



City Hall, Council Chambers
401 S. Johnstone Avenue
Bartlesville, OK 74003

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BARTLESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**September 23, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

**Mayor James S. Curd, Jr.
918-338-4282**

MINUTES

(The Notice of Meeting and Agenda was posted September 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.)

City Council in attendance was Mayor James S. Curd, Jr., Vice Mayor Trevor Dorsey, and Councilmembers Tim Sherrick, Larry East and Aaron Kirkpatrick.

City staff in attendance was Laura Sanders, Interim City Manager, Jess Kane, City Attorney, Kelli Williams, Chief Communications Officer; Rachel Showler, H.R. Director; Police Chief Andrew Ward; Deputy Police Chief Troy Newell; Police Captain Morrow; Tammy Hudgens, Accounts Receivable Manager; Whitney Mosley, Deputy Court Clerk; and Elaine Baner, Executive Assistant.

1. The business meeting of the Bartlesville City Council was called to order by Mayor Curd at 9:00 a.m.
2. Roll call was held and a quorum was established.
3. Invocation.
4. Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Roger Box commented that the City Manager position is very important and urged the Council to consider leadership and maturity as the City managers represents the City administratively and publicly. He feels there has been a perceived systemic arrogance so whoever is appointed City Manager should be someone who could change that culture. He suggested searching externally if the internal candidates do not fill that suggestion. He added that the City Manager employment agreement is important and should set out expectations on how should they act and productivity levels. It should also address an entrance and exit policy, incorporate an ethics policy that accommodates modern issues. He wished the Council good luck with the interviews.

Andy Dossett inquired as why the interview process had been changed, and asked that it be explained prior to entering into Executive Session.

5. Move to Executive Session under 25 O.S. Sec 307(B)(1) to separately interview individual candidates for the position of the City of Bartlesville City Manager.

Mr. Kane asked the Mayor to excuse him from the executive session, which he was excused. He added that he would be on-call should he be needed.

Mr. Kirkpatrick moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:08 a.m., seconded by Mr. East.

Ayes: Mr. Sherrick, Mr. East, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Vice Mayor Dorsey, Mayor Curd

Nays: None
Motion: Passed

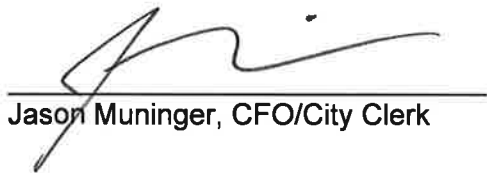
6. Return to Open Meeting.

Mayor Curd reconvened the open meeting at 5:53 p.m. No action was taken in executive session.

7. Discuss and take possible action regarding the position of City Manager.

A brief discussion was held with all agreeing they would like a few days to think about the interviews and the information obtained from them. They agreed to another special meeting with an executive session similar to what was held this date and agreed to meeting on Friday, October 2, 2026 at noon.

8. There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Curd adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.



Jason Muninger, CFO/City Clerk



James S. Curd, Jr., Mayor

