

City Council Meeting Minutes

Bixby Municipal Building
111 N. Cabaniss Ave., Bixby, OK 74008
July 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM

The agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting of the Bixby City Council of the City of Bixby was posted on the bulletin board at the Bixby Municipal Building, 111 N. Cabaniss Ave., Bixby, OK 74008 on July 23, 2026, on or before 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Schultz called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Roll Call

Shannon Duran, City Clerk, called the roll, and the following were present:

Members Present:

Mayor Schultz
Vice Mayor Hirshey
Councilor David
Councilor Payne
Councilor Freeman

Staff Present:

Todd Blish, Interim City Manager and Police Chief
JT Hammons, City Attorney
Shannon Duran, City Clerk
Charles Barnes, Finance Director
Dylan Warner, Public Works Director
Joe Sherrell, Fire Chief
Bryan Toney, Public Information Officer

Invocation

Councilor Hirshey did the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Payne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Organizational Items

- 1) Discussion and consideration of the Ward 4 City Council vacancy. The City Council may nominate a candidate and vote on approval to fill the Ward 4 City Council interim vacancy pursuant to Section 2.9 of the City Charter.

Mayor Schultz said Item 1 on the Organization Items is up for discussion and consideration.
Others who spoke: Michael Childers, Greg Williams

Council heard comments from Michael Childers and Greg Williams.

Council discussed the process for selecting the final applicant for the temporary Ward 4 Councilor appointment following interviews with the applicants. Council members expressed their appreciation to all applicants for their interest and willingness to serve. It was noted that the appointment is temporary and that an election to fill the remainder of the Ward 4 term will be held in April of the following year.

Councilors discussed the candidates and expressed that all three finalists were qualified and would be valuable additions to the Council.

Councilor David made a motion to approve Luke Freeman to be the councilor for Ward 4, seconded by Councilor Hirshey. The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 4-0

Ayes: David, Hirshey, Payne, Schultz

Nays: 0

Councilor Freeman was sworn in by Shannon Duran, City Clerk.

- 2) Election of Mayor and possible Vice Mayor, pursuant to Bixby Charter Section 2.2.

Mayor Schultz said Item 2 on the Organization Items is up for discussion and consideration.
Others who spoke: Greg Williams

Greg Williams signed up to speak; however, when called upon, he declined to provide comments.

Councilor Payne made a motion to select Bobby Schultz as Mayor, seconded by Councilor David. The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 5-0

Ayes: Payne, David, Hirshey, Schultz, Freeman

Nays: 0

Councilor Payne made a motion to select Ken Hirshey as Vice Mayor, seconded by Councilor David. The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 5-0

Ayes: Payne, David, Hirshey, Freeman, Schultz

Nays: 0

Mayor Schultz and Vice Mayor Hirshey were sworn in by Shannon Duran, City Clerk

Presentations, Proclamations, and Reports

- 1) City Updates — Information, reports, and announcements from the city staff. Discussion may occur; however, no action will be taken.

Todd Blish, Interim City Manager and Police Chief, provided the City Manager's report.

Mr. Blish provided updates on various City departments and activities, including the following:
City Government: An update was provided regarding the 2026 General Obligation Bond informational meetings. Two meetings have been held with positive community attendance and participation. The final informational meeting will be held on August 11 at 6:30 p.m. at New Beginnings Church.

Special Events: An update was provided regarding the recent Picnic at the Park event held at Charley Young Event Park. The event had strong community participation and included live music, lawn games, and Touch-A-Truck activities with the Bixby Police and Fire Departments.

Fire Department:

Mr. Blish recognized Harps Food Stores and community members for their donations during the June fundraiser, which will help the Fire Department purchase smoke detectors for residents in need. An update was also provided regarding the Fire Department's participation in a community outreach event at New Beginnings Church.

Police Department: An update was provided on police department hiring efforts. Three police officer applicants are currently in the background investigation phase, including two positions that will fulfill a federal grant requirement for School Resource Officers and one position to replace an officer departing for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. An additional officer vacancy is anticipated in September. Interviews are also underway for a 911 Emergency Dispatcher position.

Mr. Blish also provided an update on current grant applications, including funding opportunities for additional police officers, employee mental health and wellness services, technology to combat internet crimes against children, and a regional drone first-responder network involving multiple area agencies.

Public Works Department: Mr. Blish recognized Public Works staff members for continuing professional development and earning industry certifications, including OSHA 30-Hour Certification and Water/Wastewater Class D and Class C Certifications. Council congratulated staff members for their accomplishments.

