

City of Bowlus
September 16th, 2026
Special City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Travis Bartkowicz called the Bowlus City Council special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council Members Jessy Lashinski, Terri Trettle, and Becky Hughes, Interim Clerk Nicky Lahr, Joe Sobania, and Brad Psyck were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Farmer's Market: Travis reported that the Farmer's Market had canceled the event they had planned to discuss with the Council and would be closing out their season on October 1st. No further action was needed.

Gambling Permit: The Council reviewed a gambling permit request from Todd Fusi for bingo at the church. Terri made a motion to approve the gambling permit. Becky seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Fire Truck Financing: The Council reviewed the resolution regarding the General Obligation Equipment Certificate of Indebtedness for the \$350,000 fire truck financing. Nicky explained that the bond had previously been approved and the resolution was part of the standard loan paperwork required to complete the financing. Jessy made a motion to adopt the resolution. Terri seconded it and the motion passed with all in favor.

Road Improvements: Travis asked Council members to review and prioritize City streets in need of repair so available funding could be directed toward the highest-priority projects. Martin Street, Fremont Street, Third Street/Cemetery Road, and the alley were discussed as possible priorities. Council discussed completing smaller sections of roadway as funding becomes available, with work potentially beginning in the spring.

The Council also discussed the condition of Cemetery Road and the need for a temporary bump warning sign until repairs can be completed. Drainage concerns near the gas station were discussed, including whether the road could be built up or graded differently to improve drainage. The possibility of contacting the neighboring business regarding participation in the cost of improvements was also discussed.

The Council discussed Hanson Paving as an option for smaller paving projects and the difference between resurfacing work and larger reconstruction projects requiring engineering and excavation. No final road projects were approved at this meeting. Council members will continue reviewing road conditions and priorities, and table decisions for the October meeting.

Engineering/Grant Funding: Travis reported that he had contacted Sourcewell regarding grant funding for City engineering expenses and learned that the City's engineer would not qualify as a third-party service under that funding source. Nicky stated that she would research other State grant opportunities that may provide funding toward engineering costs.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for October 5th, 2026.

Terri made a motion to adjourn at 5:21pm. Jessy seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Nicky Lahr
Interim City Clerk