Council Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2026

The City Council of Audubon Park met on Monday, July 20, 2026. Present were Mayor Madeline Bozeman, City Clerk Cecilia Niemann, and 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 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments

A member of the public asked the Council to consider amending the penalty for overgrown yards, especially repeat offenders.

Financial Report

Mayor Bozeman requested a motion to bring the unaudited June Cash Flow and Budget-to-Actual reports to the floor. Councilor Brenner made the motion, and Councilor Schwenker seconded. The Council reviewed the reports. All voted in favor.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Bozeman requested a motion to bring June's Public Hearing and Council Meeting minutes to the floor. Councilor Brenner made the motion, and Councilor Becker seconded. The Council reviewed the minutes. Four voted in favor: Schwenker, Hartman, Brenner, and Becker. Councilors Tronzo and Abel were absent.

New Business

Mayor Bozeman requested a motion to authorize the City to proceed under Ordinance 90.035 regarding the hazardous trees on the property discussed, including serving the property owner with a 15-day notice and, if the trees are not removed within that time, arranging for removal at the property owner's expense. Councilor Schwenker made the motion, and Councilor Brenner seconded. All voted in favor.

Code Enforcement Report

The Council reviewed the reports and took no action.

Police Report

The Council reviewed the reports and took no action.

Mayors Report

The City submitted a complaint to USPS regarding delayed postmarking and delivery of the June public hearing notices for the proposed tax rate. The City requested an investigation, a written explanation, and preservation of related mailing records. USPS apologized and stated that steps were taken to help prevent the issue from recurring.

Three Audubon Park officers have been approached by other cities and agencies offering better pay and hours. Chief Murdoch will cover the vacant roles until replacements are found. The City is seeking recommendations from the Council for retaining police officers.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the annual citywide yard sale will be rescheduled.

The City is currently developing road paving and repair plans.

Public Comments

A member of the public asked how the City handles properties with poorly maintained yards and whether it would consider establishing a Welcome Committee.

A member of the public reiterated his earlier comment.

Adjournment

Mayor Bozeman requested a motion to adjourn. Councilor Brenner made the motion, and Councilor Becker seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Attested _____ Approved _____