

Bangor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2023
411 W Arlington Street
Bangor, Michigan

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Mayor Farmer.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge started by Forest Green and recited by all present.
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Council members Uplinger, Martinez-Serratos, Murphy, Muenzer, Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz and Mayor Farmer. Absent: Council member Legon
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2023:** Motion by Council member Muenzer to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Council member Murphy. Absent: Council member Legon. Motion Carried.
5. **Approval of Payments and Bills:** Motion by Council member Murphy to pay the bills in the General Checking 2 in the amount of \$262,815.01. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council member Legon. Motion Carried.
 - a. Motion by Council member Murphy to pay the bills for Roads in the amount of \$3,050.00. Support by Council member Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council member Legon. Motion Carried.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Blue Fire Media:** Motion by Council member Murphy to accept Blue Fire Media proposal for new website design. Support by Council member Martinez-Serratos. After discussion. **Roll Call Votes:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council member Legon.
 - b. **Remove Christina Sanders and John Saylor for bank bag pick up/drop off for Sturgis Bank and Trust:** Motion by Council member Uplinger to remove Christina Sanders and John Saylor from the list of approved employees to pick up and drop off bank bag for Sturgis Bank and Trust. Support by Council member Murphy. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council member Legon. Motion Carried.
 - c. **DDA member appointment:** Motion by Council member Uplinger to appoint Heather Scruggs to the Downtown Development Authority with a term ending. Support by Council member Murphy. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council member Legon. Motion Carried.
 - d. **Department Reports:**
 - i. **County Update:** Kurt Doroh gave the County update.
 - ii. **Manager Report:** City Manager Simpson gave his report.
 - e. **County Commissioner Report:** None given.
7. **Opportunity for Public Comment: Renee Doroh:** There are tress down in Kiwanis Park. If I can I would like to help clean them up. **Kathy Sparks:** There

will be a bake sale on May 11 and 12. I gave everyone a flier. I was doing some cleanup at Mora Park for the upcoming game and notice that people are not cleaning up after their dogs. Can we put something out for them? Was wondering what is going on with Applefest? **Shaun Eisner:** Can you put Utility bills on BS&A online? **Kurt Doroh:** We have a problem with young people not having not have anything to do or go after school. The County is working with the ISD to help with this problem. **Derek Babcock:** Can the City get some pedestrian crossing signs for M43?

8. **Council Comments: Council member Martinez-Serratos:** Thank you all for coming out.

Council member Uplinger: Thank you everyone for coming out. Thank you Jerry.

Council member Legon: Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz: I usually mail my payment in but I was close to being late so I came in person to pay my water bill. I didn't know that there was a \$3.00 fee to use debit/credit card.

Council member Murphy: None

Council member Muenzer: I noticed that one of the fire hydrants was covered with a baggie. Does this meaning that it is not working? (Yes) How many fire hydrants do we have that don't work? (5-10). I, also, noticed a Christmas tree at DPW. What is this for? (Downtown). I've been on the Council for about a year now and happy with the progress that has been done on the roads and infrastructure. The one disappointing mistake was when we built the new DPW building was that we made it to small. Maybe we can add on to it at a later date. How much land does the City own? Need to make some type of plan to have it developed.

Mayor Farmer: Thank you about the DPW building. We had a budget that we had to work with. If Council members have questions they can always talk to Tommy he is always available. If they can't talk to Tommy then they can bring them to Council. Sorry for the inconvenience with Cemetery Road but if it was up to the City the work would already be done but we have to work with others. When the State or Federal Government gets involved it takes longer. Appreciate everyone coming out. Thank you to John Saylor and his team for the work they do.

Adjournment: Motion by Council member Uplinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. Support by Council member Murphy. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council member Legon. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.