



CITY OF BANGOR

BANGOR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2024

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

7:00PM

**257 W. MONROE STREET
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 RIVERS AND RECITED BY ALL PRESENT**

ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Pati Martinez-Serratos	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember	Present
Jeremy Uplinger	Councilmember	Present
Jerry Muenzer	Councilmember	Present
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	Present
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember	Present
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	Present

QUORUM MET

OTHERS PRESENT

Justin Weber, City Manager
 Shelly Umbanhowar, Clerk
 Stephenie Cagle, Treasurer
 Paul Leonard, Police Officer

Derek Babcock, Fire Chief
 Steve Lowder, DPW Director
 Ezekiel Drake, Code Enforcement Officer
 Scott Graham, City Attorney
 Approximately 34 members of the public

3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion to accept Regular Meeting Agenda as Presented.	
RESULT:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

a. Consent Agenda

Motion to accept Consent Agenda items:	
Regular Meeting Minutes 10/07/24 , General Checking Accounts Payable & Payroll in the amount of \$188,050.96 and Roads Checking Accounts Payable in the amount of \$179.73 .	
RESULT:	APPROVED (7 YES)
MOVER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES:	Rivers, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer

5. OTHER REGULAR BUSINESS

a. **Mowing Crew Acknowledgement**

City Manager Weber presented City of Bangor Mowing Crew Steven Brant and Justin Williams Acknowledgements for a job well done on the 2024 mowing season.

b. **Proclamation 2024-10**

Mayor Farmer presented Reavers Tribe MC of Bangor Michigan, Reavers Tribe MC of Newago Michigan and Outlaw MC of Muskegon Michigan a proclamation for the help in the biannual cemetery cleanings and Wreaths Across America Ceremony.

c. **Reports**

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

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were heard.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **City Resident Issue**

City Attorney Graham updated council regarding ongoing issues with a city resident.

b. **Decision to Approve/Deny New City Attorney Selection: Nick Curcio**

City Manager Weber updates council that the process for selecting a new City Attorney is complete. The next step would be that they choose to select Nick Curcio, ask the current City Attorney to withdraw his resignation or put out a new RFP for City Attorney.

Motion to table Decision to Approve/Deny New City Attorney Selection: Nick Curcio.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Approval of Marihuana Application**

Motion to approve Marihuana Application submitted by Breedsville Provision Center, LLC, Physical Location: 131 W Monroe St Bangor, MI 49013.

RESULT: APPROVED (6 YES, 1 NO)
MOVER: Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Garcia, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer
NAYS: Martinez-Serratos

b. **Approval of Fund Balance Policy**

Motion to Approve Fund Balance Policy.

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

c. **Accept Dick Watkins Resignation from Planning Commission Effective 10/14/24**

Motion to Accept Dick Watkins Resignation from Planning Commission Effective 10/14/24.	
RESULT:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Darla McCrumb, Councilmember

d. **Boom Lift (City/Fire Department Sharing Cost)**

Fire Chief Babcock presented an idea of the City sharing the cost of a boom lift with the Fire Department. The City pay 80% and the Fire Department will pay 20%. There is an opportunity to purchase a used one for \$16,500.00. DPW Director Lowder explains that the lift could be used for all sorts of things around the City. It is a safety issue if workers are using ladders to do jobs around the City.

Motion to Approve the purchase of the 2007 Genie Boom Lift for \$16,500.00.	
RESULT:	APPROVED (7 YES)
MOVER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES:	Rivers, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos, Muenzer, Uplinger, McCrumb, Farmer

e. **Public Hearing Councilmember Complaint**

Started public hearing for this complaint at 8:02 PM.

City Attorney Graham gave instructions for how the Mayor will preside over the public hearing portion of the Councilmember Complaint filed by Councilmember Garcia against Councilmember Muenzer. There is a discussion, question and answer and more discussion on the matter. There are six (6) motions made: Misconduct #1, Misconduct #2, Misconduct #3, Reprimand, Reconsider the Reprimand/Payment Amount and Payment Amount.

City Attorney Graham confirmed that the City of Bangor Ethics Ordinance 36.08 (5) instructs that the City Attorney will record the meeting minutes for this portion of the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Did Councilmember Muenzer commit misconduct by making the comments described in allegation 1 of the complaint?	
RESULT:	CARRIED (4 YES, 1 NO, 2 NO VOTE)
AYES:	Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, Uplinger, McCrumb
NAYS:	Farmer
NOT VOTING:	Garcia, Muenzer

ROLL CALL: Did Councilmember Muenzer commit misconduct by making the comments described in allegation 2 of the complaint?	
RESULT:	CARRIED (5 YES, 0 NO, 2 NO VOTE)
AYES:	Rivers, Uplinger, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Farmer
NAYS:	None
NOT VOTING:	Garcia, Muenzer

ROLL CALL: Did Councilmember Muenzer commit misconduct by making the comments described in allegation 3 of the complaint?	
RESULT:	CARRIED (3 YES, 2 NO, 2 NO VOTE)
AYES:	Uplinger, McCrumb, Rivers
NAYS:	Martinez-Serratos, Farmer
NOT VOTING:	Garcia, Muenzer

Motion to Reprimand Councilmember Muenzer for the Allegations (misconduct letter from City Attorney for the next Regular Council Meeting 11/04/24 and repayment of total cost of cell phone/plan \$600.00)

RESULT: APPROVED (5 YES, 1 NO, 2 NO VOTE)
MOVER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES: McCrumb, Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, Uplinger, Farmer
NOT VOTING: Garcia, Muenzer

Ended public hearing for this complaint at 9:05 PM.

9. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments regarding public hearing for councilmember complaint heard.

Motion to reconsider the aspect of the repayment of phone/plan to be paid back.

RESULT: APPROVED (3 YES, 2 NO, 2 NO VOTE)
MOVER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Lynne Farmer, Mayor
AYES: Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, Farmer
NAYS: Uplinger, McCrumb
NOT VOTING: Garcia, Muenzer

Motion for Councilmember Muenzer to repay \$300.00 (1/2 phone/plan cost) back to the City.

RESULT: APPROVED (4 YES, 1 NO, 2 NO VOTE)
MOVER: Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
AYES: Rivers, Martinez-Serratos, Farmer, McCrumb
NAYS: Uplinger
NOT VOTING: Garcia, Muenzer

10. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember comments were heard.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:23 PM

RESULTS: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
SECONDER: Heléne Rivers, 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, October 21, 2024. These minutes were approved by the City Council on Monday, November 4, 2024, 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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