

City Council Meeting Minutes

Bixby Municipal Building
111 N. Cabaniss Ave., Bixby, OK 74008
June 8, 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 June 4, 2026, on or before 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Acting Mayor Schultz called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Acting Mayor Schultz
Councilor Hirshey
Councilor David
Councilor Payne

Staff Present:

Todd Blish, Interim City Manager
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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Payne.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Councilor Hirshey.

Organizational Items

- 1) Announcement of resignation of Mayor Brad Girard.
Acting Mayor Schultz announced the resignation for Mayor Brad Girard.

- 2) Discussion, consideration, and possible action to acknowledge the resignation and resulting vacancy in the Ward 4 council seat.

Acting Mayor Schultz said Item 2 on the Organization Items is up for discussion and consideration.

Item presented by: No one

Others who spoke: No one

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

The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 4-0

Ayes: David, Payne, Hirshey, Schultz

Nays: 0

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

Acting Mayor Schultz announced that a mayoral election would not be held until the Ward 4 Council seat is filled. It was noted that the Ward 4 vacancy will be filled in accordance with the City Charter through an application process, with interviews conducted in an open manner to the public.

- 4) Administration of Oath of Office: Mayor, Vice Mayor, Acting City Manager, and Assistant City Manager

City Clerk Shannon Duran administered the Oath of Office to Interim City Manager Blish.

- 5) Discussion only on the process for filling the vacancy in the Ward 4 Council seat pursuant to Section 2.9 of the Bixby City Charter.

Acting Mayor Schultz discussed the process for filling the vacancy, noting a Monday, 6/15 deadline of 5:00 p.m. for receipt of all applications. It was suggested that each candidate be interviewed at the next work session. It was further discussed that candidates should submit a resume and a letter of interest to the City Clerk.

A question was raised about the length of time the appointed individual would serve before an election. It was noted that the appointee would serve until the next election, which would occur during the 2027 election cycle, and that the elected individual would serve the remainder of the Ward 4 three-year term.

- 6) Discussion only on amending the Bixby City Charter to provide for the direct election of the Mayor of the City of Bixby by the citizens of Bixby.

Others who spoke: Richard Oltmann, James Pass, Victoria Oltmann, Christie Rooney, Jake Rowland, Paul Blair, Daniel Stefanoff, Amy Cook, Greg Williams, Joe Peters, Holly Mullen, and

Henry Grant.

A handout was provided and is attached to these minutes.

Discussion ensued regarding a potential amendment to the City Charter concerning the method of electing the Mayor, including consideration of direct election. A general discussion was held regarding the advantages and disadvantages of a directly elected mayor system. Discussion continued regarding how the Mayor is selected and how the 20 largest cities structure the selection or election of their Mayors. Additional discussion ensued regarding the Mayor's role in both emergency and non-emergency situations. It was further discussed how amendments to the City Charter would be initiated and approved, as well as how information regarding City business is communicated to individual Council members.

Consent Agenda

- 1) Minutes for the Work Session dated 5/26/26.
- 2) Minutes for the City Council Meeting dated 5/26/26.
- 3) Minutes for the Emergency City Council Meeting dated 5/26/26.
- 4) Discuss and/or approve final acceptance of the public infrastructure for Perfect Food & Gas.
- 5) Acknowledge receipt of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (O.D.E.Q.) Permit No. WL000072260229, PWSID No. OK3007243 for Rowan Grove II Potable Waterline, and Permit No. SL000072260228 Facility No. S-20438 Rowan Grove II, Sanitary Sewer Line.
- 6) Discuss and/or approve the annual renewal of the agreement for animal shelter services between the City of Bixby and the City of Coweta for one (1) year with no change in rates.
- 7) Consider and/or approve professional service agreement and purchase order to Crawford and Associates for FY-26 Financial Statement preparation and accounting assistance as needed in the amount of \$25,000 (General Fund portion).
- 8) Discuss and/or approve acceptance and final payment of \$445,012.62 for the Greyhawk Basin Sanitary Sewer Project
- 9) Consider and/or approve the purchase of the live fire training building from Lonestar Tactical Buildings, LLC, for the amount of \$206,127.15.
- 10) Discuss and/or take action on awarding the contract to Cherokee Pride Construction for the CIRP Phase II Project; Cherokee Pride Construction submitted the lowest and best bid of \$364,812.00.

