

CITY OF BANGOR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 April 1, 2024 @ 7:05 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	Present
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember	Present
Jeremy Uplinger	Councilmember	Present
Jerry Muenzer	Councilmember	Present
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	Absent/Sick
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember	Absent/Vacation
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	Present

OTHERS PRESENT.

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

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA.

Motion to accept Regular Meeting Agenda	
RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
ABSENT:	Amber Garcia and Darla McCrumb, Councilmembers

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 18, 2024	
RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
ABSENT:	Amber Garcia and Darla McCrumb, Councilmembers

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 \$106,014.39.	
RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES:	Uplinger, Muenzer, Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Farmer
ABSENT:	Amber Garcia and Darla McCrumb, Councilmembers

b. **Roads Checking Accounts Payable**

Motion to pay bills from Roads Checking in the amount of \$3,154.23.	
RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES:	Muenzer, Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Farmer
ABSENT:	Amber Garcia and Darla McCrumb, Councilmembers

7. **OTHER REGULAR BUSINESS.**

None

8. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Public comments were heard: thanks for removing the shed behind the old Verdonk building by the bank.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. **Budget Workshop Date.**

Brief discussion on best date for each councilmember. The date will be: Tuesday, 4/23/24 at 7PM in the City Council Room at City Hall.

b. **Council Memo Clarifying City Manager and Councilmember Roles.**

City Attorney Scott Graham announces that he will have a memo for council before the next meeting on 4/15/24. They will have it in enough time to review and discuss at the next meeting..

10. **NEW BUSINESS.**

a. **Accept Reappointment of Fred Hicks to DDA.**

Motion to accept Reappointment of Fred Hicks to DDA term 01/01/24-12/31/26.	
RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
ABSENT:	Amber Garcia and Darla McCrumb, Councilmembers

a. **Accept Reappointment of Dan Farmer to DDA.**

Motion to accept Reappointment of Dan Farmer to DDA term 01/01/24-12/31/26.	
RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
ABSENT:	Amber Garcia and Darla McCrumb, Councilmembers

11. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

None.

12. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS.**

Martinez-Serratos: Thank you all for coming out and supporting us.

Rivers: Thank you for coming out in this weather and continuing to support the city. Things are getting better.

Uplinger: The Easter egg hunt at the high school was a fun time. I would like to see more Police presence there in the future, maybe handing out items. I will bring 10 people to help with the Bangor Beautification Day. Thanks everyone for coming out. I'm super excited that the weather is getting nice out and we can get some stuff done.

McCrumb: Absent.

Garcia: Absent.

Muenzer: Thank you Dan Farmer and Fred Hicks for serving the City and taking time out of your schedule. I appreciate what you have done for the City. History Lesson: Black River most important about Bangor. John Nyman came to Bangor and was a big supporter to get the railroad through Bangor. He had to find a market to sell his many resources to.

CITY MANAGER WEBER COMMENTS.

You were all provided updates in your packets. I will continue to do this to communicate with the Council what is going on. On the weeks that we do not meet, I will send an email. Please be sure to be checking your emails. We need to think about a 5-year parks plan. Without one, we cannot apply for grants and work on projects. The current one has expired. Interviews for the DPW seasonal worker applicants will start this week. Check out the southwest corner of Kiwanis Park. DPW has been working hard on this area. It would be nice is the council could write letters or a card for Bruce Thatcher who will have mail call on his way back from Washington DC this month.

CITY ATTORNEY GRAHAM COMMENTS.

No comment.

MAYOR FARMER: I met with Bangor students and discussed Random Acts of Kindness. There will be a program at the High School football field on 4/19/24 at 10AM. I encourage councilmembers to go. Brenda Balfour has sadly passed away. She was the first female Mayor of Bangor. The Council motions to donate \$70.00 from the flower fund to Bangor American Legion.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 PM	
RESULTS:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
ABSENT:	Amber Garcia and Darla McCrumb, Councilmembers

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 **Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 1, 2024**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, April 15, 2024**, by unanimous vote. The original is on file at the Bangor City Hall, 257 W. Monroe Street, Bangor, Michigan 49013.

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk