



**BANGOR, MI**  
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# CITY OF BANGOR

**BANGOR CITY COUNCIL**

**JULY 21, 2025**

## MEETING MINUTES

**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 DOROH AND RECITED BY ALL PRESENT**
3. **ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
		Present	Absent
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	<b>X</b>	
Pati Martinez-Serratos	Mayor Pro Tem	<b>X</b>	
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
Jeremy Uplinger	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
Renee Doroh	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
<b>QUORUM MET (7 PRESENT)</b>			

### OTHERS PRESENT

Justin Weber, City Manager  
 Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk  
 Stephenie Cagle, City Treasurer  
 Steve Lowder, DPW Director

Paul Leonard, Police Officer  
 Ezekiel Drake, Code Enforcement Officer  
 Derek Babcock, Fire Chief  
 Approximately 7 members of the public

4. **AUTHORIZATION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER(S) FROM THE MEETING**  
 No absent councilmembers from the meeting.
5. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**Motion to accept Regular Meeting 07/21/25 Agenda as presented with the understanding that once the agenda reaches 13. Closed Session, the decision will be made by council to enter Closed Session or not.**

**RESULT:** **CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)**  
**MOVER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Heléne Rivers, Councilmember  
**ABSENT:** Mayor Farmer & Councilmember Garcia

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

**Motion to accept Consent Agenda items:** Regular Meeting Minutes **07/07/25**. Accounts Payable/Payroll: General Checking in the amount of **\$101,285.91**, Roads Checking in the amount of **\$199.98**.

**RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7 YES) (ROLL CALL)**

**MOVER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Renee Doroh, Councilmember

**AYES:** Rivers, Doroh, Uplinger, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia, Farmer

**NAYS:** None

**7. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments were heard.

**8. REGULAR BUSINESS****a. Resolution 2025-10 Adopting the Final Budget Amendments for FY 2024-2025**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-10, Final Budget Amendments for FY 2024-2025.**

**RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7 YES) (ROLL CALL)**

**MOVER:** Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

**SECONDER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember

**AYES:** Rivers, Doroh, Uplinger, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia, Farmer

**NAYS:** None

**b. Reports****i. Department Heads**

DPW, Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Clerk, and Treasurer heard or written report given.

**ii. Commission and Boards**

Reports from Planning, Cemetery, Parks & Recreation, EDC, and DDA heard or written report given.

**c. After Action Review of Council Field Trip 07/17/25**

City Manager Weber presented photos and a brief review of the City Council city wide field trip on 07/17/25.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/POSTPONED ITEMS/REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS****A. Unfinished Business/Postponed Items**

Postponed from the 07/07/25 Regular City Council Meeting:

**Motion to accept the Planning Commission Council representative from Councilmember Uplinger to Councilmember Doroh.**

**RESULTS: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Darla McCrumb, Councilmember

**B. Item(s) removed from Consent Agenda**

None

**10. NEW BUSINESS****A. Accept Renee Doroh Resignation from EDC**

**Motion to accept Renee Doroh resignation from the EDC.**

**RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember

**B. City Assessor Contract Renewal**

**Motion to renew the City Assessor Angela and Brian Story for the next three years (07/01/25-06/30/28) with the changes to 5.3 *The City shall have the section maps updated on an as-needed basis for the Contractor's use.***

**RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7 YES) (ROLL CALL)**

**MOVER:** Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Darla McCrumb, Councilmember

**AYES:** Rivers, Doroh, Uplinger, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia, Farmer

**NAYS:** None

**C. City Trash & Recycling RFP**

City Manager Weber informs the City Council that an RFP for City Wide trash and recycling has been advertised. Bids for RFP's will close on August 15, 2025 at 2PM. The Council will receive the bid information at the August 18, 2025 Regular City Council meeting.

**D. Casing Vents for Well #3 & #7 and Overhaul Pump for Well #3**

DPW Director Lowder informs the City Council that casing vents for Well #3 & #7 and Overhaul Pump for Well #3 must be done by July 31, 2025. Peerless has been in contact with DPW Director Lowder and ensures the items will be completed by July 31, 2025 in order to stay compliant with EGLE requirements. During the 2025-2026 FY budget workshops, these items were prepared for and budgeted.

**11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments were heard.

**12. COUNCILMEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS**

Councilmember comments were heard.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion to convene into closed session per MCL 15.268 8 (1) (e) To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body.**

**RESULT: MOTION FAILED TO CARRY**

**MOVER:** Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

**SECONDER:** None

*The motion is not approved and its intent will not be carried out.*

**A. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATES**

City Attorney RFP: City Attorney Graham explains to the Council that they can put out an RFP for City Attorney services and reevaluate the City's needs for an attorney. Putting out an RFP does not mean they have to decide on one that places a bid. The previous RFP is sufficient, he can review the RFP with City Manager Weber and staff before it is posted. City Attorney Graham would like to make suggestions on attorney's who can put in a proposal for City Attorney services. He would like to see the City have a successful RFP process and is willing to assist the staff with that.

South Haven Area Regional Airport Authority: City Attorney Graham recommends we start sending a representative on behalf of the City to the SHRAA meetings. They meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:30PM.

Ordinance No. 291, Blight Ordinance: City Attorney Graham has rewritten the portion that was not pleasing to the judge. This is considered the first reading: Section 4. (D) *"A violation of this ordinance is a nuisance per se which may be abated in any manner available under Michigan law. Any person who violates this ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by state law, and shall be subject to a civil fine of \$250 per day for a first violation, and a fine of \$500 per day for each subsequent violation."* The updated section of this ordinance can be adopted at the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday August 4, 2025.

Pending Litigation: Writ of Garnishment filed for Simpson lawsuit and ongoing mediation with Saylor Total Lawn Care.

Bankruptcy and Water Shut Offs: While a bankruptcy is pending the water cannot be shut off for residents. The City can demand higher deposits from residents. The bankruptcy does not discharge future water bill charges just the point from the filing and what is owed at the time.

Deed, charter amendments, defamation complaints, employee handbook, and expanding the EDC district: The City Attorney still needs legal descriptions for the deed, proposed charter amendment revisions are drafted and can be on the next meeting agenda if the council chooses, handbooks do not need to be approved by the City Council only City policies, defamation complaints needs to be discussed in closed session due to the nature of the details and personal information of employees, and the same procedure used to create the original EDC district can be used to expand it.

#### City Attorney RFP

**Motion for City Manager Weber to post an RFP for General Legal Services on platforms of his choosing with the assistance of City Attorney Graham.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7 YES) (ROLL CALL)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Doroh, Uplinger, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia, Farmer
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

#### Quonset Hut

**Motion for immediate action for City Attorney Graham to investigate the details and status of the City of Bangor DPW Quonset Hut and have an update for the Council at the next Regular City Council meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7 YES) (ROLL CALL)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Doroh, Uplinger, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia, Farmer
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**Motion to convene into closed session per MCL 15.268 8 (1) (e) To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body at 9:08 PM.**

**RESULTS: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

**Motion to reconvene into open session at 9:31 PM to consider any motions on any of the matters discussed under the closed session listed above.**

**RESULTS: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Darla McCrumb, Councilmember

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn at 9:32 PM.**

**RESULTS: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember

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Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

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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, July 21, 2025**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, by unanimous vote. The original is on file at the Bangor City Hall, 257 W. Monroe Street, Bangor, Michigan 49013.

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Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk