

**CITY OF MENDOTA**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 20, 2026**

Mayor Boelk called the April 20, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting to order at 5:30pm. The meeting was held in person at 607 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mendota. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

**PRESENT: Mayor Boelk, Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Holland, Hochstatter and Fitzpatrick.**

**ABSENT: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

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 April 20, 2026.
2. The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 6, 2026.
3. The payment of General Fund Bills totaling \$172,083.49.
4. The payment of Water/Sewer Fund Bills totaling \$26,882.21.

**General Fund Bills**

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| A.R.S.                       | \$79.08     |
| Amrize Mid-America Inc.      | \$1,323.41  |
| Assurance Services Company   | \$62,795.00 |
| AT&T Mobility                | \$560.19    |
| Brady Rutishauser            | \$75.00     |
| CADCA Communit               | \$500.00    |
| Carquest Auto Parts          | \$415.59    |
| Carriage House Electric      | \$150.00    |
| ComCast Business             | \$75.07     |
| ComEd                        | \$2,591.82  |
| Economy Pest Control         | \$170.00    |
| Frontier                     | \$853.68    |
| Illinois Public Risk Fund    | \$20,397.00 |
| Jeff Schillinger             | \$169.07    |
| Jennifer Coppes              | \$75.00     |
| Justin Setchell              | \$75.00     |
| Kenneth Haun                 | \$320.00    |
| Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins Ltd. | \$433.50    |
| Lochner                      | \$10,123.00 |
| Lonny Eisenberg              | \$25.00     |
| Mautino Dist. Co. Inc.       | \$35.00     |
| Midwest Disposal             | \$42,408.44 |
| Nate Tolley                  | \$75.00     |
| Nicholson 1 Communications   | \$350.00    |
| O'Reilly Auto Parts          | \$630.20    |
| Pohl's Office Supply         | \$76.16     |
| Prescott Brothers            | \$143.26    |
| Rockford Window Cleaners     | \$100.00    |
| SMB Data Networks Inc.       | \$1,500.00  |
| Sullivan's Ace Hardware      | \$232.83    |
| Thrush Sanitation Svc. Inc.  | \$135.00    |

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|----------------|---------------------|
| Unifirst Corp. | \$167.14            |
| VISA           | \$25,083.49         |
|                | <u>\$172,142.93</u> |

**Water-Sewer Fund Bills**

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Carquest Auto Parts               | \$29.12            |
| City of Mendota Insurance Reserve | \$2,604.15         |
| ComEd                             | \$2,773.00         |
| Dan Falcon                        | \$448.60           |
| Frontier                          | \$1,125.44         |
| Jason Phalen                      | \$322.70           |
| Lawson Products Inc.              | \$338.19           |
| Motion Industries Inc.            | \$284.14           |
| NCL of Wisconsin                  | \$464.64           |
| NiCor Gas                         | \$63.92            |
| Sewer Equipment Co.               | \$128.24           |
| Sullivan Foods                    | \$94.15            |
| Sullivan's Ace Hardware           | \$47.97            |
| Test Inc                          | \$16,356.06        |
| TJS Excavating Inc.               | \$500.00           |
| Unifirst Corp.                    | \$311.10           |
| USA Blue Book                     | \$899.60           |
| VISA                              | \$91.19            |
|                                   | <u>\$26,882.21</u> |

Alderman Holland motioned to approve the above items. Alderman Hochstatter seconded the motion.

**The Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Holland, Hochstatter and Fitzpatrick.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Mayor Boelk presented and entertained a motion to approve the FY27 Mayoral Appointments of Department Heads and Committee, Board and Commission Members. Alderman Holland made a motion to approve the list as presented. Alderman Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

**The Voice Vote: ALL AYES.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Mayor Boelk then presented a proclamation for the council to ratify. Alderman Fitzpatrick motioned to approve the proclamation and Alderman Miller seconded.

**The Voice Vote: ALL AYES.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Mayor Boelk proclaimed May 6 to be International Walk, Bike and Roll to School Day in the City of Mendota.

**City Clerk McConville's Business & Correspondence:**

**Motor Fuel Tax & Transportation Renewal Fund**

|                     |             |        |              |                    |
|---------------------|-------------|--------|--------------|--------------------|
| 2/25 disbursed 3/25 | \$24,208.66 | 25FYTD | \$314,956.85 |                    |
| 2/26 disbursed 3/26 | \$23,122.65 | -4.49% | 26FYTD       | \$323,684.04 2.77% |

|                     |             |        |              |                    |
|---------------------|-------------|--------|--------------|--------------------|
| 2/25 disbursed 3/25 | \$20,803.08 | 25FYTD | \$220,630.20 |                    |
| 2/26 disbursed 3/26 | \$24,460.62 | 17.58% | 26FYTD       | \$236,765.23 7.31% |

**Attorney Guilfoyle's Business & Correspondence:**

**Department Head Business & Correspondence:**

Chief Rutishauser stated that the emergency sirens went off several times on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. He reminded residents that the sirens indicate severe weather, not necessarily a tornado. He also mentioned that they are not intended to be able to be heard inside. The purpose is more for people who are outside and may not know of the impending weather. He went on to say that a tornado did touch down west of Mendota causing some damage to structures and trees. The high winds also caused two semi-tractor trailers to overturn on I-39. Several agencies helped the Mendota Fire Department during and after the storm.

