



BANGOR, MI
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CITY OF BANGOR

BANGOR CITY COUNCIL

MAY 19, 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 MAYOR PRO TEM MARTINEZ-SERRATOS 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
Renee Doroh	Councilmember	X	
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	X	
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember	X	
QUORUM MET (6 PRESENT)			

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Paul Leonard, Police Officer
Tyler Kendegran, Police Officer
Approximately 17 members of the public

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

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Uplinger from meeting.	
RESULT:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
ABSENT:	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

5. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion to accept Regular Meeting 05/19/25 Agenda with the addition of New Business, 10. H., Appoint Spencer Hodgman to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and 10. I. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Community Survey.	
RESULT:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
ABSENT:	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

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

Motion to accept Consent Agenda items: Regular Meeting Minutes **05/05/25**, Closed Session Meeting Minutes **05/05/25**, and Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes **05/12/25**, Accounts Payable/Payroll: General Checking in the amount of **\$92,157.32** and Roads Checking in the amount of **\$77,175.20**.

RESULT: APPROVED (6 YES, 1 ABSENT)

MOVER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

SECONDER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember

AYES: (Roll Call) Rivers, Doroh, Farmer, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

7. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Three (3) public comments were heard.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS**a. Oaths of Office****i. Mayor Lynne Farmer and Councilmembers Amber Garcia & Renee Doroh**

Clerk Umbanhowar administered public Oaths of Office for the results of the 05/06/25 Election. Oaths were administered in the Clerk's office prior to the 16th. (Oaths were administered within 10 days of the election)

b. Reports**i. Department Heads**

DPW, Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Clerk, and Treasurer heard or written report given.

ii. Commission and Boards

Reports from Planning, Cemetery, Parks & Recreation, EDC, and DDA heard.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/POSTPONED ITEMS**a. Live Stream Downtown Camera**

Integrity Tech has the camera. They are working on scheduling a date/time in which the equipment will be installed.

10. NEW BUSINESS**a. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Charter Section 5.21 (a).**

Motion to appoint Pati Martinez-Serratos as Mayor Pro Tem.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember

SECONDER: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember

ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

b. Policy 2025-04 Accepting Credit & Debit Cards & EFT Transfers Payments Policy

Motion to accept Policy 2025-04 Accepting Credit & Debit Cards & EFT Transfers Payments Policy.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember

SECONDER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember

ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

c. Resolution 2025-04 Accepting Credit & Debit Cards & EFT Transfers Payments

Motion to accept Resolution 2025-04 Accepting Credit & Debit Cards & EFT transfers Payments.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

d. Policy 2025-06 Refund Policy

Motion to accept Policy 2025-06 Refund Policy.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember
ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

e. Annual Approval of City of Bangor Fee Schedule

Motion to adopt the 2025/2026 City of Bangor Fee Schedule.

RESULT: APPROVED (6 YES, 1 ABSENT)
MOVER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
AYES: (Roll Call) Rivers, Doroh, Farmer, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

f. TMF Study & Report – Abonmarche

City Manager Weber reminded the Council of the need for the TMF Study & Report and that this is a must not a need, this is part of the EGLE requirement. In order to continue to be in compliance with EGLE, we must do this TMF Study & Report. Abonmarche was present at a recent meeting to explain the importance of this. Abonmarche prepared and presented a proposal to City Manager Weber in the amount of \$86,000.00.

g. Resolution 2025-05 TMF Study & Report

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 TMF Study & Report with Abonmarche for \$86,000.00.

RESULT: APPROVED (6 YES, 1 ABSENT)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Pati Martinze-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: (Roll Call) Rivers, Doroh, Farmer, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

h. Appointment of Spencer Hodgman to Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Motion to accept appointment of Spencer Hodgman to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

i. Approve Distribution of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Parks Survey

Motion to approve the Distribution of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Parks Survey to the Community via social media, water bills, flyers, and QR codes.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

Following item added and agenda amended during Council meeting:

j. Planning Commission Master Plan Acceptance

Motion to accept Planning Commissions Recommendation of Master Plan Quote from SW MI Planning Commission in the amount of \$17,452.05 with ½ to be paid up front.

RESULT: APPROVED (6 YES, 1 ABSENT)
MOVER: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
SECONDER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember
AYES: (Roll Call) Rivers, Doroh, Farmer, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

One (1) public comment was heard.

12. COUNCILMEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilmember comments were heard.

13. Closed Session

Motion go into Closed Session at 7:58 PM under MCL Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Sec. 8 (1) (e) for the purposes of Attorney Consultation.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

Regular Session ended at 7:58 PM and public was dismissed for closed session.

Motion go back into Open Session at 8:47 PM.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember
ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

Door was unlocked for public to reenter, no public in attendance.

Defamation

Motion to authorize City Attorney Graham to move forward on behalf of City Manager Justin Weber with actions against Travis Collatz & Steve Honeycutt and anyone else where there is clear & convincing evidence for statements of defamation.

RESULT: APPROVED (6 YES, 1 ABSENT)
MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
AYES: (Roll Call) Rivers, Doroh, Farmer, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

Defamation

Motion to authorize City Attorney Graham to move forward on behalf of Officer Paul Leonard with actions against Travis Collatz and anyone else where there is clear & convincing evidence for statements of defamation.

RESULT: APPROVED (6 YES, 1 ABSENT)

MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember

SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

AYES: (Roll Call) Rivers, Doroh, Farmer, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Garcia

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:52 PM.

RESULTS: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Renee Doroh, Councilmember

SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

ABSENT: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember

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, May 19, 2025**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, June 2nd, 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