

**Bangor City Council // Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 21, 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, Rivers, McCrumb, Muenzer, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos, and Mayor Farmer. Absent: Murphy.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Uplinger to accept the agenda as amended. Amendment: Under New Business add item b. Closed Session Personal Issues. Support by Council Member Rivers. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Murphy. Motion Carried.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 7, 2023:** Motion by Council Member Muenzer to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. Absent: Murphy. Motion Carried.
6. **Approval of Payments and Bills:**
  - a. Motion by Council Member Uplinger to pay the bills from **General Checking 2** in the amount of **\$211,223.12**. Support by Mayor Farmer. Motion Carried.  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Aye:** Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Muenzer, Farmer  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Murphy
  - b. Motion by Council Member Uplinger to pay the bills from **Roads** in the amount of **\$35,820.37**. Support by Mayor Farmer. Motion Carried.  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Aye:** Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Muenzer, Farmer  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Murphy
  - c. Motion by Council Member Uplinger to pay the bills from **T&A2** in the amount of **\$59,607.99**. Support by Mayor Farmer. Motion Carried.  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Aye:** Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Muenzer, Farmer  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Murphy
7. **Resignation of Council Member Murphy:** Motion by Council Member Uplinger to accept the resignation of Council Member Murphy from the City Council. Support by Council Member Rivers. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion Carried.
8. **Appointment of City Council Member/Oath of Office:**  
After discussion motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos to appoint Amber Garcia to City Council. Support by Council Member Uplinger. Motion Carried.  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Aye:** Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Muenzer, Farmer  
**Nays:** None
9. **Appointment of Zoning Administration/Code Enforcement Officer:**  
Motion by Council Member Uplinger to appoint William Murphy Jr. as the Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer. Support by Council Member McCrumb. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Uplinger to pay the Zoning Administration/Code Enforcement \$25.00 per hour. Support by Council Member Muenzer. Motion Carried.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye:** Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Garcia, Munzer, Farmer

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**10. Other Regular Business:**

a. Department Head Reports –

1. Fire Department: Fire Chief Derek Babcock reported.

2. DPW: Director Steve Lowder reported.

3. Police Department: Officer Fil Garcia reported.

**11. Opportunity for Public Comment:**

Sonny: We wanted to personally thank you Mayor Farmer and we have a gift for you.

Renee Doroh: Thank you for cleaning up the mess up! The parks are looking good. The downtown is looking amazing.

Dave Markel: Wish William Murphy well. Hope he does a better job.

**12. Unfinished Business:**

**a. Building Inspection Fee Schedule**

Motion by Council Member Muenzer to table item. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion Carried.

**13. New Business:**

**a. Dump Issues:**

After discussion, motion by Council Member Garcia to table item. Support by Council Member Muenzer. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion Carried.

**b. Closed Session Personnel Issue:**

Motion by Council Member Uplinger to go into Closed Session at 7:36 pm per Tommy Simpson request. Support by Council Member Garcia. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Rivers to return to Regular Session at 7:56 pm. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos to accept the Memorandum Agreement. Support by Council Member Rivers. Motion Carried.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye:** Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Garcia, Muenzer, Farmer

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**c. Interview for Interim City Manager:**

Candidates were interviewed

**14. Appointment of Interim City Manager:**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos to appoint Justin Weber as the Interim City Manager for 6 months beginning September 1, 2023. Support by Council Member Rivers. Motion Carried.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye:** Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Garcia, Muenzer, Farmer

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

Motion by Council Member Muenzer to pay the Interim City Manager an annual salary of \$70,000.00. Support by Council Member Uplinger. Motion Carried.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye:** Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Garcia, Muenzer, Farmer

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**15. Opportunity for Public Comment:**

Renee Doroh: Congratulation Justin!

Fil Garcia: Congrats Chief.

**16. Council Member Comments:**

**Uplinger:** Thank you for coming. Thank you to my brothers for help cleaning.

**Rivers:** Welcome aboard. Thank you, Tommy, for all you have done for the City. Wish you luck.

**Martinez-Serratos:** Thank you all for coming. The DPW and Police are doing a good job. Thank you, Tommy, for everything you have done. Iron Gypsies great job. Congrats Amber and Justin.

**McCrumb:** Thank you Iron Gypsies for the help cleaning. Good luck Tommy!

**Garcia:** Thank you Council for the appointment to City Council. Thank you for the cleanup in town.

**Muenzer:** Thank you Tommy for everything you have done for the City. Looking forward to working with Justin. Bangor was settled in 1835 and the first settler arrived in 1837. The Village of Bangor was incorporated in 1877 and the first president was E.P. Harvey. That first election there were 250 registered voters and 238 of them voted in the first election. The City of Bangor was established in 1968.

**Farmer:** Thank you for coming tonight. We still have a lot to accomplish. Congratulation Amber. Thank you, Iron Gypsies, for your help. We couldn't have done it with you. We have a picture book of all the hard work that was done. We had 4 individuals that need community service. Thank you, Angel Villalobos, for trimming the bushes. Looking forward to working with you Justin. Thank you Tommy!

**17. Adjournment:**

Motion by Council Member Uplinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM. Support by Council Member Rivers. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None Motion Carried.