

# Ward 2 Council Candidate Information Form

## BIXBY CITY COUNCIL

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As a Candidate, my top priorities are:

To listen, with an open mind, to each person and issue that is brought before the City Council and judge its merit for enhancing the Citizens and Community of Bixby.

I am seeking office because:

My family raised me to give back to the Community. This is an avenue for me to do that, and I feel led in this direction. I have the gift of a servant-heart , and want to serve the Citizens of Bixby.

What specific experience makes you attuned to the needs of our business Community?

My experiences on the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning and Adjustment, my time in Leadership Bixby, my service to the Bixby Police Citizen Corps, and my expertise in being one of the City's primary financial institutions contacts. I also work with 10-15 other municipalities with relationships between smaller and larger cities, I can add my experiences to shape and plan our City's goals both financially and strategically.

What can the City Council do to encourage more businesses to open in Bixby?

Work with the Administration to streamline its permits, licenses, and processes to create a Culture of Service to its citizens and businesses. This would also help eliminate wasteful hours and practices, decreasing the City's budget, while enhancing employee satisfaction.

Bixby is obviously in a growth pattern. How do you feel about the expansion and growth? How would you balance the needs of the City versus the concerns of the community?

I am excited about the opportunities! Growth is coming, so you can be proactive and manage it, or reactive and it manage us. Bixby continues to be the fastest growing city in Oklahoma, and this has made a significant impact on the existing infrastructure in Bixby including Police Department, Fire Department and Public works.

What do you think that the three greatest challenges or opportunities are for the Bixby community and economy in the next 5-10 years?

Business growth for increased tax revenue and enhanced employment opportunities.

Enhance the infrastructure of the city, streamline the processes of City Hall and bring a renewed sense of professionalism to our city's leadership that will build confidence that business owners need.

Increase staffing levels and equipment in both the police and fire departments.