

City Council Meeting Minutes

Bixby Municipal Building
111 N. Cabaniss Ave., Bixby, OK 74008
May 11, 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 May 7, 2026, on or before 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Girard called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Mayor Girard
Vice Mayor Schultz
Councilor David
Councilor Payne

Members Not Present:

Councilor Hirshey

Staff Present:

Joey Wiedel, City Manager
Kim Coody, Assistant City Manager
JT Hammons, City Attorney
Shannon Duran, City Clerk
Charles Barnes, Finance Director
Dylan Warner, Public Works Director
Todd Blish, Police Chief
Joe Sherrell, Fire Chief

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Schultz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Mayor Girard gave the Invocation.

Consent Agenda

- 1) Minutes for the Work Session dated 4/27/26.
- 2) Minutes for the City Council Meeting dated 4/27/26.
- 3) Consider and/or approve the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) recommendation for the denial of the claim for claimant Priscilla Harrington, Claim 218396-1.
- 4) Contract for Public Improvements for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds between Tulsa County and City of Bixby for the Stanley Storm Sewer Improvements Project in the amount of \$96,900.63.

Mayor Girard said Items 1-4 on the Consent Agenda are up for discussion and consideration.

Item presented by: No One

Others who spoke: No One

Mayor Girard asks for a motion to approve items 1-4. Vice Mayor Schultz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Payne.

The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 4-0

Ayes: Schultz, Payne, David, Girard

Nays: 0

Regular Agenda

- 1) Consider, discuss, amend, approve or revise Ordinance 2556 authorizing the calling and holding of an election in the City of Bixby, State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified electors of said city the question of the issuance of the general obligation bonds of said city in the sum of sixteen million six hundred fifty thousand and no/100s dollars (\$16,650,000.00), to be issued in series, to provide funds (either with or without state or federal aid) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, remodeling and repairing public safety buildings and facilities and acquiring necessary lands therefor, and purchasing and installing public safety equipment, all to be owned exclusively by said city, as authorized by section 27, article x of the constitution and statutes of the State of Oklahoma, and acts complementary, supplementary and enacted pursuant thereto; and for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified electors of said city the question of the issuance of the general obligation bonds of said city in the sum of thirty-five million and no/100s dollars (\$35,000,000.00), to be issued in series, to provide funds (either with or without state or federal aid) for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, extending, enlarging, improving and repairing streets or bridges within said city, and acquire necessary lands therefor, including sidewalks, lighting, signalage and any appurtenances thereto, as authorized by section 27, article x of the constitution and statutes of the state of Oklahoma, and acts complementary, supplementary and enacted pursuant thereto; and for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified electors of said city the question of the issuance of the general obligation bonds of said city in the sum of eight hundred fifty thousand and no/100s dollars (\$850,000.00), to be issued in series, to provide funds (either with or without state or federal aid) for the purpose of acquiring,

purchasing, constructing, equipping, improving, extending, renovating, repairing and beautifying public parks and park lands, cultural and recreation facilities, and acquiring necessary lands therefor, all to be owned exclusively by said city, as authorized by section 27, article x of the constitution and statutes of the State of Oklahoma, and acts complementary, supplementary and enacted pursuant thereto; and for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified electors of said city the question of the issuance of the general obligation limited tax bonds of said city in the sum of twenty-five million and no/100s dollars (\$25,000,000.00), to be issued in series, to provide funds (either with or without state or federal aid) for community development purposes within or near the city, and acquiring necessary property and lands therefor, including acquiring, purchasing, constructing, equipping, improving, extending, renovating and repairing the sanitary sewer collection and treatment system serving the city, as authorized by section 35, article x of the constitution and statutes of the State of Oklahoma, and acts complementary supplementary and enacted pursuant thereto; and in connection with each of said bonds, the question of levying and collecting an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in said city for the payment of the interest and principal on said bonds.- Ordinance 2556

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

Item presented by: Charles Barnes, Finance Director

Others who spoke: Joey Wiedel, City Manager

A slideshow was shown and is attached to these minutes.

