

Council Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2026

The City Council of Audubon Park held a meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026. The following were present Mayor Madeline Bozeman, City Clerk Cecilia Niemann, Councilors Austin Schwenker, Brenda Hartman, Joe Brenner, Joe Tronzo, Nicholas Abel, and Pete Becker.

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

Karl Price spoke before the Council and public as a candidate for the Jefferson County Attorney.

Geoff Wohl, legislative assistant to Councilwoman Josie Raymond, spoke before the Council and public concerning the details of various events coming up in the area. He commented on the application for a liquor license at 3101 Preston Highway and the opposition from the surrounding area's residents. He touched on the repaving of Poplar Level and the opening of the water park at Camp Taylor Park.

Bret Shultz spoke before the Council and public as a candidate for the House of Representatives in District 35.

New Business

Mayor Bozeman asked the Council to decide whether the city will participate in the MRA Cooperative Invitation Letter this year. The Council opted out of participating.

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring Ordinance 1 Series 2026 to the floor. Councilor Schwenker made a motion; Councilor Brenner seconded. Councilor Schwenker read the ordinance. All were in favor.

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring Ordinance 2 Series 2026 to the floor. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Tronzo seconded. All were in favor. Councilor Schwenker read the ordinance.

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring the Dogwood Festival Street Closings to the floor. Councilor Schwenker made a motion; Councilor Tronzo seconded. The mayor introduced the plan to the Council. All were in favor.

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring the 2026 Arbor Day Proclamation to the floor. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Tronzo seconded. Councilor Schwenker read the proclamation.

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring Municipal Order 1 Series 2026 to the floor. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Tronzo seconded. The mayor read the municipal order. All were in favor.

Financial Report

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring January's and February's Cash Flow and Budget to Actual to the floor. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Hartman seconded. The Council reviewed the reports. All were in favor.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring January's meeting minutes to the floor. Councilor Schwenker made a motion; Councilor Brenner seconded. The Council reviewed the minutes. Five were in favor; Councilor Brenner abstained.

Code Enforcement Report

The Council reviewed the reports. No action was taken.

Police Report

The Council reviewed the reports. No action was taken.

Mayors Report

If anyone opposes the liquor license for 3101 Preston Highway, it's important to reach out to the local ABC office to express your opinion.

Public Works Jason Payne has been working on the landscaping at the Preston entrance, the Robin triangle, and the Oriole entrance. Rick and Mick Vissing are going to landscape the flagpole.

The mayor reached out to 311 regarding the trash, rats and debris on Nightingale.

The priorities for the mayor's message and budget are similar to the past year's message/budget and vision—to invest in the city and infrastructure, invest in city employees, and invest in the tree canopy. Storm damage fees will not go up this year, unless the Council decides otherwise. At the end of this year's budget, some money will be transferred to the road fund.

The cleanup and landscaping around the stage is in progress.

Preparations for the 250th anniversary celebrations are underway for the Dogwood festival and the July 4th parade.

The Audubon Park Country Club is offering special memberships for residents of Audubon Park who want to be social members.

Public Comments

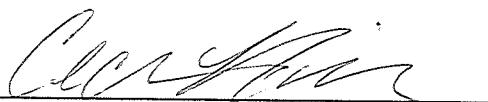
A member of the public asked Geoff Wohl if the city could be included in any 250 banners, flags, freebies, and giveaways. He commented on the fundraising for the stage. It has slowed down. He gave an update on the status of the parks and roads.

Mayor Bozeman left the Council with a comment that the city received through the website regarding the snow plowing done in January and the roundabout.

Adjournment

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Schwenker seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53PM.

Attested 

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