



Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

7:00PM

257 W MONROE ST BANGOR, MI 49013

1. **This meeting was called to order by Mayor Farmer at 7:00 pm.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS LED BY COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY AND RECITED BY ALL PRESENT**
3. **ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
		Present	Absent
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	X	
Darla McCrumb	Mayor Pro Tem	X	
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember	X	
William Murphy Jr	Councilmember	X	
Renee Doroh	Councilmember	X	
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	X	
Pati Martinez-Serratos	Councilmember		X
QUORUM (4) MET (6 PRESENT)			

OTHERS PRESENT

Justin Weber, City Manager
Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk
Stephenie Cagle, City Treasurer

Scott Graham, City Attorney
Steve Lowder, DPW Director
Approximately 15 members of the public

4. **AUTHORIZATION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER(S) FROM THE MEETING**
Excuse Councilmember Martinez-Serratos from the 06/15/26 Regular City Council Meeting.
Mover: Councilmember Garcia, Second: Councilmember Murphy. Ayes from all.

5. **APPROVAL OF POSTED REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion to accept Regular Meeting 06/15/26 Posted Agenda with the removal of #13, Closed Session.	
RESULT:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	William Murphy Jr, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Renee Doroh, Councilmember
ABSENT:	Martinez-Serratos

6. **TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING**

a. Public Hearing Call to Order

Motion to go into Public Hearing for Truth In Taxation/Operating Millage Levy.
Mover: Councilmember Murphy; Second: Councilmember Garcia. Ayes from all.
Public Hearing begins at 7:02 PM.

b. Comments – Citizen Participation

Mayor Farmer opened the public comments to garner input regarding the proposed Truth In Taxation/City Operating Millage Levy. No comments were offered. No comments were by email or in writing. Mayor Farmer closed the public comments.

c. Public Hearing for Truth In Taxation Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing for Truth In Taxation/Operating Millage Levy.

Mover: Councilmember Garcia; Second: Councilmember Murphy.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:03 PM.

CITY OF BANGOR FY 2026/2027 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**d. Public Hearing Call to Order**

Motion to go into Public Hearing for FY 2026/2027 Budget.

Mover: Councilmember Garcia; Second: Councilmember Rivers. Ayes from all.

Public Hearing begins at 7:04 PM.

e. Comments – Citizen Participation

Mayor Farmer opened the public comments to garner input regarding the proposed City of Bangor FY 2026/2027 Budget. No comments were offered. No comments were by email or in writing. Mayor Farmer closed the public comments.

f. Public Hearing for FY 2026/2027 Budget Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing for FY 2026/2027 Budget.

Mover: Councilmember Garcia; Second: Councilmember Rivers. Ayes from all.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:05 PM.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**a. Consent Agenda**

Motion to accept Consent Agenda, with no removals or corrections: Approval of General Checking Accounts Payable & Payroll in the amount of \$201,526.50, T&A2 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$95,575.95, and Roads Accounts Payable in the amount of \$3,873.62; Minutes as Presented, no changes: Closed Session Meeting 06/01/26 and Regular Meeting 06/01/26.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (6 YES; 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)

MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

SECONDER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember

YES: Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Murphy, Doroh, Farmer

NO: None

ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

8. REGULAR BUSINESS**a. Resolutions**

- i. Resolution 2026-14 Truth In Taxation/City Operating Millage Levy – Resolution adopting the City Operating Millage Levy.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-14 Truth In Taxation/City Operating Millage.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (6 YES; 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)

MOVER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember

SECONDER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember

YES: Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Murphy, Doroh, Farmer

NO: None

ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

- ii. Resolution 2026-15 Fire Special Assessment Millage – Resolution adopting the Fire Special Assessment Millage.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-15 Fire Special Assessment.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (6 YES; 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)
MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember
YES: Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Murphy, Doroh, Farmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

- iii. Resolution 2026-16 Police Special Levy Assessment Millage – Resolution adopting the Police Special Levy Assessment Millage.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-16 Police Special Levy Assessment.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (6 YES; 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)
MOVER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember
SECONDER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
YES: Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Murphy, Doroh, Farmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

