

**Bangor City Council // Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 5, 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, Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos, and Mayor Farmer. Absent: None.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Muenzer to accept the agenda as presented. Support by Council Member Rivers. **Ayes:** by all present. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion Carried.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2023:** Motion by Council Member Uplinger to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.
  - b. **Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2023:** Motion by Council Member Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos to table the minutes until they are presented at the next council meeting. Support by Council Member McCrumb. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.
6. **Approval of Payments and Bills:**
  - a. Motion by Council Member Muenzer to pay the bills from **General Checking 2** in the amount of **\$134,490.90**. Support by Mayor Farmer. Motion Carried.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Aye:** Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Muenzer, Garcia, Farmer  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None
  - b. Motion by Council Member Muenzer to pay the bills from **Roads** in the amount of **\$13,639.00**. Support by Mayor Farmer. Motion Carried.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Aye:** Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Muenzer, Garcia, Farmer  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None
  - c. Motion by Council Member Uplinger to pay the bills from **T&A2** in the amount of **\$48,512.31**. Support by Mayor Farmer. Motion Carried.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Aye:** Uplinger, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, McCrumb, Muenzer, Garcia, Farmer  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None
7. **Other Regular Business:** None
8. **Opportunity for Public Comment:**

Renee Doroh: The dog park was advertised on Cozi radio. Thank you, people are using the park and dog park.

9. **Unfinished Business:**

**Building Inspection Fee Schedule:**

a. **Building Inspection Fee Schedule** Building Inspector, Bill Snider explained how the proposed fee schedule works. Council Member Muenzer inquired about how this fee schedule compares to other municipalities our size. Bill Snider said yes, it is comparable. Discussion about the new fee schedule and what impact it will have on the residents.

b. **Dump Issues**

Proposed by Mayor Farmer that this item is tabled until the next meeting on 9/18 and more information regarding the fees is presented. Motion by Council Member Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos to table this item until the next council meeting. Support by Council Member Rivers. **Ayes** by 6. **Nays:** 1. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

10. **New Business:**

a. **Bank/Check Signers**

i) Motion by Council Member Garcia to remove Tommy Simpson from the bank as an authorized check signatory. Support by Council Member Uplinger. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Uplinger to remove Jovita Alcaraz from the bank as an authorized check signatory. Support by Council Member McCrumb. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

ii) Motion by Council Member Muenzer to add Justin Weber as an authorized check signatory. Support by Council Member Rivers. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos to add Shelly Umbanhowar as an authorized check signatory. Support by Council Member McCrumb. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

b. **School Resource Contract**

Interim City Manager Justin Weber had a meeting with Lynn Johnson to discuss contract. At the schools request Officer Fil Garcia will continue as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for this current school year. During snow days, the SRO will still show up to the school and assist the staff and provided services to keep the campus orderly. The SRO will provide services for safety during school hours. The Police Chief meets with Lynn Johnson regularly. Events are covered by Officer Fil Garcia. If there is an event, the school may have Officer Garcia leave early so that he can come back for the event.

Motion by Council Members Rivers to accept the School Resource Officer Contract as submitted. Support by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos. Ayes by all present. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

c. **New City Ordinances: Blight, Long Grass/Noxious Weeds & Dangerous Buildings**

- Public reading by Mayor Farmer of Dangerous Building Ordinance
- Public reading by Mayor Farmer Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance
- Public reading by Mayor Farmer Blight Ordinance

Discussion regarding the new ordinance process: public reading, publish and approved by City Council. Bill Snider mentioned to make sure they are in compliance with International Property and Maintenance Code, that's the Code Official Bible. Michigan law will be in there. Mayor Farmer will get that information to the city attorney for updates as well as a few dates on the headers have the year 2022.

d. **Update/Modernize City of Bangor Logo**

Interim City Manager Weber presented the reason for a logo change. We need to look to the future. We need a unique and appealing more modern concept for the City's logo. The current one was created by a school student that won a contest in 1976. The apple and train association with Bangor is no more. We can respect the current logo and retire it knowing it served us well for so many years. Mayor Farmer, can we open the logo to a contest for students to design one?

11. **Opportunity for Public Comment:**

Renee Doroh: We need to join the chamber so people know we are here. We need to also encourage businesses to join the chamber too. What about getting on the map for canoeing?

12. **Council Member Comments:**

**Martinez-Serratos:** Thank you all for coming tonight.

**Rivers:** Thank you all for coming tonight. I'm excited about the new logo. When I moved to Bangor it was apples and trains, we love apples and trains but we need new thoughts, logo and motto for Bangor.

**Uplinger:** I like the idea of a new logo. Being an art guy myself, I would donate to a winning prize if we had a contest and the logo was created by a school student

**Muenzer:** On 04/26/61 the first man listed in civil war from Bangor. Sadly he passed a year later on 05/05/62.

**Garcia:** Thank you for coming and for your valuable comments. Thank you William Murphy Jr, I see from the information you submitted that you are doing good work.

**McCrumb:** Thank you Renee Doroh for your thoughtful comments and looking out for the City. Good ideas and I like the canoeing idea. Thank you William Murphy Jr for your work regarding the zoning/code enforcement. Thank you everyone else

**Farmer:** Thank you everyone for coming. Thank you William Murphy Jr for the information in the packets regarding blight violations. Renee Doroh, awesome ideas, thank you. Some of the playground equipment is still out for powder coating. It will be back soon.

13. **Adjournment:**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serraso to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Support by Council Member Rivers. **Ayes** by all present. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None Motion Carried.