



**CITY OF BANGOR**  
**BANGOR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 16, 2024**  
**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 MAYOR PRO TEM MARTINEZ-SERRATOS AND RECITED BY ALL PRESENT**

**ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
		Present	Absent
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	<b>X</b>	
Pati Martinez-Serratos	Mayor Pro Tem	<b>X</b>	
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
Jeremy Uplinger	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
Jerry Muenzer	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
<b>QUORUM MET (7 PRESENT)</b>			

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Ross Morang, Police Officer  
 Derek Babcock, Fire Chief  
 Ezekiel Drake, Code Enforcement  
 Steve Lowder, DPW Director

Approximately 16 members of the public

**3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Motion to accept Regular Meeting Agenda as Presented.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Consent Agenda**

<b>Motion to accept Consent Agenda items:</b> Regular Meeting Minutes <b>12/02/24</b> , Accounts Payable/Payroll: General Checking in the amount of <b>\$108,199.96</b> , Roads in the amount of <b>\$36,756.66</b> , and T&A Checking in the amount of <b>\$1,212.08</b> .	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7 YES)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

5. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

No public comments.

6. **OTHER REGULAR BUSINESS**

a. **Christmas Tree Winner**

Mayor Farmer presented Dawn Wade a prize for the winning Christmas tree.

b. **Reports**

Department Head and Commission & Boards Reports (*DPW, Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Clerk, Treasurer, Planning, EDC, DDA, Bangor Housing*) were given.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

c. **Adopt Ordinance #296 – Automatic Annual Increases – Water Rates**

This ordinance was introduced at the 12/02/24 Regular City Council meeting.

<b>Motion to adopt Ordinance #296 Automatic Annual Increases for Water Rates.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7 YES)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

d. **Adopt Ordinance #297 – Automatic Annual Increases – Wastewater Rates**

This ordinance was introduced at the 12/02/24 Regular City Council meeting.

<b>Motion to adopt Ordinance #297 Automatic Annual Increases for Wastewater Rates.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7 YES)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

a. **Adopt Ordinance #298 – Regular Scheduled Meetings for the Council**

This ordinance was introduced at the 12/02/24 Regular City Council meeting. Regular Scheduled Meetings for the Council. This ordinance amends Ordinance #212.

<b>Motion to adopt Ordinance #298 Regular Schedule Meetings for the Council.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7 YES)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

e. **Simultaneous PC and Board of Review Membership**

City Attorney Graham presented his opinion on simultaneous PC and Board of Review Membership. There has been concern that the charter is not being followed in this matter. The City Attorney has researched and confirmed that there is no conflict.

f. **Adopt Policy 2024-03 Public Comments at Meetings**

<b>Motion to adopt Policy 2024-03 Public Comments at Meetings Policy.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7 YES)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

9. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments heard.

10. **COUNCILMEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS**

Councilmember comments were heard.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

<b>Motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM</b>	
<b>RESULTS:</b>	<b>CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

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Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

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Mayor Lynne Farmer

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**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, December 16, 2024**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, January 6, 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