

# Council Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2024

The City Council of Audubon Park held a meeting Monday, November 18, 2024. The following were present Mayor Madeline Bozeman, City Clerk Cecilia Niemann, Chief of Police Mike Murdoch, Councilors Bill Shackleton, Pete Becker, Brenda Hartman, Austin Schwenker, and Joe Brenner. Councilor Michael Hartman absent.

## Call to Order

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

## Public Comments

Dorn Crawford commented on the Army Notre Dame game and the competing Santa visits scheduled to come to Audubon Park.

## New Business

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to swear in the new Council Members for January 1, 2025. Joe Brenner made a motion; Pete Becker seconded. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor Bozeman introduced the road plan discussion. She informed the Council that the City did not qualify for the KY Transportation Cabinet Grant discussed in the last meeting. She asked that the Council discuss coming up with a road plan knowing that the City doesn't have the money to fix them all at once and hasn't paid off the previous loan. She informed the Council that the Director of Public Works recommended fixing Chickadee, Dove, Cardinal, Valley, Falcon, and Teal. Tony Williams recommended Eagle. They continued the discussion. They decided to look into requiring residents to take measures to protect the roads from heavy equipment used in renovations and to inform residents in the next newsletter of the City's current situation regarding the roads.

## Financial Report

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring the October Cash Flow and Budget to Actual to the floor. Joe Brenner made a motion; Bill Shackleton seconded. They held a discussion. All were in favor; Michael Hartman absent.

## Unfinished Business

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring the second reading of Ordinance 4, Series 2024 Communications Service Franchise to the floor. Austin Schwenker made a motion; Joe Brenner seconded. The Mayor explained the reasons why and the purposes for the Ordinance. Austin Schwenker read the summary. The Mayor explained the steps to take once the Ordinance was enacted. All were in favor; Michael Hartman absent.

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to review and approve the October meeting minutes. Austin Schwenker made a motion; Joe Brenner seconded. There was no discussion. All were in favor; Michael Hartman absent.

## Police Report

Mayor Bozeman introduced the October Police Report. They held a discussion. No action was taken.

## Code Enforcement Report

Mayor Bozeman introduced the October Code Enforcement Report. City Clerk Cecilia Niemann gave the report since she and the Mayor filled in for the Code Enforcement Officer. They held a discussion. No action was taken.

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Bozeman introduced the Pride of Place Initiative Report headed by Pete Hall.

Mayor Bozeman announced the City's effort to establish a 501(c)(3).

Mayor Bozeman announced a KLC training course for City Officials on December 19, 2024.

Joe Brenner expounded on the 501(c)(3).

Mayor Bozeman announced a February Open House to meet and greet the new City Council members.

**Public Comments**

Tony Williams asked Chief of Police Mike Murdoch if he could comment on the shooting near the baseball field on Saturday. Mike Murdoch responded that the only details he has are the ones available to everyone else. Tony Williams asked if the Communications Ordinance that was passed paved the way for Telecom Ordinances. Mayor Bozeman affirmed. Tony Williams suggested the City consider enacting Telecom Ordinances to receive a portion of the money that's already being taxed. He suggested that the City consider fundraising at Audubon Park Country Club and annexing the Country Club. He informed the Council that the Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) that can help with donations. Mike Murdoch stated that the shooting involved a 43-year-old male shooting his 45-year-old friend during an argument.

Dorn Crawford suggested that the City reviews the Communications Ordinance to make sure that the City can receive a portion of the tax money from each of the providers who wants to do business in Audubon Park. He suggested that the City consider relaxation of the rules regarding waste pickup. Pete Becker stated that someone would take advantage and make a mess. Austin Schwenker stated that there was a discussion about picking up leaves at the end of the street twice a fall season. The comments received after that discussion were no one would do it, the leaves would blow everywhere, and it would be unsightly.

Tony Williams asked the City to consider compensating the Mayor's position.

Laura Kelty suggested that the Council receive compensation to hold them accountable to their duties.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:43PM.

Attested



Approved