Acting Mayor Schultz said Items 1-10 on the Consent Agenda is up for discussion and consideration.

Item presented by: No one

Others who spoke: No one

Acting Mayor Schultz asks for a motion to approve items 1-10. Councilor Hirshey made a motion to approve items 1-10 on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor David.

The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 4-0

Ayes: Hirshey, David, Payne, Schultz

Nays: 0

Regular Agenda

- 1) Discussion, consideration and possible vote approval of the Fiscal Year 27 budget, including budget resolution. Resolution 2026-15

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

Item presented by: Charles Barnes, Finance Director

Others who spoke: No one

Discussion ensued about the process for getting the budget approved.

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

The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 4-0

Ayes: David, Hirshey, Payne, Schultz

Nays: 0

Recess to Bixby Public Works Authority at 7:12 pm.

Returned from Bixby Public Works Authority at 7:14 pm.

- 2) Motion to enter executive session and take appropriate action in open session on the following items

a. Confidential communications and discussions among the City Council concerning the employment of the City Manager. Authority: Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes Section 307. B.1.

b. Confidential communications and discussions among the City Council concerning the employment of the Acting City Manager. Authority: Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes Section 307. B.1.

c. Confidential communication and discussions among the City Council and its Attorney concerning the pending claim of Joey Wiedel, City Manager. Authority: Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes Section 307. B.4.

d. Confidential communication and discussions among the City Council and its Attorney concerning the confidential communication from the City Attorney concerning case no. CV-

2024-1058, *Rooney v. City of Bixby, Tulsa County*. Authority: *Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 307. B.4.*

Acting Mayor Schultz requested a motion to enter into Executive Session. Councilor David made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Hirshey. The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 4-0

Ayes: David, Hirshey, Payne, Schultz

Nays: 0

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

Acting Mayor Schultz, Councilor David, Councilor Payne, Councilor Hirshey, Assistant Planner Gladys Gill, City Clerk Shannon Duran, City Attorney JT Hammons, Attorney Thomas LeBlanc, and Attorney Kim Love entered into Executive Session.

At 7:41 p.m., Assistant Planner Gladys Gill and Attorney Thomas LeBlanc exited the Executive Session.

At 8:34 p.m., Attorney Kim Love exited.

At 8:38 p.m., Interim City Manager Todd Blish exited.

At 8:40 p.m., City Attorney JT Hammons exited.

At 8:44 p.m., Councilor Payne exited the Executive Session.

At 8:47 p.m., Councilor Payne returned to the Executive Session.

At 8:48 p.m., City Attorney JT Hammons returned to the Executive Session.

At 8:49 p.m., Councilor Hirshey exited the Executive Session.

At 8:52 p.m., Councilor Hirshey returned to the Executive Session.

At 8:52 p.m., Councilors Payne and David, along with City Attorney JT Hammons, exited the Executive Session.

At 8:53 p.m., Interim City Manager Todd Blish, Councilor Hirshey, Acting Mayor Schultz, and City Clerk Shannon Duran returned to the meeting.

All members have exited the Executive Session and returned to the Open Meeting at 8:57 p.m. No motion was made.

Acting Mayor Schultz stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

3)

Consider and/or take action, if necessary, resulting from discussions held in Executive Session concerning the employment of the City Manager.

Acting Mayor Schultz said Item 3 on the Regular Agenda is up for discussion and consideration. Item presented by:

Others who spoke: JT Hammons, City Attorney Citizens: Josh Nave, Richard Oltmann, Victoria Oltmann

No action was required.

Acting Mayor Schultz read a statement from the City Council regarding the Council's knowledge of recent incidents and the administrative leave status of the Assistant City Manager and City Manager, as well as the resignation of the Mayor.

- 4) Consider and/or take action, if necessary, resulting from discussions held in Executive Session concerning the employment of the Acting City Manager.

