



CITY OF BANGOR
BANGOR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2025
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	
Jerry Muenzer	Councilmember	X	
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	X	
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember	X	
QUORUM MET (7 PRESENT)			

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Graham, City Attorney
 Justin Weber, City Manager
 Shelly Umbanhowar, Clerk
 Paul Leonard, Police Officer
 Approximately 25 members of the public

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

4. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion to accept Regular Meeting 01/21/25 Agenda as Presented.	
RESULT:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember

5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

a. **Consent Agenda**

Motion to accept Consent Agenda items: Regular Meeting Minutes 01/06/25 , Accounts Payable/Payroll: General Checking in the amount of \$159,619.35 , Roads in the amount of \$2,123.51 and T&A Checking in the amount of \$154,759.47 .	
RESULT:	APPROVED (7 YES)
MOVER:	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
AYES:	Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. City Attorney Statement

City Attorney Graham gave a statement clarifying people’s opinions versus publishing defamatory statements about the City and/or City Employees/Officials – these are statements that are not just public opinion but knowingly false statements that can be proven.

b. Department Head Reports

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

c. Resolutions

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01, A Resolution Accepting Letters of Protest from City Residents for March 2025 Board of Review.

RESULT: APPROVED (7 YES)
MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-02, A Resolution to Provide for Alternate Starting Dates for March, July, and December 2025 Board of Review.

RESULT: APPROVED (7 YES)
MOVER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
SECONDER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-03, A Resolution Updating State Required Poverty Level Income Standards for Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines for Tax Year 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED (7 YES)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/POSTPONED ITEMS

a. Adopt Rules of Procedures for the City Council (Postponed from 01/06/25)

Motion to adopt Rules of Procedures for the City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED (7 YES)
MOVER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments

Treasurer Cagle presented the 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments, there is a brief question and answer session between council and the Treasurer.

Motion to adopt the 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments.

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

b. Steve Honeycutt – Resignations

Motion to accept Steve Honeycutt’s Resignation from the Planning Commission effective 01/06/25.

RESULT: APPROVED (7 YES)
MOVER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
SECONDER: Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

Motion to accept Steve Honeycutt’s Resignation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board effective 01/14/25.

RESULT: APPROVED (7 YES)
MOVER: Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

c. Public Hearing – Potential Misconduct by Planning Commission Member

Motion to withdraw the Public Hearing based on the Council’s acceptance of the resignations of Steve Honeycutt.

RESULT: APPROVED (7 YES)
MOVER: Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
SECONDER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – NON AGENDA ITEMS

Three (3) Public comments heard.

11. COUNCILMEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilmember comments were heard.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

RESULTS: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
SECONDER: 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, January 21, 2025**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, February 03, 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

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