Discussion ensued about the bond election that is coming up for 77.5 million dollar improvement. An explanation was given about why a bridge is not currently in this bond election. There will not be an increase in property taxes to fund this bond, the funds will come from the current tax rate. Discussion ensued about where the bond funds would be allocated, with a majority of the funds going towards sewer and streets and improvement to the parks and public safety area. An overview of the projects was given by Joey Wiedel, City Manager.

Mayor Girard asks for a motion to approve item 1. Councilor David made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Mayor Schultz.

The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 4-0

Ayes: David, Schultz, Payne, Girard

Nays: 0

- 2) Discussion, consideration, and possible vote to approve an emergency clause for Ordinance Number 2556 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.

Mayor Girard said Item 2 on the Regular Agenda is up for discussion and consideration.

Item presented by: Charles Barnes, Finance Director

Others who spoke: No One

Mayor Girard asks for a motion to approve item 2. Councilor David made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Mayor Schultz.

The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 4-0

Ayes: David, Schultz, Payne, Girard

Nays: 0

- 3) Discussion, consideration, and possible vote for approval of the appointment of Kim Coody from Interim Assistant City Manager to the permanent Assistant City Manager for the City of Bixby.

Mayor Girard said Item 3 on the Regular Agenda is up for discussion and consideration.

Item presented by: Joey Wiedel, City Manager

Others who spoke: No One

Discussion ensued about Kim Coody's qualifications for this job and the process that was taken to hire an Assistant City Manager.

Mayor Girard asks for a motion to approve item 3. Mayor Girard made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Mayor Schultz.

The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 4-0

Ayes: Girard, Schultz, David, Payne

Nays: 0

- 4) City Manager's Report

Joey Wiedel gave the City Manager's report

City Government

2026 Bond Meetings

Joey Wiedel, City manager, thanked everyone who showed up to the three 2026 bond meetings and stated at these meetings we presented all proposed bond projects and left time for Q&A for residents with questions.

Training & Professional Development

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Bryan Toney and Deputy Emergency Management Director John Kannady graduated from the FEMA National Emergency Management Basic Academy (NEMBA) on May 8, 2026. The academy included 18 courses and more than 170 hours of training focused on strengthening emergency management leadership, preparedness, planning, response, recovery and exercises.

Communications Department

Our Communications team, Maddie Luster & Faith Marcear (*Mar – seer*) went to New Orleans for the Government Social Media conference last week. Sessions focused on transparency, crisis

communication, public engagement, and strategies for keeping residents informed across city platforms.

Fire Department:

Optimist Club Fishing Derby

This past weekend, BFD partnered with the Optimist Club for the Fishing Derby at Lake Bixhoma. Over 100 youth received fishing poles, tackle, and water safety education. A few lucky winners received prizes, including 2 kayaks.

Training & Recruitment

On May 2, firefighters, including a couple from the Liberty Fire Department, participated in realistic Arkansas River rescue training scenarios. They focused on victim recovery operations using rope rescue systems and watercraft to enhance technical rescue readiness and responder safety. Panel interviews for prospective candidates will be held later this week.

Police Department:

Police HQ Construction Update

The BPD Demolition phase has begun of the interior of the police headquarters. Completion of the project, thanks to the City Council, is anticipated in about 15 months. Once completed, it will double the space for the police department for much-needed future growth. Both the interior and exterior will be renovated.

Special Events Security

Bixby Police Department will provide onsite security for the BBQ & Blues Festival at Washington Irving Park this weekend, with 17 officers assigned in rotating shifts throughout the three-day event. Staffing levels are intended to maintain a visible police presence of two to three officers onsite during all festival operating hours.

Officer Graduation

Bixby apprentice Police Officer Hailey Quint will be graduating from the police academy on Thursday, May 21st, after 16 long weeks and will begin another 16 weeks in the field training program.

Special Events

Bixby Fine Arts Fair. On May 2nd, Bixby Public Schools hosted their annual Fine Arts Fair. Our Communications team was there to connect with residents, share information about City services and engage with the community.

