



**BANGOR, MI**  
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# CITY OF BANGOR

**BANGOR CITY COUNCIL**

**AUGUST 18, 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 GARCIA 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>	
Helène 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  
 Scott Graham, City Attorney  
 Approximately 20 members of the public

4. **AUTHORIZATION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER(S) FROM THE MEETING**  
 No Absences

### 5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

**Motion to accept Regular Meeting 08/18/25 Agenda as presented.**

**RESULT:** CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)  
**MOVER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember

### 6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

#### a. Consent Agenda

**Motion to accept Consent Agenda items:** Regular Meeting Minutes **08/04/25**. Accounts Payable/Payroll: General Checking in the amount of **\$107,946.34**, T&A2 Checking in the amount of **\$70,877.96**.

**RESULT:** MOTION CARRIED (7 YES) (ROLL CALL)  
**MOVER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem  
**AYES:** Rivers, Uplinger, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Farmer, Rivers, Garcia  
**NAYS:** None

**7. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Farmer opened the public comment. No public comments were offered. Mayor Farmer closed the public comment period.

**8. REGULAR BUSINESS****a. 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.

**iii. Other**

Bangor Housing Commission, Van Buren County Senior Services and Van Buren Conservation District updates were given.

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

None

**b. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

None

**10. NEW BUSINESS****A. Public Hearing for MSHDA CDBG Funding**

Discussion on this topic began at 7:24 PM and ended at 7:36 PM.

**B. Adopt Resolution 2025-11 MSHDA CDBG Funding****Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-11 MSHDA CDBG Funding**

**RESULT:** CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

**MOVER:** Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember

**C. City Attorney Current Balance Due**

**Motion to accept City Attorney Graham's offer of a discounted rate for invoices due from Dec 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025. Actual amount due \$57,750.00, discounted rate of \$5,500.00 per month = \$44,000.00.**

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

**MOVER:** Darla McCrumb, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember

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

**D. Request for Hearing to Appeal Termination**

**Motion to accept former DPW Employee Jordan Cummins request for a Public Hearing to Appeal his Termination.**

**RESULT:** MOTION CARRIED (4 YES, 3 NO) (ROLL CALL)

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

**SECONDER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

**AYES:** Uplinger, Martinez-Serratos, Farmer, Rivers

**NAYS:** McCrumb, Doroh, Garcia

**E. City Paid Holidays**

**Motion to add Good Friday back to the City Paid Holidays list. Bringing the City Paid Holidays to Fourteen (14) Paid Holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve Day.**

**RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (5 YES, 2 NO) (ROLL CALL)**

**MOVER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember

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

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

**NAYS:** McCrumb, Doroh

**11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**12. COUNCILMEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS**

Councilmember comments were heard.

**City Attorney Graham informs the Council that they need to give a date and time for the public hearing they granted to former DPW Employee Jordan Cummins.**

**Motion to have a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM at City Hall 257 W Monroe St Bangor, MI 49013 for former DPW Employee Jordan Cummins Public Hearing to Appeal his Termination.**

**RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:04 PM.**

**RESULTS: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Heléne Rivers, 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, August 18, 2025**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</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