

Bangor City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 3, 2023  
257 W Monroe Street Bangor, MI 49013

1. **Call to Order:** The 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: *Present:*** Mayor Farmer, Council members: Uplinger, Legon, Martinez-Serratos, Murphy, & Muenzer. About 19 citizens were also present. ***Absent (Excused):*** Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Council member Murphy to accept the agenda as presented. Support by Council member Muenzer. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.
5. **Approval of City Council Minutes:** Motion by Council member Legon to approve regular meeting minutes held on March 22, 2023, as presented. Supported by Council member Martinez-Serratos. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.
6. **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes (Fire Department) from March 30, 2023:** Motion by Council member Murphy to amend the special meeting minutes by making a correction that Muenzer was in attendance and not absent for the special meeting held on March 30, 2023. Supported by Council member Legon. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried with correction.
7. **Approval of Payments and Bills:** Motion by Council member Legon to pay General Checking 2 payments & bills in the amount of \$222,725.23. Supported by Council member Murphy. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.
8. **New Business:**
  - a. **Proclamation for Henry Beelen & Zach Hayes:** Mayor Farmer presented Henry Beelen & Zach Hayes, Bangor High School Students, with a proclamation for their contribution to City of Bangor and outstanding wrestling year.
  - b. **Center Street update:** Still researching options. Working on an MDOT category B funding grant to see if we can help offset costs.

**b. Road work update:** Will begin mapping out the town for local roads work shortly.

**c. Sewer update:** We are still working on the sewer issues. We still have multiple lines that need maintenance. The first portion of Arlington Street has been repaired. The second portion will be repaired the following week.

**9. Public Comment:** Two residents inquired about registering chickens. City Manager Simpson will speak with them after the meeting; Jacob with Van Buren Conservation District updated everyone on outreach events for recycling; County Commissioner Kurt Doroh gave update on Friend of the Court moving to new building shortly. Palisades still has 250 people working and new site housing for Van Buren being researched.

**10. Removal of Kathy Sparks from Bangor Housing Commission:** Resignation of Kathy Sparks. Motion by Council member Uplinger to accept Kathy Sparks resignation from the Bangor Housing Commission. Supported by Council member Martinez-Serratos. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.

**13. Council member comments:**

**Council Member Martinez-Serratos:** Thank you guests for joining us and good luck with the chickens.

**Council Member Legon:** Thanks everyone for coming. Good job for Bangor schools, Henry and Zach.

**Council Member Muenzer:** Everyone is working hard – let's not neglect trash & debris. History lesson: track for harness racing in the 1880's. It was located on south Walnut St close to where the elementary school stands today.

**Council Member Uplinger:** Congratulations Henry and Zach.

**Council Member Murphy:** Congrats Henry and Zach. Thanks for coming out, appreciate the comments.

**City Manager Simpson:** Vac truck has come in handy for a few situations; Working on a solution for the long calls with Pride Care; In the process of putting an officer on a police drug team – if it's feasible in budget, will bring to the Council.

**Mayor Farmer:** Thank you Kurt; Congratulations Henry and Zach; If you see the DPW guys – tell them thank you. They have been hard at work and made quite an

impression on the crew working on the sewers. History lesson: presented a yearbook page with a photo of City Manager Simpson in high school working at McDonalds.

**13. Adjournment:** Motion made by Council member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. Supported by Martinez-Serratos. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.

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Shelly Umbanhowar, Deputy Clerk

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Mayor Lynne Farmer