The annual BBQ and Blues event will be hosted this weekend by the Rotary Club at Washington



2026 BOND PUBLIC MEETING

April 28th
April 30th
May 5th

FAQS



Why aren't we building a bridge for this bond?

Bond funds can only be used for projects the City of Bixby fully owns

This includes the land surrounding the bridge, as well as the bridge itself

We are currently bonding for \$77.5 million, the projected bridge cost \$250-550 million

This would quadruple our current tax rate and burden residents.

We are currently working with surrounding cities, our representatives and more to make this bridge a reality.

This remains a priority and will remain so until a bridge is built!

FAQS

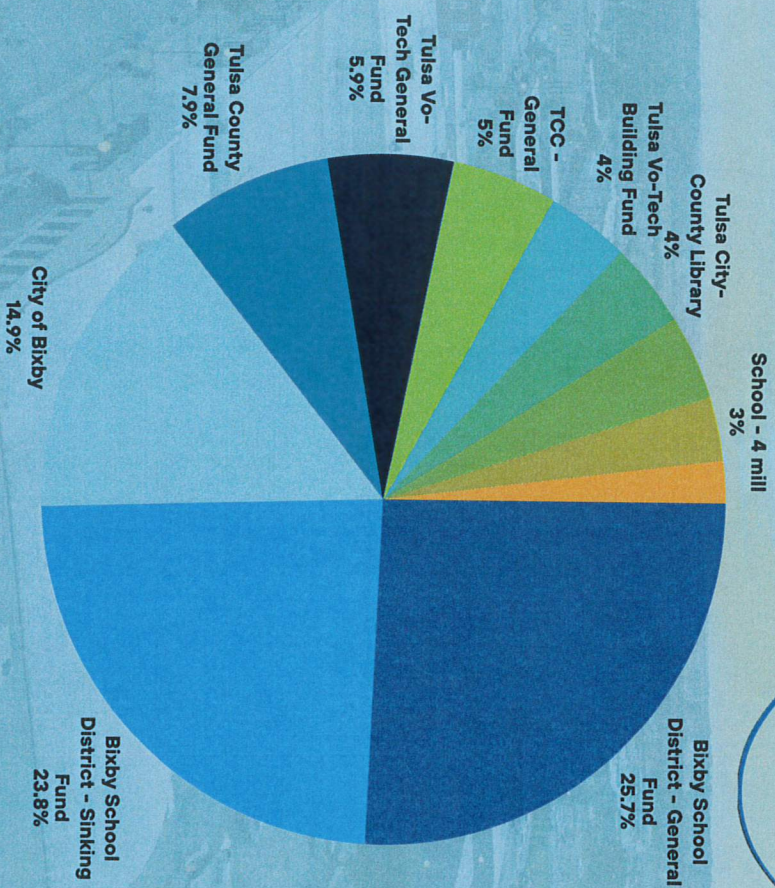
**Will this raise our
property tax rate?**

**Your property tax rate will not rise. These bond funds
will come from the current tax rate you are paying now.**



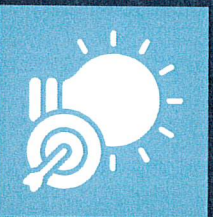
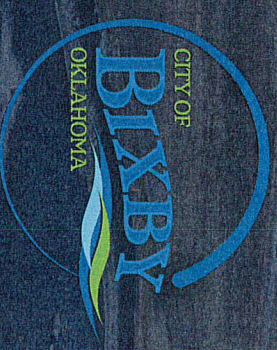
2026 BOND

- Used by cities and states to pay for major community improvement projects
 - Roads, parks, and public facilities, etc.
- Repaid by using property tax revenue collected by the City, also known as ad valorem tax.
- Before a GO Bond can be issued, it must be approved by voters through an election.



