

City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes

Dawes Conference Room
113 W. Dawes Ave., Bixby, OK 74008
March 11, 2024 at 5:00 PM

The agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council Work Session of the city of Bixby was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, 116 West Needles Avenue, Bixby, Oklahoma on October 20, 2023, on or before 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Guthrie called the City Council Work Session Meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Roll Call

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

Members Present

Mayor Guthrie
Vice Mayor Founds
Councilor Girard (Absent)
Councilor Revelis
Councilor Hirshey

Staff Present

Jared Cottle, City Manager
Shannon Duran, City Clerk
Phil Frazier, City Attorney
Charles Barnes, Finance Director
Bea Aamodt, Public Works Director
Joey Wiedel, Development Services Director
Todd Blish, Police Chief
Justin Dowd, City Engineer
Bryan Toney, Public Information Officer

Agenda

- 1) Presentation and discussion of Bixby / Broken Arrow joint water system study.

Item presented by: Bea Aamodt, Public Works Director, and Jared Cottle, City Manager

Overview: Jared Cottle initiated the discussion, indicating that the item served as an update from previous Council Retreat discussions. Bea Aamodt, Public Works Director, provided a brief overview of the project study's inception, which included seeking alternatives such as obtaining water from the Oklahoma Ordnance Water Authority (OOWA) and/or the possibility of building a water plant.

Current Challenges: Bea Aamodt highlighted ongoing challenges with volume and pressure from Tulsa's water supply. The city experienced significant issues, including 11 days of water

unavailability on Bixhoma hill due to inadequate water volume from Tulsa. Although interim solutions such as the interim pump and the recently constructed deer run pump were implemented, low-pressure issues persist on the west side, particularly around Yale and Eagle Rock.

Discussion on Potential Solutions: a. Collaborative Approaches: Council members and staff discussed exploring partnerships with Broken Arrow to address water supply issues collectively. b. Proposal from Garver: Staff is asking that the council allow staff to move forward with obtaining a proposal from Garver to evaluate various options, including purchasing water from Oklahoma Ordnance Water Authority OOWA and potential expansions of existing water supplies. c. Cost-Benefit Analysis: Staff emphasized the importance of conducting a thorough cost-benefit analysis to determine the feasibility of selling water from Lake Bixhoma and building a water treatment plant. The council deliberated on the feasibility of forming partnerships with Broken Arrow and Tulsa to optimize water supply operations. Discussions held regarding the potential benefits of sourcing raw water from Oklahoma Ordnance Water Authority (OOWA), feasibility of forming partnerships with Broken Arrow and Tulsa optimize water supply operations, and treating it at Lake Bixhoma.

Further discussions held on Tulsa Contractual Obligations: Jared Cottle informed the council of Bixby's contractual agreement with Tulsa, which extends for 40 years from 2006. Despite this agreement, Tulsa has not consistently been able to meet the contracted pressure requirements of 50PSI, which has impacted Bixby's water supply. Discussions ensued regarding notifications to Tulsa.

Conclusion and Next Steps: a. Contractual Expectations: Discussions held regarding Tulsa's accountability to contractual obligations and proposed revisiting the terms in 10 years. b. Water Quality Concerns: Further discussions were held regarding the quality of Tulsa's water, particularly regarding chloramines and odor. c. Study and future actions: A proposal to conduct a comprehensive study, including cost estimates, will be presented for council approval at the next meeting on March 25th. (If the study is complete by that date) Pending approval, Garver will proceed with the study, providing the council with necessary information to make informed decisions regarding water supply options.

2) Presentation and update on various 2021 Bond – Street and Drainage projects.

Item Presented by: Bea Aamodt, Public Works Director, and Jared Cottle, City Manager
Summary of Discussion on 2021 Bond Projects:

Overview: The 2021 Bonds, previously discussed at the retreat, included funding for various projects, including the Bixby Performing Arts Center and drainage improvements for North and South Bixby.

North and South Bixby Drainage Projects Discussions:

South Bixby drainage issues are being addressed with private developers.

In North Bixby, three projects were identified:

Fry Creek: Significant erosion concerns south of 111th impacting properties. North Heights Detention Pond: Proposal to address excessive water flow at 118th, potentially requiring land purchase for a drainage easement. 117th and 85th Issue: Erosion causing problems, requiring examination, and look into possible solutions.

Other Street Projects Discussions:

131st Memorial to Riverview: Kimberly Horn will provide a technical memo, considering recent

county improvements. 161st Road Reconstruction: Project discussions ongoing with Garver, with a proposal requested. 101st to 111th Mingo: Consultant selection ongoing, with STP funds being considered.

Prioritization and Funding:

Technical memos are for staff estimation purposes; this would allow for council will prioritize projects based on cost and timeframe.

Discussions held on the prioritization of projects and the utilization of STP funds to supplement project funding.

Timing and Considerations:

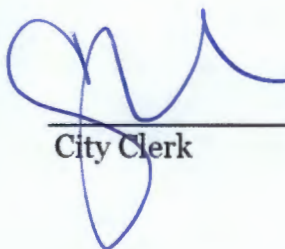
Suggestions were made to prioritize projects around schools during the summer break.

Projects will be prioritized based on urgency and alignment with bond initiatives.

Conclusion: Discussions emphasized prioritizing bond-funded projects, obtaining cost estimates and proposals, and consider timing for projects near schools. All project proposals, including design, cost estimates, and funding options, will be brought before the council for approval. Staff and Council will review and prioritize project proposals based on their impact, urgency, and alignment with the city's strategic goals. Recommendations for utilizing STP (Surface Transportation Program) funds will be considered where applicable. Decisions regarding funding options, including the use of STP funds, will be made collaboratively with the council.

3) Adjournment

An adjournment was called at 5:53 pm.



City Clerk





Mayor