



BANGOR, MI
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CITY OF BANGOR

BANGOR CITY COUNCIL

September 21, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

7:00PM

257 W MONROE ST BANGOR, MI 49013

1. **This meeting was called to order by Mayor McCrumb 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
Darla McCrumb	Mayor	X	
Pati Martinez-Serratos	Mayor Pro Tem		X
Renee Doroh	Councilmember	X	
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	X	
William Murphy Jr	Councilmember	X	
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember	X	
Anthony Wall	Councilmember	X	
QUORUM (4) MET (6 PRESENT)			

OTHERS PRESENT

Justin Weber, City Manager
 Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk
 Stephenie Cagle, City Treasurer
 Scott Graham, City Attorney

Charles Bogren, Attorney
 Steve Lowder, DPW Director
 Approximately 10 members of the public

4. AUTHORIZATION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER(S) FROM THE MEETING

Motion to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos from the 09/21/26 Regular City Council Meeting.
 Mover: Mayor McCrumb; Second: Councilmember Rivers. Ayes from all. Absent:
 Councilmembers: Martinez-Serratos

5. APPROVAL OF POSTED REGULAR AGENDA

Accept Regular Meeting 09/21/26 Posted Agenda with no changes.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor McCrumb opened the public comment. Zero (0) public comments were offered. Mayor McCrumb closed the public comment period.

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

Motion to accept Consent Agenda, with no removals or corrections: Approval of General Checking Accounts Payable & Payroll in the amount of \$104,646.24, Roads Accounts Payable in the amount of \$8,101.97, and T&A Accounts Payable in the amount of \$101,791.52; Minutes as Presented, no changes: Regular Meeting 09/08/26.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (6 YES; 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)

MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember

SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

YES: Garcia, McCrumb, Rivers, Murphy, Doroh, Wall

NO: None

ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

8. REGULAR BUSINESS**a. Reports****i. Department Heads**

DPW, Police, Fire*, Clerk, and Treasurer: The reports have been received by the Council, reviewed as presented, and are hereby placed on file for record. **verbal, no report to file*

ii. Commission and Boards

Reports from Planning, Cemetery**, Parks & Recreation*, EDC**, and DDA*: The reports have been received by the Council, reviewed as presented, and are hereby placed on file for record. **verbal, no report to file, **did not meet or no representative available to give verbal report, not report to file, ***no verbal or written report to file*

iii. Other

Bangor Housing Commission and Van Buren County Senior Services updates: updates were given by Jerry Muenzer.

b. Presentations**i. None****c. Resolutions****i. Resolution 2026-20 Council Compensation**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-20 Council Compensation.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (6 YES, 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)

MOVER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember

SECONDER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

YES: Rivers, Murphy, Doroh, Garcia, Wall, McCrumb

NO: None

ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

d. Proclamations**i. None**

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

First Reading, Ordinance No 2910, Marijuana Establishments (*Amendment of Ordinance to change license number and days of operation.*)

Motion by Councilmember Heléne Rivers, supported by Councilmember Amber Garcia, to amend Ordinance No. 290, Section IV, #3 & Section VII, #9, to change the maximum number of marijuana retailer licenses permitted within the City of Bangor from three (3) to one (1) and to allow retailer hours of operation Monday through Sunday.

RESULT: MOTION FAILED (3 YES, 3 NO, 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)

MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

SECONDER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember

YES: Rivers, Muphy, McCrumb

NO: Doroh, Garcia, Wall

ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

Motion failed for lack of the required majority.

b. Items Removed From Consent Agenda

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. None

11. CITY MANAGER UPDATES/CLOSING COMMENTS

City Manager comments were heard.

12. COUNCILMEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilmember comments were heard.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to convene into closed session at 7:29 PM; With session beginning at 7:30 PM pursuant to MCL 15.268 8 (1) (e) to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation [**Lynne Farmer v City of Bangor**].

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (4 YES; 3 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)

MOVER: Darla McCrumb, Mayor

SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

YES: McCrumb, Rivers, Murphy, Garcia, Doroh, Wall

NO: None

ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:37 PM; With session beginning at 7:38 PM. Reconvene into open session to consider any motions on any of the matters discussed under the closed session listed above.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember

SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

ABSENT: Martinez-Serratos

The Council room doors are unlocked and remaining public is invited inside.

15. ACTIONS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

Following the Council's return to open session, Attorney Charles Bogren presented two (2) resolutions for Council consideration.

Motion to approve resolution as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER:	William Murphy, Councilmember
ABSENT:	Martinez-Serratos

For clarification of the record that two resolutions were being considered, a subsequent motion was made to approve the resolutions as presented by Attorney Charles Bogren.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-24 & 2026-25, Affirming the City Charter's Provisions, Official Duties & Third Party Investigation.

RESULT:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Darla McCrumb, Mayor
SECONDER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
ABSENT:	Martinez-Serratos

16. ADJOURNMENT**Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM.**

RESULTS:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Renee Doroh, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
ABSENT:	Martinez-Serratos

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

Mayor Darla McCrumb

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, September 21st, 2026. These minutes were approved by the City Council on Monday, October 5th, 2026, by unanimous vote. The original is on file at the Bangor City Hall, 257 W. Monroe Street, Bangor, Michigan 49013.

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk