



CITY OF BANGOR

BANGOR CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 21, 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. **ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
		Present	Absent
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	X	
Pati Martinez-Serratos	Mayor Pro Tem		X
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember	X	
Jeremy Uplinger	Councilmember	X	
Jerry Muenzer	Councilmember	X	
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	X	
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember		X
QUORUM MET (5 PRESENT)			

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Graham, City Attorney
Justin Weber, City Manager
Shelly Umbanhowar, Clerk
Stephenie Cagle, Treasurer
Steve Lowder, DPW Director

Paul Leonard, Police Officer
Derek Babcock, Fire Chief
Tyler Kendegran, Police Officer
Approximately 8 members of the public

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

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember McCrumb from meeting.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember

SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

5. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion to accept Regular Meeting 04/21/25 Agenda with the addition of New Business, 10 g. City of Bangor Policy.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

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

Motion to accept Consent Agenda items: Regular Meeting Minutes **04/07/25**, and Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes **04/14/25**, Accounts Payable/Payroll: General Checking in the amount of **\$94,486.40**, Roads Checking in the amount of **\$67.14**, and T&A2 Checking in the amount of **\$13,089.61**.

RESULT: APPROVED (5 YES, 2 ABSENT)

MOVER: Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember

SECONDER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Farmer, Garcia, Uplinger (*Roll Call*)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

7. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS**a. Department Head Reports**

Department Head and Commission & Boards Reports (*DPW, Police, Fire, Clerk, Treasurer, Planning, EDC, DDA, Senior Services of Van Buren County, Bangor Housing*) were given.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/POSTPONED ITEMS**a. City Council Budget Workshop #3 and Final Workshop – Reminder.**

Next workshop is Monday, May 12, 2025 @ 3PM at 257 W Monroe St.

10. NEW BUSINESS**a. Approve Appointment - Dave McCarty to DDA.**

Motion to accept the appointment of Dave McCarty to the DDA.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

SECONDER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Farmer, Garcia

ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

b. Approve Removal – Scott Millin from Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Motion to accept the removal of Scott Millin from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board due to lack of attendance.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember

SECONDER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Farmer, Garcia, Uplinger

ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

c. Approve Appointment – Stewart Rissley to Board of Review.

Motion to accept the appointment of Stewart Rissley to the Board of Review.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember

SECONDER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Farmer, Garcia, Uplinger

ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

d. Adopt Utility Bill Adjustment Policy 2025-03.

Motion to adopt Utility Bill Adjustment Policy 2025-03.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Jerry Meunzer, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Farmer, Garcia, Uplinger
ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

e. Authorization to Purchase New Police Vehicle.

Motion to authorize City Manager Weber to purchase a new 2025 Ford police vehicle.

RESULT: APPROVED (5 YES, 2 ABSENT)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Farmer, Garcia, Uplinger (*Roll Call*)
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

f. DDA Proposed Logo.

Motion to approve DDA selection of Logo #3 as presented by Blue Fire Media.

RESULT: APPROVED (4 YES, 1 NO, 2 ABSENT)
MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Farmer, Garcia, Uplinger (*Roll Call*)
NAYS: Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

g. Statements: Policy Regarding Action Against Defamatory Statements and Michigan Incompatible Offices Act.

Motion to Post Policy Regarding Action Against Defamatory Statements to Website and distribute to those who request it.

RESULT: APPROVED (5 YES, 2 ABSENT)
MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Farmer, Garcia, Uplinger, Muenzer (*Roll Call*)
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

Motion to Post Statement Regarding Michigan Incompatible Offices Act to Website and distribute to those who request it.

RESULT: APPROVED (5 YES, 2 ABSENT)
MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Farmer, Garcia, Uplinger, Muenzer (*Roll Call*)
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were heard.

12. COUNCILMEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilmember comments were heard.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

RESULTS: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

SECONDER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember

ABSENT: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember & Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

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, April 21, 2025**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, May 6th, 2025**, by unanimous vote. The original is on file at the Bangor City Hall, 257 W. Monroe Street, Bangor, Michigan 49013.

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk