

Bangor City Council // Regular Meeting Minutes
August 7, 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: None.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Murphy to accept the agenda as presented Support by Council Member Muenzer. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion Carried.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2023:** Motion by Council Member Martinez-Serratos to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Council Member Murphy. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.
 - b. **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from July 24, 2023:** Motion by Council Member Murphy to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Council Member Martinez-Serratos. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. Motion Carried.
6. **Approval of Payments and Bills:**
 - a. Motion by Council Member Murphy to pay the bills from **General Checking 2** in the amount of **\$148,590.26**. Support by Mayor Farmer. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Uplinger, Martinez-Serratos, Murphy, Muenzer, Farmer
Nays: None
 - b. Motion by Council Member Murphy to pay the bills from **Roads** in the amount of **\$20,635.00**. Support by Mayor Farmer. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Uplinger, Martinez-Serratos, Murphy, Muenzer, Farmer
Nays: None
 - c. Motion by Council Member Murphy to pay the bills from **T&A2** in the amount of **\$177,926.72**. Support by Mayor Farmer. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Uplinger, Martinez-Serratos, Murphy, Muenzer, Farmer
Nays: None
7. **Appointment of City Council Member/Oath of Office:**

After discussion motion by Council Member Muenzer to appoint Heléne Rivers to City Council. Support by Council Member Murphy. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Uplinger, Martinez-Serratos, Murphy, Muenzer, Farmer
Nays: None

Appointment of City Council Member/Oath of Office:
After discussion, motion by Council Member Muenzer to appoint Darla McCrumb to City Council. Support by Council Member Murphy. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Uplinger, Martinez-Serratos, Murphy, Muenzer, Farmer
Nays: None

8. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem:

Motion by Council Member Muenzer to appoint Council Member Martinez-Serratos to Mayor Pro Tem. Support by Council Member Murphy. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Uplinger, Martinez-Serratos, Murphy, Muenzer, Farmer

Nay: None

9. Other Regular Business:

- a. Department Head Reports - Report given by Kurt Doroh

10. Opportunity for Public Comment:

Kelly/Van Buren Conservation District: Gave update on South Haven event and how many households they have helped. Updates on recycle events coming up.

Kathy Sparks, American Legion is doing an event in memory of on 8/19

Stewart Sanford, when will Cass Street be working on? Per City Manager, 2nd Street is a priority right now.

Renee Doroh: Thank you police for the tournament for local farmers. It was great to see. Congrats to our newest council members. Thank you DPW for the improvements and maintenance at the parks.

Derek Babcock: Indiana Michigan Power to be at the station and give demonstrations.

11. Unfinished Business:

a. Bangor Housing Water Bill

After discussion, motion by Council Member Uplinger to forgive \$22,013.37 and to accept \$100.00 a month payment plan from Bangor Housing for outstanding \$7,382.10 balance out of \$29,395.47. Support by Council Member Rivers. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Murphy, Muenzer, Farmer

No: None

12. New Business:

a. Rate of Pay and Retro Pay for City Clerk

After discussion, motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos to pay Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk \$45,000.00 per year with retroactive pay from 07/17/23 to 08/06/23 in the amount of \$556.80 (3 weeks at \$185.60 per week). Support by Council Member Uplinger. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Murphy, Muenzer, Farmer

No: None

Rate of Pay for DPW Director

After discussion, motion by Council Member Muenzer to pay Steve Lowder, Acting DPW Director \$61,000.00 per year with retroactive pay from 07/03/23. Support by Council Member Murphy. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Murphy, Muenzer, Farmer

No: None

b. Woodside Construction, DPW Metal Roof

After presentation of invoice and discussion motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez-Serratos to accept bid of \$27,450.00 for Woodside Construction to start work on the DPW metal roof. Support by Council Member Rivers. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Murphy, Muenzer, Farmer

No: None

c. Building Inspection Fee Schedule

Motion by Council Member Muenzer to table item. Support by Council Member Murphy.
Motion Carried.

d. OPED Retirement Report

Report reviewed by all present.

13. Opportunity for Public Comment:

None

14. Board/Commission Appointments and Correspondence:

a. Resignation of Daniel Fry as DDA Chair Person

Motion by Council Member Murphy to accept Daniel Fry's resignation as DDA Chair Person effective 07/18/23. Support by Council Member Muenzer. Ayes by all present.
Nays: None. Motion Carried.

15. Council Member Comments:

Uplinger: Thank you for coming. Are we going to do a city picnic this year?

Rivers: Thank you for your confidence in us and appreciate your support.

Martinez-Serratos: Thank you council members.

McCrumb: Thank you council and city members. I will do my best to make fair and equitable decisions.

Murphy: Thank you and congrats to our newest Council Members.

Muenzer: We should send a letter of thanks for Danny Fry and our two previous Council Members for their commitment. History lesson: prices from 1/3/1946 46 oz tomatoes \$0.22, 5 lbs pancake mix \$0.29, Coffee per lb \$0.33, also if you have cattle and hogs the store will buy them. And a note on the ad that cow and horse hides can be purchased.

Farmer: Thank you for a full house. Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos and our newest Council Members Rivers and McCrumb.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Council Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

Mayor Lynne Farmer