- iv. Resolution 2026-17 General Finance Budget for FY 2026/2027 – Resolution adopting the General Finance Budget for FY 2026/2027.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-17 General Finance for FY 2026/.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (6 YES; 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
YES: Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Murphy, Doroh, Farmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

- v. Resolution 2026-19 4th Quarter Budget Amendments for FY 2025/2026 – Resolution adopting the 4th Quarter Budget Amendments for FY 2025/2026.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-19 4th Quarter Budget Amendments for FY 2025/2026.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (6 YES; 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)
MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER: William Murphy Jr, Councilmember
YES: Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Murphy, Doroh, Farmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

b. Proclamations

- i. None

c. Reports

i. Department Heads

DPW*, Police*, Fire*, Code Enforcement**, Clerk, and Treasurer: The reports have been received by the Council, reviewed as presented, and are hereby placed on file for record. **verbal report also given (DPW & Police presented a written report as well), **not present, no verbal report given and no written report to file.*

ii. Commission and Boards

Reports from Planning, Cemetery**, Parks & Recreation**, EDC*, and DDA**: The reports have been received by the Council, reviewed as presented, and are hereby placed on file for record. **verbal, no report to file, **did not meet or no representative available to give verbal report, not report to file*

iii. **Other**

Bangor Housing Commission and Van Buren County Senior Services updates: updates were given by Jerry Muenzer.

d. **Presentations**

i. None

9. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Farmer opened the public comment. Zero (0) public comments were offered. Mayor Farmer closed the public comment period.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS/POSTPONED ITEMS/REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**a. **Unfinished Business/Postponed Items**

None

b. **Items Removed From Consent Agenda**

None

11. **NEW BUSINESS**a. **PILOT Agreement with Bangor Housing Commission (BHC)**

The City Attorney reviewed the delinquent PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) obligations and discussed the matter with the Council. He explained that under the longstanding PILOT agreement, the Housing Commission makes PILOT payments to the City in lieu of property taxes. During the recent BHC audit, it was discovered that PILOT payments had not been made for approximately seven to eight years. The reason the payments ceased is unknown, and there is no evidence that payments were missed prior to that period.

The City Attorney advised that state and federal regulations permit municipalities to negotiate repayment schedules for delinquent PILOT obligations and to forgive a portion of the amount owed; however, the entire delinquency cannot be waived. He further reported that HUD has been made aware of the delinquency and the proposed resolution. The discussion focused on balancing the City's interest in recovering public funds with BHC's ability to repay the obligation without creating undue financial hardship. It was noted that PILOT amounts fluctuate based on rental income and that the delinquent amount calculated by the auditors extends through 2025.

The City Attorney presented a proposed settlement agreement and recommended reduction of the total amount due. He advised that similar settlements commonly include substantial reductions and that the proposed agreement provides a framework for repayment while allowing for future modification if financial circumstances warrant. Following discussion, there was support for accepting the City Attorney's recommended reduction and directing the City Manager and Director to work together to establish an appropriate repayment schedule.

Motion to accept proposed agreement and a reduction amount of the total amount due of \$30,000.00 through 2025. The City Manager is to work with the BHC Director regarding payment terms and amount.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (5 YES; 1 NO; 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)

MOVER: Helène Rivers, Councilmember

SECONDER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember

YES: McCrumb, Rivers, Murphy, Doroh, Farmer

NO: Garcia

ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

b. Darla McCrumb, Resignation from the Cemetery Committee

Motion to accept Darla McCrumb's resignation from the Cemetery Committee effective as of 05/19/26.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

12. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Farmer opened the public comment. One (1) public comment was offered. Mayor Farmer closed the public comment period.

13. COUNCILMEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilmember comments were heard.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:02 PM.

RESULTS: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

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, June 15th, 2026. These minutes were approved by the City Council on Monday, July 6th, 2026, by unanimous vote. The original is on file at the Bangor City Hall, 257 W. Monroe Street, Bangor, Michigan 49013.

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk