

BOWDLE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Bowdle Community Room – 8001 5th Street

August 5, 2026, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Rick Boschee called the meeting to order at 7pm. The following Council Members were present: Mike Gunderson, Joel Kennedy, Margaret Bobby, Rex Gab, Dennis Schock, Darryn Barnhardt. Finance Officer: Cory Kappenman; Library Board: Jennifer Schmierer, Michelle Kessel, Marjean Gab, Chad Holsworth, Terri VanderVorst. Librarian: Lydia Schnaible. Residents: AJ Willet, Janet Schock. Tara Beitelspacher from The Pride of the Prairie recorded the meeting. All recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Gunderson, second by Gab to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Payment Waiver: Motioned by Schock, second by Bobby to waive payment. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tara Beitelspacher wanted to clarify if there where more than one matter in last meetings executive session for personnel. She was also wondering why this is held at a special meeting instead of a Library Board meeting, expressing her concern as to why this can't be handled by the appointed board. The mayor said that would be answered after executive session.

Schnaible requested to have the whole library board represent her in executive session. The mayor informed her they had chosen the President and another Board Member during a prior meetings executive session to be present in this executive session and then share their information with the rest of the board. Finance Officer unintentionally sent the text request intended for President Schmierer to the wrong board member. Beitelspacher said everyone needed 24 hrs. for notice. Mayor Boschee corrected her, having taken the time to check with the lawyer first.

Executive Session: Motioned by Barnhardt, second by Gunderson to enter executive session for personnel to include Schmierer and Holsworth in executive session. Beitelspacher explained that a motion could not be made in executive session, as the mayor had indicated, and the current motion needed to be more specific. Schmierer and Holsworth where added to motion. Kennedy said he didn't have a problem with bringing them all in. No further discussion. Vote was 5 yes 1 no. Motion Carried. Entered executive session at 7:08. Executive session declared over at 7:56. Motion by Barnhardt, second by Gunderson to accept Lydia's resignation from the Library. All voted yes. Motion Carried.

Public Forum: Michelle Kessel started to express her concerns when Holsworth interrupted her and said there were options available. Beitelspacher wanted to know why the Finance Officer was in executive session. Finance Officer explained

he was a witness to what had occurred. She spoke on executive session rules, and asked Holsworth if he felt it was necessary for only two members to be in executive session when they all needed the information. Holsworth reserved his opinion. The mayor asked Holsworth and Schmierer if they felt they had all the information, and they both said yes.

Adjourn: Motion by Bobby, second by Gunderson to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:01 PM. Next Regular Council Meeting will be 7:00 PM Wednesday Sept 9, 2026, at the BHC Community Room.

Rick Boschee, Mayor _____, Date: 08/05/2026

Attest: Cory Kappenman, Finance Officer
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