Consent Agenda

- 1) Minutes for the Work Session dated 07/09/26.
- 2) Minutes for the City Council Meeting dated 07/09/26.
- 3) Discuss and/or approve the annual Emergency 911 Telephone System Fees to INCOG in the amount of up to \$92,000. Funds were included in the approved E911 budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

- 4) Discuss and/or approve the annual renewal of the School Resource Officer (SRO) contracts between the City of Bixby Police Department and Bixby Public Schools, including the shared salary costs for four (4) School Resource Officers. Salary costs will be shared at a 50% City / 50% Bixby Public Schools rate for two (2) officers and an 82% Bixby Public Schools / 18% City of Bixby Police Department rate for two (2) officers.
- 5) Consider and/or approve the ratification of Amendment No. 1, including all attachments, to the agreement with Beck Design for architectural services related to the Dawes Building Office Renovation Project. Amendment No. 1 was previously approved by the City Council on August 25, 2025, in the amount of \$17,000.00. This item is presented solely for ratification of the complete Amendment No. 1 agreement with the correct attachments. No additional funding is being requested, and no changes have been made to the previously approved amendment amount or terms.
- 6) Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution 2026-19 ratifying the submission of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant application submitted on July 24 for the South Town Stormwater Regional Detention Project, and approving the commitment of local matching funds in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eight-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$1,362,788.75) from the City's Stormwater Fund if the grant is awarded.
- 7) Discuss and/or action to approve Resolution 2026-20 ratifying the submission of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant application submitted July 24, 2026, for the South Town Culvert Rehabilitation Project, and approving the commitment of local matching funds in the amount of Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Ninety-Nine and Thirteen Cents (\$828,099.13) from the City's Stormwater Fund if grant is awarded.
- 8) Discuss and/or approve the surplus sale or credit through a qualified firearms dealer of used police shotguns and old shotgun parts that are over 20 years old and no longer used at a rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) per weapon and/or used market price for individual parts. These weapons are no longer used by the department.
- 9) Consider approval of the purchase of approximately 0.73 acres of property located on the south-west corner of East 167th Street (U.S. Highway 64) and 2nd Street, further identified as tax parcel 57550-74-27-01170, in the amount of \$170,000. Council previously authorized staff to proceed with negotiations regarding the potential purchase of this property on July 9, 2026.
- 10) Discuss and/or approve accepting public infrastructure for The Legends Reserve Subdivision.
- 11) Discuss and/or approve an agreement with Benham Design, LLC for engineering design services related to the Mingo Road Widening from 101st to 111th Street; proposed fee for total amount of \$1,103,536.00; engineering design services will proceed upon approval.

Mayor Schultz said Items 1-11 on the Consent Agenda is up for discussion and consideration.
Others who spoke: Nathan Radach, Assistant Public Works Director

Nathan Radach, Assistant Public Works Director, requests to remove Item 7 from the Consent Agenda

Councilor David made a motion to approve items 1-6 and 8-11, seconded by Vice Mayor Hirshey. The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried:5-0

Ayes: David, Hirshey, Freeman, Payne, Schultz

Nays: 0

Regular Agenda

- 1) Discussion, consideration, and possible vote for approval of an emergency contract for the replacement of a structurally compromised culvert bridge located on South Mingo Road, between East 161st Street S and E 171st Street South, in the amount of \$200,630.00 to Diversified Civil Contractors with a 6' x 4' Reinforced Concrete Box, new headwalls, and full repave.

Mayor Schultz said Item 1 on the Regular Agenda is up for discussion and consideration.

Item presented by: Nathan Radach, Assistant Public Works Director

Others who spoke: Dylan Warner, Public Works Director

Dylan Warner, Public Works Director, and Nathan Radach provided an update regarding the bridge repair project, including the anticipated timeline for completion and efforts to ensure the project does not interfere with school traffic.

Discussion ensued regarding the type of repairs needed and the scope of work required to address the bridge concerns. It was noted that the bridge is a primary route for school buses, making the repairs necessary to ensure safe and reliable access.

Mayor Schultz asks for a motion to approve item 1. Councilor David made a motion to approve the emergency funds to repair the bridge, seconded by Councilor Payne.

The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried:5-0

Ayes: David, Payne, Freeman, Hirshey, Schultz

Nays: 0

- 2) Discussion, consideration and possible vote for approval of an Ordinance of the City of Bixby, Oklahoma, amending Title 1, Administration; Chapter 7, Officers and Employees; by adding Section 1-7-8, Management of Costs of Human Resources; providing for codification, severability, and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 2559

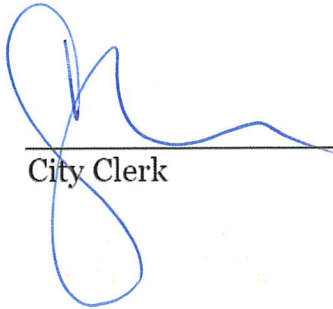
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- 3) Discussion, consideration, and possible vote to approve an emergency clause for Ordinance Number 2559 making it effective immediately upon passage since the immediate operation of the provisions of the Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, welfare, morals, and service to the citizens.

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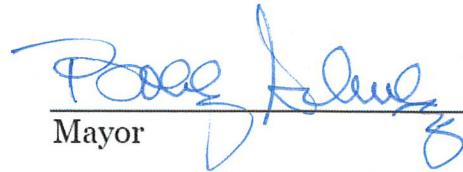
4) Adjournment

Adjournment was called at 6:34 pm.



City Clerk





Mayor

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