

# Council Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2024

The City Council of Audubon Park held a meeting Monday, September 16, 2024. The following were present Mayor Madeline Bozeman, City Clerk Cecilia Niemann, Chief of Police Mike Murdoch, Councilors Bill Shackleton, Pete Becker, Austin Schwenker, and Joe Brenner. Councilors Michael Hartman and Brenda Hartman absent.

## Call to Order

The mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

## Public Comments

Dorn Crawford asked if there was a traffic revision plan for the next couple of weeks. Mayor Bozeman informed him that there was, and Chief Mike Murdoch would announce it with his report.

## Special Presentation

Mayor Bozeman gave the floor the Chief Mike Murdoch. He introduced Chief Lamey from Strathmoor Village. Chief Lamey thanked the Mayor, Council, and Chief Mike Murdoch for allowing him the opportunity to present his appreciation. He read the commendation of Sgt. Scott Sturgeon for his actions in October 2023 during a lockdown situation. Chief Lamey presented Scott Sturgeon with the award.

## New Business

Mayor Bozeman welcomed Councilor Bill Shackleton, gave a short introduction mentioning his background as a lifelong resident, businessman, as well as a TV commercial personality.

## Financial Report

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring the July Cash Flow and Budget to Actual and the August Cash Flow and Budget to Actual to the floor. Austin Schwenker made a motion, Joe Brenner seconded. They held a discussion. All were in favor, Michael Hartman, and Brenda Hartman absent.

## Old Business

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion for the review and approval of the July meeting minutes. Pete Becker made a motion, Austin Schwenker seconded. They held a discussion. Three were in favor, Bill Shackleton abstained, Michael Hartman and Brenda Hartman absent.

Mayor Bozeman introduced the budget discussion. She asked the Council to look at the Cash Flow and Budget to Actual to decide how they want to spend the money. Joe Brenner said that he put his opinions on the newsletter. He recommended that the city spend it on what they originally intended before the recall and that the city raise the tax rate again next year.

## Code Enforcement Report

Mayor Bozeman introduced the July and August Code Enforcement Report. They held a discussion. No action was taken.

## Police Report

Mayor Bozeman introduced the July and August Police Report. They held a discussion. No action was taken.

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Bozeman read a letter sent by the Chief of Police in Heritage Creek Department thanking her for allowing Chief Mike Murdoch to cover their city during the funeral of Lieutenant Troy Cammack.

Mayor Bozeman announced the City-Wide Yard Sale on October 12<sup>th</sup> as well as the Chili and Cornbread Cook Off with the Cops on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Bozeman said that the city is switching vendors whose contracts have expired to save money.

Mayor Bozeman said that the city's personnel policy handbook is currently being updated.

Mayor Bozeman informed the Council that she would keep the meeting packets at City Hall because the Council looks at it the day of the meeting, and because they had a shortage of employees. If they want it dropped off, they could request.

### **Public Comments**

A member of the public informed Chief Mike Murdoch that her husband was up late one night and saw a car driving slowly up their street with a flashlight.

Laura Kelty asked where Michael Hartman and Brenda Hartman were. Mayor Bozeman said Brenda emailed her last month to say she would not be able to make it to the meeting. The mayor had not heard from Michael Hartman since the July meeting.

Austin Schwenker said that the newly renovated room looks nice.

Camden Shipley asked if the speed indicators on Audubon and Cardinal were permanent. He expressed his distaste with them. Chief Mike Murdoch said that the signs are temporary and are giving them data to use. They are planning to move the signs around the City to collect data on other problem streets. These speed signs are nicer than what other cities have. Austin Schwenker said that solar panels are allowed if certain standards are met. Councilor Schwenker also mentioned that during holiday meetings and community events, the one thing the city hears about is putting speed bumps on Audubon Parkway, but that is an even bigger, "No" for people who do not live on Audubon Parkway. The signs were a nice compromise, and they make you aware of how fast you are going.

A member of the public said that she lives on Audubon Parkway close to the sign. She loves the radar speed signs and loves it when there are police cars parked in front of her house. There are people who do not take care of their homes or their yards. She thinks that is more distasteful looking than the signs.

Laura Kelty asked if permits were needed for the City-Wide Yard Sale. Mayor Bozeman answered that they did not, but, if anyone wanted one, she would sign one.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Brenner made a motion to adjourn, Bill Shackleton seconded. The motion passed with all in favor, Michael Hartman, and Brenda Hartman absent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37PM.

Attested 

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