

**CITY OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2024**

Alderman Holland called the January 15, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting to order at 5:30pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

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

ABSENT: Aldermen Hochstatter and Holland.

Mayor Boelk asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the agenda. Being none, Mayor Boelk then entertained a motion to approve:

1. The Agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting for January 15, 2024.
2. The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 2, 2024.
3. The payment of General Fund Bills totaling \$100,980.02.
4. The payment of Water/Sewer Fund Bills totaling \$163,689.61.

General Fund Bills

Airgas USA, LLC	\$272.01
Bonnell Industries Inc.	\$836.05
Bound Tree Medical LLC	\$1.53
Carquest Auto Parts	\$662.99
Chamlin & Assoc.	\$13,300.70
ComEd	\$1,360.94
Comlabs Government Systems Inc.	\$837.00
Ferrellgas	\$913.47
Fibrenew Heritage Corridor	\$225.00
Ficek Electric & Communications	\$2,486.76
First Net	\$286.21
Frontier	\$46.34
Holcim-Mamr Inc.	\$2,445.14
I.V. Net, LLP	\$250.95
Illinois Public Safety Agency	\$3,744.00
Ken Otterbach Excavating & Demolition	\$2,950.00
LaSalle Publishing Co.	\$170.00
Loren Ganskop	\$320.00
Marco Inc.	\$497.52
Mautino Dist. Co. Inc.	\$15.90
McLean County Asphalt Co.	\$1,164.82
Nicholson 1 Communications	\$350.00
Norther Partners Coop	\$11,044.72
O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$59.97
OSF Occupational Health	\$245.00
OSF St. Paul Medical Center	\$100.00
Prescott Brothers	\$364.75
Progressive Microtechnology	\$495.00
R-Equipment Co.	\$26.37
R.P. Lumber Company Inc.	\$180.75
Republic Services	\$46,871.79
RTR Companies Inc.	\$200.00
Shaw Local Radio	\$120.00
Sullivan Foods	\$14.98
Sullivan's Ace Hardware	\$171.86

Unifirst Corp.	\$373.75
Visa	\$7,573.75
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	\$100,980.02

Water & Sewer Fund Bills

317 Mendota LLC	\$20.47
Apple Press Printing	\$1,129.85
AT&T Mobility	\$340.52
Badger Meter Inc.	\$118.72
Carquest Auto Parts	\$18.99
City of Mendota Petty Cash	\$7.00
City of Mendota General Fund	\$48,605.88
ComEd	\$310.96
Connor Co.	\$124.42
Eureka Savings	\$35,000.00
First State Bank	\$59,132.00
Frontier	\$603.14
Hydro-Kinetics	\$576.97
Midwest Meter Inc.	\$1,770.79
O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$37.54
Peerless Well & Pump	\$12,490.00
R.P. Lumber Company Inc.	\$122.92
Sullivan Foods	\$39.98
Sullivan's Ace Hardware	\$88.80
Test Inc.	\$1,247.00
Unifirst Corp.	\$340.48
USA Blue Book	\$1,470.98
VISA	\$17.20
Wendy Letterly	\$75.00
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	\$163,689.61

Alderman Fitzpatrick motioned to approve the above items. Alderman Hessenberger seconded the motion.

The Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Kim, Fitzpatrick and Hessenberger.

ABSENT: Aldermen Hochstatter and Holland.

Mayor Boelk stated that the city received a request for Hotel Motel Tax from Illinois Freedom Alliance for its convention on March 9 at the Mendota Civic Center. Attorney Guilfoyle stated that the organization is a political action committee and therefore the city could not entertain the request. He also stated that the organization could not use the city’s logo or name in any advertisement. With that, Alderman Miller motioned to turn down the request. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion.

The Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Alderpersons Johnson, Peasley, Miller, Kim, Fitzpatrick and Hessenberger.

ABSENT: Aldermen Hochstatter and Holland.

City Clerk McConville’s Business & Correspondence:

MOTOR FUEL TAX:	December 2022	\$22,093.87		23FYTD	\$222,761.70	
	December 2023	\$20,759.39	-6.04%	24FYTD	\$234,758.60	5.39%
VIDEO GAMING TAX:	December 2022	\$19,470.48		23FYTD	\$143,851.26	
	December 2023	\$20,759.39	6.62%	24FYTD	\$156,785.13	8.99%

Attorney Guilfoyle’s Business & Correspondence:

Attorney Guilfoyle stated that as of January 1, 2024 non-home rule cities may adopt administrative adjudication hearing systems. This allows the city to pursue local ordinance and code violations. An ordinance adopting the system that includes the due process provisions along with an ordinance updating fines for violations will be on the next agenda. The city intends to hire Jonathan Brandt to be the hearing officer.

Department Head Business & Correspondence:

Aldermanic Business & Correspondence:

There was no Department Head or Aldermanic Business. Before Mayor Boelk inquired if there was any business from the floor, he added that the departments did a great job with the back to back snow falls the previous week.

At this time, Rachel Larue, addressed the council. She explained that her daughter, Eden Hollins, and Christopher Oidtman, rented an apartment in Mendota. They initiated the rent online. They paid a security deposit along with first and last month’s rent totaling \$2,700. Ms. Larue explained that the photos online made the apartment look much better than the actual apartment was in person. She listed several things that were unsatisfactory, dangerous and/or in violation of Illinois and City Codes. She implored the city to help get the \$2,700 deposit back for the couple and, moreover, inspect all of this landlord’s apartments for code violations.

Attorney Guilfoyle explained that the city had just received a report on the situation and the new administrative adjudication system will help with situations like this. The city will have to issue citations on the code violations and adjudicate. He also stated that getting the deposit back is a civil matter and the city can’t intervene in the situation.

Mayor Boelk inquired if there were any other comments from the floor. Being none, he entertained a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Kim motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of January 15, 2024 at 6:11pm. Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

The Voice Vote:

ALL AYES.

Absent: Aldermen Hochstatter and Holland.

Motion carried.

David W. Boelk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily J. McConville, City Clerk