Mayor Schultz said Item 4 on the Regular Agenda is up for discussion and consideration.
Item presented by: JT Hammons, City Attorney
Others who spoke: None

Discussion ensued about reaffirming the appointment of Interim City Manager Todd Blish with a monthly stipend of \$2,000.

Acting Mayor Schultz asks for a motion to approve item 4. Councilor Hirshey made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Payne.
The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 4-0
Ayes: Hirshey, Payne, David, Schultz
Nays: 0

- 5) Consider and/or take action, if necessary, resulting from discussions held in Executive Session among the City Council and its attorney concerning the pending claim of Joey Wiedel, City Manager.

Acting Mayor Schultz said Item 5 on the Regular Agenda is up for discussion and consideration.
Item presented by: JT Hammons, City Attorney
Others who spoke:

City Attorney JT Hammons stated that the Council convened in Executive Session for discussion of a pending claim by Joey Wiedel against the City of Bixby. No poll or vote was taken in the Executive Session. The City Attorney recommended that the appropriate action would be to retain Attorney Kim Love to represent the City in any potential claim.

Acting Mayor Schultz asks for a motion to approve item 5. Councilor Hirshey made a motion to approve retaining Attorney Kim Love to represent the city in any claims made by Joey Wiedel against the city, seconded by Councilor David.

The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried: 4-0

Ayes: Hirshey, David, Payne, Schultz,
Nays: 0

- 6) Consider and/or take action, if necessary, on directing the City Attorney regarding potential and ongoing litigation in the case of Rooney, et.al v. Bixby, et.al, Tulsa County Case No. CV-2024-1058.

Acting Mayor Schultz said Item 6 on the Regular Agenda is up for discussion and consideration.
Item presented by: JT Hammon, City Attorney
Others who spoke: Christie Rooney

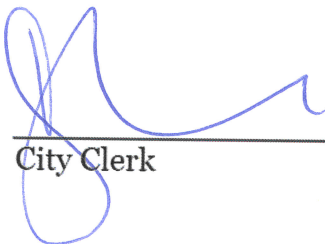
The City Attorney stated that no votes were taken and no polls were conducted.

Christie Rooney addressed the Council and advised that the matter related to the judgment in the referenced case be brought forward for Council consideration. Discussion occurred regarding Ms. Rooney's comments on aligning the City Charter with the Comprehensive Plan, including whether such amendments would require a higher threshold of Council approval.

Further discussion was held regarding Ms. Rooney's request that the Council consider amendments to City ordinances to establish a higher standard, as outlined in her comments to the Council.

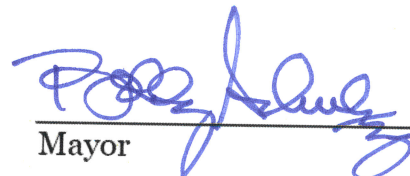
No action was taken.

- 7) New Business
In accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Title 25 O.S. § 311.A.10, new business is defined as any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda.
No new business
- 8) Adjournment
Adjournment was called at 9:11 pm.



City Clerk





Mayor



Bixby City Council

Speaker Sign-In Sheet

Date: 6-8-26

***Please list “Consent” or “Regular” with the Item Number ***

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MAYORS IN OKLAHOMA'S 20 LARGEST CITIES

City	Direct	Strong	Population
Oklahoma City	Yes	No	713,000
Tulsa	Yes	Yes	415,000
Norman	Yes	No	131,000
Broken Arrow	No	No	123,000
Edmond	Yes	No	100,000
Lawton	Yes	No	90,000
Moore	Yes	No	64,000
Midwest City	Yes	No	59,000
Enid	Yes	No	51,000
Stillwater	Yes	No	50,000
Owasso	No	No	43,000
Bartlesville	No	No	38,000
Muskogee	Yes	No	37,000
Shawnee	Yes	No	32,000
Bixby	No	No	32,000
Jenks	No	No	28,000
Yukon	Yes	No	27,000
Ardmore	No	No	25,000
Ponca City	Yes	No	24,000
Mustang	Yes	No	24,000