Next, Annie Short presented the Comprehensive Plan that was created with the Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Grant that was awarded to the city. The plan identifies safety issues around all of the schools and provides ways to resolve them. The city will use this information in grant applications in order to pay for the remedies.

**Aldermanic Business & Correspondence:**

Alderswoman Johnson presented and motioned to authorize the execution of a license agreement with the National Audubon Society. The agreement connects the mural project happening at 903 Washington to the Audubon Society and provides several benefits, including the promotion of the mural on its website and through its social media platforms. Alderman Peasley seconded the motion.

**The Voice Vote: ALL AYES.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Alderman Miller presented and motioned to approve the FY27 License Renewals including the Class H Liquor License for 1017 Main Street – Everardo Orozco that was placed on the agenda individually. Alderswoman Johnson seconded the motion as presented.

**The Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Alderspersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Holland, Hochstatter and Fitzpatrick.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Alderman Holland presented and motioned to approve a recommendation from the Revolving Loan Fund Committee for a \$15,000 loan for 5years at a 5% interest rate for Becky Pelka who is opening a flower and gift store at 810 Washington Street named KLMMMD. Alderman Hochstatter seconded the motion.

**The Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Alderspersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Holland, Hochstatter and Fitzpatrick.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Alderman Holland then presented and motioned to approve Ordinance 04-20-26, The Annual Wage Ordinance. He stated that since the 4 unions have not settled their upcoming contracts. An amendment to this ordinance will be made after the contracts are settled. Alderman Hochstatter seconded the motion.

**The Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Holland, Hochstatter and Fitzpatrick.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Next, Alderman Holland presented and motioned to approve the FY2027 Budgets for all funds. Alderman Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

**The Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Holland, Hochstatter and Fitzpatrick.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Alderman Holland then presented and motioned to approve a request from Mendota Area YMCA for a \$4,000 donation to assist with the SCAMP Program. Alderwoman Johnson seconded the motion.

**The Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Holland, Hochstatter and Fitzpatrick.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Lastly, Alderman Holland presented and motioned to approve and support an application to pursue 'Opportunity Zone' designation for the Census Tracts in and around the City of Mendota that qualify for such designation, asserting that zone aligns with the city's efforts to promote economic development, job creation, private investment and community revitalization. Alderman Hochstatter seconded the motion.

**The Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Holland, Hochstatter and Fitzpatrick.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Alderman Hochstatter stated that 3 bids were received for the 1205 Jefferson Street lot. Each neighbor and Habitat for Humanity each bid on the property. Alderman Hochstatter motioned to award the lot to Habitat for Humanity provided they build a house for a client family within 3 years of ownership. Alderman Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

**The Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Hochstatter and Fitzpatrick.**

**Nays: Aldermen Miller and Holland.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Next Alderman Hochstatter presented the bid results for 1209 Washington Street and motioned to approve the purchase by Art Riewaldt pending a redevelopment agreement. His bid was \$40,000 and will be part of

the properties that will be used for a new Jimmy John's Sandwich Shop. Alderman Holland seconded the motion.

**The Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Holland, Hochstatter and Fitzpatrick.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Alderman Fitzpatrick presented and motioned to approve a request from the Elks to hold Flag Day Ceremony on June 14 at Veteran's Park and a request from the Mendota VFW to hold its Annual Buddy Poppy Drive on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> on the corners of Main and Meriden Streets. Alderman Hochstatter seconded the motion.

**The Voice Vote: ALL AYES.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Next, Alderman Fitzpatrick presented and motioned to approve a request from The Coffee Barn – Janaya Garera to shut down the 700 block of Illinois Avenue in order to hold 'Cars and Coffee' on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11am until 3pm. Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

**The Voice Vote: ALL AYES.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Alderman Fitzpatrick presented and motioned to approve a 1 year extension on the farm contracts for Snyder's Grove Farm, Industrial Park Farm and the Gas Plant Farm. Alderman Peasley seconded the motion.

**The Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Holland, Hochstatter and Fitzpatrick.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

Lastly, Alderman Fitzpatrick stated that the Public Works Department will pick up normal yard waste if residents put it out at the curb by May 5<sup>th</sup>. This does not include trees and bushes that are deliberately cut down or pulled out. It is for fallen branches and sticks due to storms or high winds.

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 April 20 at 5:57pm. Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

**The Voice Vote: ALL AYES.**

**Absent: Aldermen Kim and Hessenberger.**

**Motion carried.**

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**David W. Boelk, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Emily J. McConville, City Clerk**