

Council Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2025

The City Council of Audubon Park held a meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2025. The following were present Mayor Madeline Bozeman, City Clerk Cecilia Niemann, Chief of Police Mike Murdoch, Councilors Joe Tronzo, Pete Becker, Brenda Hartman, Olivia Powell, and Joe Brenner. Councilor Austin Schwenker was absent.

Call to Order

Mayor Bozeman called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Public Comments

Councilor Becker thanked the Public Works Department for their work plowing the roads this winter.

New Business

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring the Burn Week Proclamation to the floor. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Becker seconded. The Mayor read the proclamation. All were in favor, Councilor Schwenker was absent.

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring Resolution 1, Series 2025, to the floor. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Hartman seconded. The Mayor explained the background and subject of the resolution. She read the resolution. They held a discussion. All were in favor, Councilor Schwenker was absent.

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to nominate Tori Shackleton as the Chairperson for the Parks and Recreation Board. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Hartman seconded. All were in favor, Councilor Schwenker was absent.

Financial Report

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring the November and December Cash Flow and Budget to Actual to the floor. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Becker seconded. They held a discussion. All were in favor, Councilor Schwenker was absent.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to review and approve the November meeting minutes. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Becker seconded. There was no discussion. All were in favor, Councilor Schwenker was absent.

Police Report

Mayor Bozeman introduced the November and December Police Report. They held a discussion.

Code Enforcement Report

Mayor Bozeman introduced the November and December Code Enforcement Report. They held a discussion.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bozeman announced that Chief Murdoch and Jaxon updated the City's email addresses to the .gov domain at no cost.

Mayor Bozeman shared positive feedback from residents regarding the street plowing done by the Public Works Department. Many residents have expressed appreciation.

Mayor Bozeman opened a discussion on the relocation of the Cardinal Drive speed sign. Councilor Brenner summarized the background. Judy Thomas requested more transparency when discussions of potential locations are brought up. Chief Murdoch stated the automatically recorded data shows the sign has been an effective deterrent on Cardinal Drive.

Councilors Brenner and Tronzo recommended waiting until Spring so the ground can thaw, and the tree canopy can regrow. Mayor Bozeman requested potential locations be brought up at the March meeting.

Mayor Bozeman announced that preparations for the Dogwood Festival have begun. Pete Howell and the Public Works Department are working on the electricity setup in Henderson Park for the festival.

Public Comments


Laura Kelty commented that the responsibility for moving the speed sign lies with the City Council, not the Chief of Police. Councilor Brenner commented that if the Chief felt strongly about something, Councilor Brenner was unlikely to change it.

Tony Williams pointed out that the Ordinance states traffic control devices are under City Council jurisdiction, not the Police Department. He also praised the Public Works Department for their work plowing the streets and recommended the Council consider upgrading plowing equipment for better efficiency. He also suggested that the Council consider tarring the roads to prolong their life, particularly after the recent snowstorm. Mayor Bozeman stated that the City plans to host an open house to gather resident input on how they would like to allocate funds.

Adjournment

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Becker seconded. The motion passed with all in favor, Councilor Schwenker was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.

Attested 

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