



# CITY OF BANGOR

## BANGOR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 3, 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 MAYOR PRO-TEM MARTINEZ-SERRATOS AND RECITED BY ALL PRESENT**

#### ATTENDANCE

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	Absent
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	Present

#### QUORUM MET

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Justin Weber, City Manager  
Shelly Umbanhowar, Clerk

Scott Graham, City Attorney  
Approximately 15 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>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro-Tem
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McCrumb

4. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### a. Consent Agenda

<b>Motion to accept Consent Agenda items:</b>	
Regular Meeting Minutes 08/19/24, General Checking Accounts Payable & Payroll in the amount of \$66,827.19, Roads Checking Accounts Payable in the amount of \$180.00 and T&A Checking Accounts Payable in the amount of \$62,682.33.	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6 YES, 1 ABSENT)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Garcia, Martinez-Serratos, Muenzer, Uplinger, Farmer
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McCrumb

5. OTHER REGULAR BUSINESS

None

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were heard.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Lions Park Restrooms & Don Mora Park Concession/Restrooms

DPW Director Lowder gave an update on the amended bids that were received. Fields Plumbing & Septic is the only amended quote the City received. Lowder's recommendation is that the City wait until the Spring of 2025 to do any remodeling of the bathrooms at Lions and Don Mora Park.

There is a brief discussion about the leaks that need to be fixed. Council would like DPW Director Lowder to look into the leaks and getting them fixed before any beautification occurs.

Motion to table until the Spring of 2025.	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED (5 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSENT)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Garcia, Muenzer, Uplinger, Farmer
<b>NAYS:</b>	Martinez-Serratos
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McCrumb

b. Lift Station Control Panels

DPW Director Lowder gave a brief presentation on the overall situation of the Lift Stations - the pumps and control panels. The control panels need to either be repaired or replaced. The backup pumps need to be repaired. The pumps are working off floats and they are not sending notifications properly when they need to be responded to. Unless DPW checks, they don't know there is an issue.

Mayor Farmer requested that DPW Director Lowder give a written detailed report to the council for review as soon as possible. The report should have a list of priorities and costs. City Manager Weber is to get this report to the council once it is received.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Introduction: Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance 192.1

Mayor Farmer read the introduction of the Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance 192.1. This is the introduction. The second reading & adoption will be at the 09/16/24 Regular Council Meeting. If adopted, it will be posted and effective, 09/26/24.

b. Accept EDC Resignation of Mark Hills

Motion to accept Mark Hills resignation from the EDC.	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McCrumb

c. Accept DDA Resignation of Mark Hills

Motion to accept Mark Hills resignation from the DDA.	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro-Tem
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McCrumb

d. **Date for Special Council Meeting/MRWA Water Study Presentation**

City Council picked the date of 09/20/24 @ 4PM for a Special Council Meeting for MRWA to present the water/sewer rate study for City of Bangor.

e. **Approve Halloween Trick or Treating Date**

**Motion to approve the City of Bangor Halloween Trick or Treating date of 10/31/24 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.**

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

f. **Cemetery Committee Bylaws**

**Motion to table the Cemetery Committee Bylaws until the next Regular City Council meeting on 09/16/24.**

**RESULT: FAILED (3 YES, 3 NO, 1 ABSENT)**  
**MOVER:** Amber Garcia, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Jeremy Uplinger, Councilmember  
**AYES:** Uplinger, Garcia, Rivers  
**NAYS:** Martinez-Serratos, Muenzer, Farmer  
**ABSENT:** McCrumb

There is a discussion between the City Attorney and City Council regarding the proposed amended Cemetery Committee Bylaws. Some council members want all seven (7) members of Cemetery Committee to have equal voting power.

Since the motion failed to table this item, the City Council would like amendments and this item resolved at this meeting. The council dismissed Clerk Umbanhowar and City Attorney Graham to step out of the City Council meeting (7:50-8:01 PM) to make edits to the bylaws. Clerk Umbanhowar and City Attorney Graham exited the Council Chambers at 7:50 PM to make requested edits and print new copies for each council member. Clerk Umbanhowar and City Attorney Graham returned the meeting at approximately 8:01 PM.

**Motion to accept the changes to the Cemetery Committee Bylaws: Amendment to Ordinance Section 91.16:** *“Each year the City Manager shall, by a date set by the City Council, appoint three (3) members of the City Council to serve on the Cemetery Committee, and the Mayor shall appoint four (4) other persons to serve as members. The Mayor shall not appoint City Council members. All members shall have equal voting rights. It shall be the duty of the Cemetery Committee to supervise the expenditures of the cemetery fund and see that the terms of this subchapter are properly executed.” Add to Section 2, Appointment*

*“Four (4) additional members, including the DPW Director and a member of the American Legion Post 160.” Add to Section 1, Composition*

**RESULT: PASSED (4 YES, 2 NO, 1 ABSENT)**  
**MOVER:** Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro-Tem  
**SECONDER:** Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember  
**AYES:** Muenzer, Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Farmer  
**NAYS:** Garcia, Uplinger  
**ABSENT:** McCrumb

<b>Motion to accept the Amended Cemetery Committee Bylaws.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED (4 YES, 2 NO, 1 ABSENT)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro-Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Muenzer, Farmer
<b>NAYS:</b>	Garcia, Uplinger
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McCrumb

9. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments were heard.

10. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember comments were heard.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

<b>Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM</b>	
<b>RESULTS:</b>	<b>CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro-Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Rivers, Garcia, McCrumb, Muenzer, Uplinger, Martinez-Serratos, Farmer

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Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

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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 Tuesday, September 3, 2024**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, September 16, 2024**, 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