

Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024

The City Council of Audubon Park held a meeting Monday, April 15, 2024. The following were present Mayor Madeline Bozeman, City Clerk Cecilia Niemann, Councilors Michael Hartman, Pete Becker, Austin Schwenker, Joe Brenner, and Brenda Hartman. Councilor Elyse Shackleton was absent.

Call to Order

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

New Business

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring the Arbor Day Proclamation to the floor. Austin Schwenker made a motion, Michael Hartman seconded. The Mayor read the Proclamation.

Mayor Bozeman introduced the garbage bid comparison. They held a discussion. Joe Brenner moved that the Council accept the option 1 Waste Management bid as presented. Pete Becker and Brenda Hartman were in favor. Michael Hartman voted for option 3 Rumpke. They continued the discussion. Austin Schwenker voted for option 1 Waste Management; Elyse Shackleton absent. The Mayor noted that Waste Management won the vote, and she would reach out to them tomorrow.

Financial Report

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring the March Cash flow and Budget to Actual to the floor. Joe Brenner made a motion, Pete Becker seconded. They held a discussion. All were in favor, Elyse Shackleton absent.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring the March 18, 2024 meeting minutes to the floor. Austin Schwenker made a motion, Joe Brenner seconded. Michael Hartman asked that it be put on record why he asked it to be tabled for next month. He didn't think it proper for the Chief of Police and the Assistant Chief of Police to take over for the Mayor. If there were any other option, it should be exercised. Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to accept the amendment. Joe Brenner made a motion to accept, Austin Schwenker seconded. All were in favor, Elyse Shackleton absent.

Code Enforcement Report

Mayor Bozeman noted the written reports for March. They held a discussion.

Police Report

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Mayors Report

Mayor Bozeman summated the Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Program. They held a discussion. Four were in favor of rejecting, Michael Hartman abstained, Elyse Shackleton absent.

Mayor Bozeman introduced the Ad Valorem Rate Discussion. Austin Schwenker was in favor of keeping the tax rate at 28 cents. Michael Hartman agreed because it could avoid the taking out of any loans and it could avoid cutting services to pay for an increase in public safety salaries. They must track with inflation if the city wants to keep hiring.

The Mayor noted the special meeting to be held May 13th.


Mayor Bozeman informed the Council that they could pick a member of council to preside over meetings when the Mayor is absent. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve Austin Schwenker as the presiding officer for the Mayor's absence. Joe Brenner made a motion to approve, Brenda Hartman seconded. All were in favor, Elyse Shackleton absent.

Mayor Bozeman asked if the Council could try to discover what legal action could be taken against people who are noncompliant in the removal of dangerous trees. They held a discussion.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:38PM.

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