

**CITY OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 16, 2026**

Mayor Boelk called the March 16, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting to order at 5:30pm. The meeting was held in person at 607 8th Avenue, Mendota. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Mayor Boelk, Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Kim, Holland, Fitzpatrick and Hessenberger.

ABSENT: Alderman Hochstatter.

Mayor Boelk asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the agenda. Being no changes, he entertained a motion to approve:

1. The Agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting for March 16, 2026.
2. The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 2, 2026.
3. The payment of General Fund Bills totaling \$89,799.14.
4. The payment of Water/Sewer Fund Bills totaling \$15,624.77.

General Fund Bills

4M Graphix	\$520.00
A.R.S.	\$642.26
AT&T Mobility	\$598.12
Carquest Auto Parts	\$1,025.14
Carriage House Electric	\$2,867.00
Chamlin & Assoc	\$1,056.00
ComCast Business	\$75.07
ComEd	\$1,257.86
Dennis Rutishauser	\$13.52
Dinges Fire Company	\$499.47
Emily McConville	\$205.60
First Net	\$250.43
Frontier	\$845.89
General Code	\$1,045.00
Graves Hume Public Library	\$6,000.00
Hydro Flow Products LLC	\$3,638.00
IDPH Vital Records	\$416.00
Illinois Public Risk Fund	\$40,794.00
Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins Ltd.	\$1,743.17
LaSalle Publishing Co.	\$701.06
Mautino Dist. Co. Inc.	\$31.80
Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce	\$9,000.00
Mendota YMCA	\$2,037.02
Nicholson 1 Communications	\$1,203.00
NiCor Gas	\$329.79
O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$106.97
OSF Occupational Health	\$553.50
Pohl's Office Supply	\$410.21
Prescott Brothers	\$99.85

R.P. Lumber Company Inc.	\$15.99
Rochelle Broadcasting	\$305.00
Schmidt Sales & Service LLC	\$152.80
SMB Data Networks Inc.	\$2,625.00
Sullivan's Ace Hardware	\$9.99
Terminal Supply Co.	\$1,487.62
Thrush Sanitation Svc. Inc.	\$142.50
Unifirst Corp.	\$169.57
VISA	\$5,987.94
WTH Technology Inc.	\$937.00
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	\$89,799.14
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Water-Sewer Fund Bills

Abbey Press	\$1,537.60
Carquest Auto Parts	\$59.99
Carriage House Electric	\$2,210.50
ComEd	\$45.98
Constellation New Energy	\$476.85
First Net	\$327.17
Frontier	\$1,007.94
Hach Company	\$1,317.07
Hydro Flow Products LLC	\$3,638.00
NiCor Gas	\$1,188.44
SMB Data Networks Inc.	\$135.50
Sullivan's Ace Hardware	\$49.22
Test Inc.	\$1,202.00
Unifirst Corp.	\$159.21
USA Blue Book	\$1,759.80
VISA	\$509.50
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	\$15,624.77
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Alderman Holland motioned to approve the above items. Alderman Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

The Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Kim, Holland, Fitzpatrick and Hessenberger.

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Hochstatter.

Motion carried.

City Clerk McConville's Business & Correspondence:

Motor Fuel Tax & Transportation Renewal Fund

1/25 disbursed 2/25	\$26,807.94		25FYTD	\$290,748.19	
1/26 disbursed 2/26	\$26,989.19	0.68%	26FYTD	\$300,561.39	3.38%

Video Gaming Tax Fund

1/25 disbursed 2/25	\$21,550.64		25FYTED	\$199,827.12	
1/26 disbursed 2/26	\$19,868.87	-7.80%	26FYTD	\$214,326.99	7.26%

Attorney Guilfoyle's Business & Correspondence:

Department Head Business & Correspondence:

Aldermanic Business & Correspondence:

Alderman Peasley stated that the MOU for using fields, courts and other city amenities has been completed. The city will also be engaging the 'Team-Up' application to reserve the spaces. An ordinance will be on the next agenda to formalize the process.

Alderman Holland announced the bid letting for certain 'Fencing and Dugouts for Strouss Park' in combination with the OSLAD Grant. Bid packages will be available on March 23rd and will be due by noon on April 6th, when they will be opened and read aloud. Hopefully, the bid will be awarded at the Regular City Council Meeting that evening.

Alderman Holland then announced the bid letting for the 704 Illinois Avenue Project in combination with the DCEO Rebuild Illinois Grant. The package will be available on April 1st and will be due April 30th at 2pm, when they will be read aloud. The project is planned to be awarded on May 4th at the Regular City Council Meeting.

Next, Alderman Holland moved to place the FY2025 Annual Audit on file. Alderman Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

The Voice Vote: ALL AYES.

Absent: Aldermen Hochstatter.

Motion carried.

Alderman Holland presented and motioned to approve a donation to Graves-Hume Public Library for their Annual Summer Reading Program in the amount of \$6,000. Alderwoman Johnson seconded the motion.

The Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Kim, Holland, Fitzpatrick and Hessenberger.

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Hochstatter.

Motion carried.

Lastly, Alderman Holland presented and motioned to approve a request from Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce for a donation to their Annual 4th of July Celebration. Tariffs have affected the price of the firework show immensely and have requested \$9,000. Alderman Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

The Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Kim, Holland, Fitzpatrick and Hessenberger.

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Hochstatter.

Motion carried.

Alderman Fitzpatrick presented and motioned to approve a request from the Mendota Art Commission for the closure of the 700 block of Illinois Avenue and the one block Veteran's Way for 'Painted Wings and Wild Things: A Celebration of Art, Nature and Place'. The event will showcase two murals that will be underway in the downtown. Alderwoman Johnson seconded the motion.

The Voice Vote: ALL AYES.

Absent: Aldermen Hochstatter.

Motion carried.

Alderman Fitzpatrick presented and motioned to approve a request from Live Well Mendota and Next Gen Leaders to shut down one lane of Tom Merwin Drive and Lakeview Drive as well as Lake Drive from 11am to 4pm on Sunday, April 26th for its Color Community Fun Run. Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

The Voice Vote: ALL AYES.

Absent: Alderman Hochstatter.

Motion carried.

Lastly Alderman Fitzpatrick motioned to hire Anthony Arredondo Jr. full-time in the Streets Department. Alderwoman Johnson seconded the motion.

The Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Kim, Holland, Fitzpatrick and Hessenberger.

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Hochstatter.

Motion carried.

Mayor Boelk asked if there was any other business from the council or department heads. Being no business, Mayor Boelk asked if there was any business from the floor. Being none, Mayor Boelk asked for a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Kim motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of March 16 at 5:38pm. Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

The Voice Vote: ALL AYES.

Absent: Alderman Hochstatter.

Motion carried.

David W. Boelk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily J. McConville, City Clerk