



Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

7:00PM

257 W MONROE ST BANGOR, MI 49013

1. **This meeting was called to order by Mayor McCrumb at 7:00 pm.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance is led by Mayor Pro Tem Pati Martinez-Serratos and recited by all present**
3. **ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
		Present	Absent
Darla McCrumb	Mayor	X	
Pati Martinez-Serratos	Mayor Pro Tem	X	
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember	X	
William Murphy Jr	Councilmember	X	
Renee Doroh	Councilmember	X	
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	X	
Vacancy	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 13 members of the public

4. **AUTHORIZATION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER(S) FROM THE MEETING**
None
5. **APPROVAL OF POSTED REGULAR AGENDA**

Accept Regular Meeting 07/20/26 Posted Agenda with no changes.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

6. **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 \$192,048.09 and Roads Accounts Payable in the amount of \$11,770.08; Minutes as Presented, no changes: Closed Session Meeting 07/06/26 and Regular Meeting 07/06/26.

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

MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember

SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

YES: Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Murphy, Doroh, Martinez-Serratos

NO: None

ABSENT: Vacancy

7. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

a. Resolutions

- i. None

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. ***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, ***not present, no verbal or written 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

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS

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

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/POSTPONED ITEMS/REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Unfinished Business/Postponed Items

Rezoning Recommendation by Planning Commission for 700 Lincoln Ave

This item was postponed from the 07/06/26 Regular City Council Meeting.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission's request to initiate the rezoning process for the property located at 700 Lincoln Avenue and authorize the Planning Commission to proceed with the required public hearing and recommendation process in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and the City of Bangor Zoning Ordinance.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
ABSENT: Vacancy

b. Items Removed From Consent Agenda

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Remove Lynne Farmer from All City Bank Accounts

Motion to remove Lynne Farmer's name from all City Bank Accounts: MiClass, Sturgis Bank & Trust and Omni Community Credit Union.

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

b. Add Darla McCrumb to All City Bank Accounts

Motion to add Darla McCrumb's all City Bank Accounts: MiClass, Sturgis Bank & Trust and Omni Community Credit Union.	
RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6 YES; 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)
MOVER:	Renee Doroh, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
YES:	McCrumb, Rivers, Murphy, Doroh, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia
NO:	None
ABSENT:	Vacancy

c. Council Vacancy – Interviews

Mayor McCrumb opened the council vacancy interview process by welcoming the candidates, thanking them for their willingness to serve the community, and expressing appreciation for their time and attendance at the meeting.

Mayor McCrumb then explained the interview procedures, stating that each candidate would be asked the same three questions to ensure a fair and consistent process. Councilmembers would then have the opportunity to ask follow-up questions based on each candidate's responses.

City Attorney Graham provided guidance to the Council regarding the interview process and advised that, under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, council vacancy interviews and the Council's deliberations regarding the candidates must be conducted in open session.

The City received applications from four (4) candidates for the council vacancy: Justin Commire, Stewart Rissley, Kathryn Lugten, and Anthony Wall. Stewart Rissley, Kathryn Lugten, and Anthony Wall were present and participated in the interview process. Justin Commire was not in attendance. Mayor McCrumb then requested that the Clerk Umbanhowar call the first candidate forward to begin the interviews.

d. Council Vacancy – Appointment

Following the conclusion of the candidate interviews, City Attorney Graham provided guidance to the Council regarding the appointment process. He advised that, although it may be difficult and uncomfortable to deliberate on the qualifications of the candidates while they are present during an open meeting, the Michigan Open Meetings Act requires those deliberations to occur in open session. He explained that the Council should discuss the candidates until a councilmember is prepared to make a motion to appoint a specific candidate to fill the vacant council seat. City Attorney Graham further advised that the appointment would require an affirmative vote of four (4) councilmembers to be approved and fill the vacancy.

Following deliberation among the Council, there was a motion to appoint Anthony Wall to the Vacant Council Seat.

Motion to Appoint Anthony Wall to Fill the Vacant Council Seat.	
RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (4 YES; 2 NO; 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)
MOVER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Renee Doroh, Councilmember
YES:	McCrumb, Rivers, Doroh, Garcia
NO:	Martinez-Serratos, Murphy
ABSENT:	Vacancy

Following the successful appointment, Mayor McCrumb directed City Clerk Umbanhowar to administer the Oath of Office to Anthony Wall. Clerk Umbanhowar administered the Oath of Office, after which Anthony Wall executed the oath. Mr. Wall then took a seat for the remainder of the meeting.

e. 08/03/26 Regular Council Meeting Location: Fire Station

Clerk Umbanhowar reminded the Council and the public that the 08/03/26, Regular City Council Meeting will be held at the alternate meeting location previously approved by the Council. The meeting location was changed due to the August 4, 2026, Primary Election, allowing City staff sufficient time to prepare, organize, and set up the polling precinct at City Hall the day before Election Day.

11. CITY MANAGER UPDATES/CLOSING COMMENTS

City Manager comments were heard.

12. COUNCILMEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilmember comments were heard.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

RESULTS:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Helène Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Renee Doroh, Councilmember

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

Mayor Darla McCrumb

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, July 20th, 2026. These minutes were approved by the City Council on Monday, August 3rd, 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