



CITY OF BANGOR

BANGOR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 15, 2024

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

7:00PM

**257 W. MONROE STREET
BANGOR, MI 49013**

This meeting was opened by Mayor Farmer at 7:00 pm.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS RECITED BY ALL**
- 2. 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	Present
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember	Present
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Justin Weber, City Manager
Steve Lowder, Acting DPW Director
Shelly Umbanhowar, Clerk
Approximately 25 members of the public.

- 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion to accept Regular Meeting Agenda with the addition of:

**7, iv) Lot Combination, Stewart Rissley
10, b) Security Policy**

RESULT: CARRIED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember

SECONDER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember

AYES: Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

- 4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (ABB Fire Board Yearly Budget Meeting) held on March 28, 2024

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

SECONDER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

AYES: Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

Motion to approve Minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 1, 2024

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES: Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

5. 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 \$142,274.68.**

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES: Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

b. Roads Checking Accounts Payable**Motion to pay bills from Roads Checking in the amount of \$2,700.00.**

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES: Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

6. OTHER REGULAR BUSINESS**i) Proclamation Zachary Hayes**

Mayor Farmer presented Zachary Hayes with a Proclamation from the City Council for his Wrestling achievements.

ii) Van Buren County Transit Site Plan**Motion to accept Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for Van Buren Public Transit to start construction.**

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
SECONDER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

iii) Department Head Reports

DPW: Director Steve Lowder gave an update. Lowder presented council with the current ordinance that shows the fees associated with water and sewer, the fee list is too low and has not been updated in quite a while. He will have a suggested price increase list of fees for Council to consider at the next council meeting 05/06/24.

City Treasurer: Report given.

Police Department: Report given.

Fire Department: Report given.

Other: Reports given by County Commissioner Kurt Doroh.

iv) Lot Combination Application 80-54-503-004-00 & 80-54-503-007-00

Motion to accept Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation of Lot Combination Application submitted by Stewart Rissley for 80-54-503-004-00 & 80-54-503-007-00.	
RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES:	Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

7. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were heard.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Council Memo Clarifying City Manager and Councilmember Roles

City Attorney Scott Graham was not able to attend the meeting. Document will be available to Councilmembers by email and discussed at the next Council Meeting on 05/06/24.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Code Enforcement

City Manager Weber presented council with a PowerPoint regarding current code enforcement (blight) issues within the City. His recommendation is that Code Enforcement be a full time position. It is a part time position right now and more is required. He and the Treasurer are looking at the budget to see if this is possible. The fees and fines paid for by blight violations can counteract some of the salary of a full time Code Enforcement position. He recommends the Council look into updating ordinances so these blight violations are easier to take to court. He will have more information regarding numbers and budget at the 04/23/24 budget meeting.

Fire Chief Babcock informs council that the code enforcement department would handle other things other than blight. They would also perform the required annual apartment inspections. These things are for the safety of the apartment renters and community.

Motion to table the Code Enforcement decision until more information is presented at the 04/23/24 Budget Workshop Meeting.	
RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 05/06/24 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
AYES:	Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Uplinger, Muenzer, Garcia, McCrumb, Farmer

b. Security Policy

Discussion regarding Security Procedure that City Manager Weber emailed to Councilmembers. Weber explains that for security purposes he would like to know who has access to the building and that the new door locks log all enters and exits. There is brief discussion that if we have issues with the doors that is a separate issue and those issues need to be addressed.

Motion to approve the Security Policy presented by City Manager Weber.

RESULT: CARRIED [4 to 3]
MOVER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Uplinger, Garcia, McCrumb
NAYES: Martinez-Serratos, Muenzer, Farmer

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Martinez-Serratos: Congratulations Zach. Thanks everyone for coming.

Rivers: Thank you for suggestions and for the criticism.

Uplinger: Thank you everyone for coming. Thank you to the City for supporting the motorcycle club. I would like to announce that I have stepped down from that club and am no longer a part of them. I will still be involved with community service.

McCrumb: The screens showing the council meeting agenda are nice. Please join us for Bangor Beautification Day on 04/27/24.

Garcia: Thanks for coming out tonight.

Muenzer: Security issues-the gates at the pond are left open regularly. I don't think DPW should be using public works for personal business. History Lesson: Charles Cross was the first child born in the City. Still has family in the City.

MAYOR FARMER: Congrats Zach. Thanks all for coming. Reminder about the RAK at the High School on 04/19/24.

12. ADJOURNMENT**Motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM**

RESULTS: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
SECONDER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

 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 15, 2024**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, May 6, 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