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City Manager, in midst of controversy, resigns

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Micky Webb resigned as City Manager of Bixby Tuesday night, ending three weeks of turmoil within Bixby City Hall.

The announcement came at the tail end of May 26's City Council meeting, following a more than two-hour closed-door executive session that was slated to talk about Webb's employment with the city.

Webb's attorney, Christopher Camp, issued a joint statement with City Attorney Phil Frazier that stated both parties agreed it was in the best interest of the city for Webb to step down. The statement read that Mayor Ray Bowen acknowledged Bixby's growth and development during Webb's employment, and expressed appreciation for his service. Neither Frazier nor Camp would discuss terms of the resignation.

Three weeks prior, the city council put Webb on suspension. City Treasurer Rebecca Byers has acted as city manager since then.

The move came after Webb accused council members of violating Oklahoma's Open Meeting Act - a charge Frazier denied. Webb also said councilors pressed him to fire city employees, in violation of the city charter.

Webb had been city manager at Bixby for 16 years.

He was contacted on June 1 and asked if he wished to make further contact, and he said both parties agreed that their original public statement would be the final one.