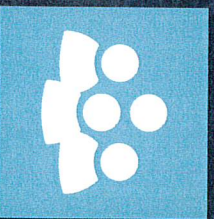
APPROXIMATE PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN

WASTEWATER SYSTEM EXPANSION



PURPOSE/NEED

- Current facility is nearing capacity
- Provides capacity to support continued commercial & residential growth



COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- Supports system performance, especially during peak demand
- Essential infrastructure for residents
- Reduces risk of system overload or disruptions

Projected to reduce system load by 30–55%

ROADWAY WIDENING & IMPROVEMENTS



PURPOSE/NEED

- Conducted a Road Analysis Study to see priority
- Address streets in need of repair and rehabilitation



COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- Improve traffic flow by shifting volume off Memorial
- Supports continued growth with better traffic distribution
- Provides smoother, more reliable road conditions

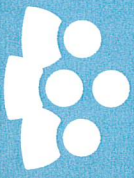
Memorial (HWY 64) & 151st (HWY 67) are under the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.
We continue to partner with them to best serve our residents.

ANIMAL SHELTER



PURPOSE/NEED

- Bixby does not currently own/operate its own animal shelter
- Reliance on outside vendors has been inconsistent (3 vendors in 4 years)
 - Veterinary staffing shortages, City growth, etc.



COMMUNITY BENEFIT

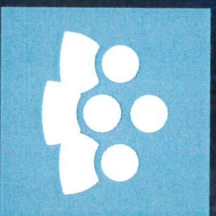
- Local access to animal services, no traveling outside the city
- Faster response and improved overall animal welfare
- More opportunities for adoption and community involvement
- Keeps officers in Bixby and delivers a service residents already fund

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER



PURPOSE/NEED

- Currently do not have a backup for 911 dispatch
- Severe disasters could disrupt critical emergency communications and vital resident services



COMMUNITY BENEFIT

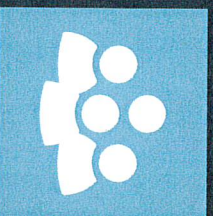
- Serves as a Hub for city to maintain support for residents during disasters by maintaining uninterrupted emergency response
 - Police, Fire, EMS, All-Hazard Response

BENTLEY SPORTS COMPLEX PARKING & LIGHTING



PURPOSE/NEED

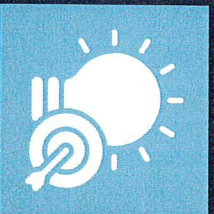
- Increased demand has led to congestion at fields and facilities
 - Increased popularity require expanded parking
- Lack of lighting limits play time to daylight hours



COMMUNITY BENEFIT

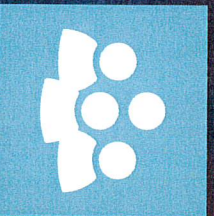
- Replaces grass overflow with paved, reliable parking
- Install field lighting to extend evening play and enhance safety
- Help ensure users are not turned away due to capacity limits

SOUTH BIXBY FIRE STATION



PURPOSE/NEED

- Rapid growth in southern Bixby is increasing demand
- Current station locations result in longer response times for this area



COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- Faster response times for residents and businesses
- Improved Fire/EMS protection through better resource distribution
- Potential for reduced homeowner insurance rates

COST BREAKDOWN



PROPOSED DELIVERY TIMELINE

2026

2027

2028

2029

2030

Prop 1: Sewer

Haikey Creek Tie-In

Design, ROW, Permitting

Construction

Completed

Prop 2: Streets

101st Memorial to Mingo

Design

Utility Relocation

Construction

Mingo 111th to 131st

Design

Construction of
131-121

Construction of
121-111

Completed

Harvard 141st to 151st

161st Sheridan to Yale

Sheridan 161st to 171st

Design/Construction

Prop 3: Parks

Bentley Park Lighting
& Parking Lot

Design

Construction

Completed

Prop 4: Public Safety

Emergency Operations Center

Design

Construction

South Bixby Fire Station

Land Acquisition

Design

Construction

Animal Shelter

Design

Construction

Completed



THANK YOU FOR COMING!