

Bangor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 3, 2023
257 W. Monroe St.
Bangor, Michigan

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Farmer.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Council Members Uplinger, Martinez-Serratos, Muenzer, Murphy and Mayor Farmer. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Murphy to accept the agenda with the following amendments: Change 10a. DPW Drains to DPW Truck Bids. Support by Council Member Uplinger. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2023:** Motion by Council Member Muenzer to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Council Member Murphy. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.
 - a. **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2023:** Motion by Council Member Uplinger to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Council Member Murphy. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.
6. **Approval of Payments and Bills:**
 - a. Motion by Mayor Farmer to pay the bills in the **General Checking 2** in the amount of **\$126,240.53**. Support by Council Member Uplinger. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.
 - b. Motion by Mayor Farmer to pay the bills for **Roads** in the amount of **\$8,094.88**. Support by Council Member Uplinger. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.
 - c. Motion by Mayor Farmer to pay the bills of **T&A 2** in the amount of **\$24,176.30**. Support by Council Member Uplinger. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried
7. **Other Regular Business:**
 - a. **Closed Session/Legal Opinion:** Motion by Council Member Murphy to go into Closed Session at 7:05 PM. Support by Council Member Martinez-Serratos. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.
 - b. **End Closed Session Return to Regular Session:** Motion by Council Member Uplinger to return to regular session at 8:21 PM. Support by Council Member Martinez-Serratos. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.
 - c. **Employee Separation Agreement:** Motion by Council Member Muenzer to accept the separation agreement for John Saylor. Support by Council Member Uplinger. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.
8. **Public Comments: Kathy Sparks:** Have to give a shout out to Jeremy Uplinger and the Iron Gypsies for their help cleaning/mowing the ball field.
Sonny: I am the President of the Iron Gypsies Motorcycle Club. Wanted to let you know if the City needs any help let us know.
9. **Unfinished Business:** None.

10. New Business:

- a. DPW Truck Bids: Sealed bids were opened by City Manager Simpson and awarded to highest bidder. Motion by Council Member Muenzer to accept Chris Speers bid for all three (3) DPW Dump trucks in the amount of \$10,360.00. Support by Council Member Murphy. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.

11. Opportunity for Public Comment: None

12. Board/Commission Appointments and Correspondence: None

13. Council Member Comments:

Council Member Martinez-Serratos: Thank you for coming out. Thank you to Iron Gypsies for their help at the ball field. Thank you to John Saylor for the time he put into the City!

Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz: Absent

Council Member Murphy: Thank you all for coming out.

Council Member Muenzer: We need to put something in the paper about the City wide yard sale. History lesson – The first to settle Bangor were Charles Cross and James Monroe. They cut a trail from Paw Paw to Bangor. Charles Cross stayed in Bangor and James Monroe went to South Haven. Charles Cross's house used to be where Sturgis Bank and Trust sits. Charles Cross named the main street through Bangor after James Monroe. There are still relatives of Charles Cross in Bangor.

Council Member Uplinger: Nothing tonight.

Mayor Farmer: Thank you for coming out tonight. A huge thank you to the Iron Gypsies for all their help. We wouldn't be able to do the Cemetery clean up without them. There are a couple more projects but we have to check on liability. Here's a history question for you. What city did the GOP start in? Jackson, Michigan under an old oak tree. The first presidential candidate was Abraham Lincoln.

- a. **Adjournment:** Motion by Council Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. Support by Council Member Martinez-Serratos. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alcaraz. Motion Carried.

Stephenie Cagle, Acting City Clerk

Mayor Lynne Farmer