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Public comments were heard: House on Walnut Street is not safe and needs to be looked into. Thank you council for the bulk trash decision.

**12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS.**

**Martinez-Serratos:** Absent/Sick.

**Rivers:** Thank you all for coming. There were many things that were said and decided tonight-this is progress. We all know what is going to be done going forward.

**Uplinger:** Thanks for coming out, happy to see you. The interests of the City are our interests.

**McCrum:** Thank you Scott for your diligent support for legal matters. Thank you to everyone who is here tonight.

**Garcia:** Thank you everyone for coming out. Invite people to come and tell them to get involved, this is how things get done.

**Muenzer:** History Lesson: 1877 Election there were 250 registered voters in Bangor and 238 cast ballots. I have a concern about the opportunity to speak with the City Manager, the Mayor has not been able to speak with him recently and I hope this ends soon.

**CITY MANAGER WEBER COMMENTS.**

I require an appointment to meet with anyone. I already have a weekly appointment scheduled with the Mayor and have already met with her weekly since I started.

**CITY ATTORNEY GRAHAM COMMENTS.**

The best practices for the City paying any invoices is to receive it by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, it goes in the next council packet for approval and paid by the next council meeting. Please remember regarding the attorney log and invoices, I do not always bill the City for everything. Sometimes a log on the City's end might show a phone call or email and on the invoice I submit, you might not always see that. The main things the council needs to pay attention to is who authorized the attorney to work and what work was done.

**MAYOR FARMER:** Documents, quote from Peerless Midwest, Dig Doctor estimate and referral letter and referral letter for Dillion Electric Services, were presented regarding Well#9 pump that Peerless Midwest pulled and is repairing/replacing. Mayor Farmer confirmed that pumps cannot sit on the shelf 'just in case' because they will not be useable when they are needed, seals can go bad.

**13. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM**

**RESULT: Mayor Farmer adjourned the meeting as all of the agenda items were completed in totality.**

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Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

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Mayor Lynne Farmer