

TULSA WORLD



Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Judge rules against Bixby in job restructuring

BY TIM STANLEY World Staff Writer
Tuesday, July 7, 2009

BIXBY — A move to combine two city offices is a violation of city charter, a judge ruled on Tuesday, meaning that a city employee that sued to keep her job can do so for now.

Bixby city officials announced in June that they were combining the city clerk and the city treasurer offices, with City Clerk Cheryl Sasser and two other employees being released as part of the money-saving move.

Sasser, who is currently on administrative leave, filed a lawsuit last week against the city and applied for a temporary injunction.

Judge Thomas Thornbrugh granted the injunction Tuesday and declared that any move to combine or consolidate the offices would have to be voted on by Bixby residents, per the city's own charter.

Officials said previously that the decision to combine the offices was solely about saving money, but Sasser has claimed the council had been out to get her for weeks. Former Bixby city manager Micky Webb resigned in May as part of a settlement with the city, following claims he made that the council had tried to get him to fire Sasser.