

Ward 4 Council Candidate Information Form

BIXBY CITY COUNCIL



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As a Candidate, my top priorities are:

Transparent City Government

Competitive Utility prices

City officials that execute their responsibilities in a fair, truthful and trustworthy manner

I am seeking office because: I believe that Bixby should be governed for the benefit of its citizens and governing officials should be changed frequently to:

1. Minimize abuse of power that always comes with power over others.
2. Allow Bixby to benefit from our greatest resource: new people, and new ideas that address new and constant problems.

It is my responsibility to share in Bixby's governing, and live under my decisions at the same level as everyone living with my decisions.

What specific experience makes you attuned to the needs of our business community? I started a business in 1993, and helped grow it into the largest event of its type in Oklahoma.

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

1. Make Bixby the lowest cost city to operate a business in, in Oklahoma.
2. Solicit business to move to Bixby to take advantage of the lower costs.

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?

Expansion and growth are not an issue at this time. The issue is how to control the expansion and growth. The commissioned study named "Make It Happen" and conducted a few years ago is not being followed as closely as it should be. I would like to see more adhesion to that study, unless the study is officially rejected. Bixby has an opportunity to become a template of business and social success if it can harness and concentrate its resources. Those resources include land for expansion, riverfront for potential development, an educated population and above average financial citizenry.

All governments exist for the benefits of its people, never the opposite. When any government official forgets this order, problems of abuse follow.

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

The greatest challenge of Bixby is having a city government that the citizens of Bixby believe in, trust and therefore support.
