

Bangor City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2023  
257 E. Monroe St.  
Bangor, Michigan

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Farmer.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge started by Council Member Legon and recited by all present.
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Council members Uplinger, Legon, Martinez-Serratos, Murphy, Muenzer, Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz and Mayor Farmer. Absent: None
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Council member Uplinger to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Council member Legon. Absent: None. Motion Carried.
  - a. Amend Agenda to add b (Surplus Trucks) & c (Police Appreciate Week) under Item No 7
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2023:** Motion by Council member Murphy to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Council member Legon. Absent: None. Motion Carried  
**Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2023:** Motion by Council member Muenzer to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Council member Murphy. Absent: None. Motion Carried
6. **Approval of Payments and Bills:** Motion by Council member Murphy to pay the bills in the **General Checking 2** in the amount of **\$94,203.02**. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.
  - a. Motion by Council member Murphy to pay the bills for **Roads** in the amount of **\$9,674.24**. Support by Council member Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.
  - b. Motion by Council member Murphy to pay the bills for **T&A2** in the amount of **\$92,166.25**. Support by Council member Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.
7. **New Business:**
  - a. **Department Reports:**
    - i. **County Update:** Kurt Doroh gave the County update.
    - ii. **Manager Report:** City Manager Simpson gave his report.
    - iii. **Fire Department:** Mayor Farmer gave a report.
    - iv. **Police Department:** Chief Weber gave his report.
    - v. **Pride Care:** Steve Lowder gave a report.
    - vi. **DPW Update:** Mayor Farmer gave a report.
  - b. **Surplus Trucks:** Motion by Council member Murphy to give City Manager Simpson permission to advertise to sell surplus trucks and obtain bids. Bids will be due 6/2/23 @ 4 PM to Deputy Clerk, Shelly Umbanhowar. Bids will be presented at the next council meeting 6/5/23. Support by Council member Legon. After discussion. **Roll Call Votes:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None.
  - c. **Police Appreciation Week:** Mayor Farmer wanted to remind everyone to stop and thank the Police Department for all of the hard work they do.

d. **DDA member appointment:** Motion by Council member Uplinger to appoint Heather Scruggs to the Downtown Development Authority with a term ending 01/01/22-12/31/25. Support by Council member Murphy. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council member Legon. Motion Carried.

8. **Opportunity for Public Comment: Kathy Sparks:** Thank you for the support for the Renegades fundraiser. Come and support the softball tournament. Thank you, Police Officer Fil Garcia, for his outstanding assistance with a medical emergency that her grandson recently had. **Kurt Doroh:** Mayor Farmer did an excellent job with the program for the Real Daughter Celebration.

9. **New Business:**

a. Abonmarche Drinking Water State Revolving Project Plan

Motion by Council member Murphy to go into **Public Meeting @ 7:18 PM** regarding the Abonmarche Drinking Water State Revolving Project Plan. Support by Council Member Legon. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried. Leah with Abonmarche gave a brief overview of the Drinking Water State Revolving Project Plan. She presented the need for replacement within the City and state funding program details.

10. **Public Comments:** About 13 city residents in attendance. Comments were given by all in attendance. General consensus was that no one wants to see an increase in their monthly bill but most agree that the infrastructure/drinking water needs improvement. Comments were given that they would like to see a notice with the monthly water bill as to the next City Council Meeting that will cover the progress of this project plan. A few comments mentioned they like the idea that roadway improvements would be included with the plan. It was also mostly agreed that if we can fix this for the future generation, that is a good thing.

11. **Council Member Comments: Council Member Uplinger:** Fix the issues now for the future generation. It's an issue and it needs to be fixed. **Council Member Legon:** Agrees that we can get grants. We need new pipes and the roadwork included in the project plan is a plus. **Council Member Martinez-Serratos:** We need new infrastructure. No one wants to see their monthly bill go up but with grants that cost should be lower. **Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz:** Agrees with everyone else, the water quality needs to be improved. **Council Member Murphy:** Move forward and see what grants and forgiveness loans are available for this project.

**Council Member Muenzer:** Why is the water tank not first priority? Start from the source before street work is done. **Mayor Farmer:** 4-inch mains don't help when firefighters need it. We would like to see the ISO go from a 6 to a 4. The pipe conditions on the North side hold this progress of better water flow up.

Motion by Council Member Martinez-Serratos to accept **Resolution No. 2023-15** to apply for funding. Support by Council Member Murphy. Roll Call Vote: Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council member Murphy to end Public Meeting @ 7:50 PM regarding the Abonmarche Drinking Water State Revolving Project Plan. Support by Council Member Martinez-Serratos. Roll Call Vote: Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Council member Murphy to go into closed session for Attorney Client Privilege. Support by Council member Legon at 7:55 PM. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried. Closed Session Meeting Minutes will be recorded by Mayor Farmer.

Motion by Council member Murphy to go back into regular session at 8:46 M. Support by Council Member Legon. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

13. Council Member Murphy moved that we allow our City Attorney Scott Graham to make public his 40-page findings of April 12, 2021. Support by Council Member Martinez-Serratos. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

14. **Council Member Comments:**

Council Member Legon: Being on the council for just a couple of years now, and knowing the people involved I feel sorrow and pity for some of them. This really sucks. We could not have a better attorney.

Council Member Martinez-Serratos: No comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz: No comment.

Council Member Murphy: Thanks to everyone for coming out to vote. I am happy to now be elected not just appointed.

Council Member Muenzer: Luke 6:37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

Council Member Uplinger: I want to thank Scott for all of this hard work in this case and I am very sorry this had to happen to you.

Mayor Farmer: Scott, I want to thank you for all you have done to protect this City. I have been on the council a very long time and you are by far the best City Attorney we have ever had. Thanks for all you do for us.

15. **Adjournment:** Motion by Council Member Uplinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. Support by Council Member Murphy. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

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Shelly Umbanhowar, Deputy Clerk

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Mayor Lynne Farmer