

Bangor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2023
257 W. Monroe St.
Bangor, Michigan

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mayor Farmer.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge started by Council Member Uplinger and recited by all present.
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Council Members Uplinger, Martinez-Serratos, Muenzer, Murphy, Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz, and Mayor Farmer. Absent: Council Member Legon
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Muenzer to accept the agenda with the following corrections: Add 10 c. Council Member Legon Resignation and 10 d. Krohn Excavating. Support by Council Member Murphy. Absent: Council Member Legon. Motion Carried.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2023:** Motion by Council member Muenzer to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Absent: Council member Legon. Motion Carried
6. **Approval of Payments and Bills:** Motion by Council Member Martinez-Serratos to pay the bills in the **General Checking 2** in the amount of **\$682,689.12**. Support by Council member Muenzer. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council Member Legon. Motion Carried.
 - a. Motion by Council Member Martinez-Serratos to pay the bills for **Roads** in the amount of **\$88,270.02**. Support by Council Member Muenzer. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council Member Legon. Motion Carried.
7. **Other Regular Business:**
 - a. **Fire Dept:** Ahead of calls for last year but slow month; will be on vacation next week; 4th of July parade; new ambulance service started Friday, 6/16.
 - b. **Police Dept:** Chief Weber gave update; the summer months increase verbal warnings for traffic stops.
 - c. **Pride Care:** Update given by Steven. There is a monthly report in the works.
 - d. **DPW:** Mayor Farmer gave update: Water leak at Danny's Barber shop, cremains mailed to City of Bangor and buried, wreaths removed from cemetery, fencing for new construction.
8. **Opportunity for Public Comment: Kathy Sparks:** Flyer given for 14th annual tournament, special speech at 1PM would like City Council and employees to attend; Apple festival is being coordinated with Lion's Club – date 10/13 & 10/14; Car show – Center St instead of M-43; Steve, thank you for all of your years of dedication and help with mom & dad.
9. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Safety Issues on Monroe/U-Turns**
Information regarding u-turns submitted by Chief Weber.
Motion by Council Member Murphy to take no action on this matter. Support by Uplinger. Absent: Council Member Legon. Motion Carried
10. **New Business:**
 - a. **Pride Care:** Motion by Council Member Uplinger to allow City Manager Simpson to send a termination letter to Pride Care for their service. Support by Murphy. Absent: Council Member Legon. Motion Carried

- b. **Senior Services:** Council Member Muenzer gave update on activities and services that Senior Services offers. Encourages anyone who can use the services to do so. Senior Services is looking to get a building in Porter Township to service even more areas.
 - c. **Council Member Legon Resignation:** Motion by Council member Murphy to accept Council Member Legon’s resignation effective Monday, 6/19/23. Support by Council member Muenzer. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council members Legon. Motion Carried.
 - d. **Krohn’s Excavating/2nd Street:** Motion by Council member Murphy to approve Krohn’s Excavating bid of \$92,800 (not to exceed) for 2nd St work. Support by Uplinger. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council member Legon. Motion Carried.
11. **Public Comments: Kathy Sparks:** Would like fireworks at game on the 8th during homerun and night time. Per City Manager Simpson, for safety reasons coordinate with Chief Weber and Chief Babcock; **City Manager Simpson:** In order to honor Juneteenth in 2024, there will be history and an event; **Chief Babcock:** Ask Krohn’s Excavating to use fine instead of coarse for the milling setting so that it can be used as back fill; **Renee Doroh:** Thank you police for all you do; Semi’s drive too fast down M-43, they can’t stop; Thank you Steve for your years of service; Senior Services can also help those pay bills that fall on hard times; What is the status on the website? We have many beautiful and useful parks. We need to treat them all equally and keep them managed; It would be nice if the dog park was advertised or known to residents; We need a place for kids to hang out so they don’t destroy things; **City Manager Simpson:** Website is still in the planning stages, hope to have something up and running in a month or two; In order to have a place for kids to hang out it needs to be a non-profit, school, or the City that run it; **Steve Lowder:** Fire hydrant flushing is happening this week. Residents will experience low pressure and brown water; **Dave:** Thanks for the flags on Monroe.
12. **Council Member Comments:**
Council Member Legon: Absent
Council Member Martinez-Serratos: Thanks for coming out tonight. Thanks, Steve, for you hard work. Thanks, Renee, for your comments, they were good. Officers are doing a great job. Derek, I’m excited for the 4th of July show.
Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz: No comment.
Council Member Murphy: No comment.
Council Member Muenzer: History lesson-listed the businesses that existed in Bangor in 1972.
Council Member Uplinger: Thanks for coming.
Mayor Farmer: We need volunteers. It ends up being the same 10 people that volunteer for everything. If you know someone who wants to get involved, get the word out; History lesson on Juneteenth origins; Thank you all for coming.
13. **Adjournment:** Motion by Council Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Council Member Legon and Murphy. Motion Carried.