Mitchellville City Council Proceedings
April 06, 2026
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Mitchellville City Council met for a regular meeting on April 6, 2026, at the Mitchellville Community Center, 120 Second St NE, Mitchellville, IA 50169.

The Regular meeting began session at 6:02 PM. Mayor Jensen called the Regular Meeting to order, roll call, members present: Brand, Lunn, Zook. Turner was absent. City Attorney John Fatino of Whitfield & Eddy Law firm was present as well. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Lunn to approve the Tentative Agenda with the amendment to remove item 23-disucussion and possible action regarding statements made during a previous city council meeting and potential violations of the Mitchellville Code of Ethics. Ayes: Zook, Lunn, Brand. Motion carried. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Zook to Approve the Consent Agenda Approving: Expense Claims of $122,010.20 and Payroll Claims of $109,723.07 - including 2 Regular Payrolls & 1st quarter pay. Minutes for March 17, 25, & 30, 2026 Special Meeting & March 19, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting. Approval of tobacco license from Dollar General & Kwik Trip (Kwik Star). Approval of Letter of Agreement for Rebel Farms to place a dumpster on City property. Ayes: Zook, Lunn, Brand. Motion carried.

Council begins discussing appointment options for vacant city council seat. Jerry Kyle was nominated. Mayor Jensen shares the previous elections results and asks that Jon Woods or Shane Smith be considered. Shane Smith declines. It's asked if David Bond was considered. Lunn points out that Kyle has been to all the budget meetings observing and has diverse business experience that could be helpful to the city. Mayor Jensen shares his opinion which is that Kyle has only been attending because council members told him to. During this time order had to be provided. Mayor Jensen asked individuals to leave. Council member Lunn asked all residents who were being disruptive to remove themselves. While exiting, a resident made a comment to council members. Mayor Jensen and City Attorney, Fatino exited during this time as well. Upon return Mayor Jensen asks if there is a motion and second to go against the residents votes by choosing Kyle. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Zook to appoint Jerry Kyle to fill the vacant city council seat. Ayes: Zook, Lunn, Brand. Motion carried. Jerry Kyle was sworn in by City Clerk/Interim City Administrator Jacobe Parks. Mayor Jensen got called out to speak to the Deputies and the meeting was temporarily adjourned by a motion from Brand, second by Zook. Unanimous aye vote from members present. The meeting began again with an update from LaBrent Lawler of the Mitchellville Development group. He shared interest he has received from businesses regarding land that the city owns. He states that if council decides to sell a sign being placed to market the land would be the next step. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Zook to enter closed session per Iowa code 21.5(1)(c) Ayes: Zook, Lunn, Brand, Kyle. Motion carried. Mayor Jensen states that the is no action to be taken. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Zook, to open the session. Unanimous aye vote. Motion carried. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Zook to enter closed session per Iowa code 21.5(1)(j) Ayes: Zook, Lunn, Brand, Kyle. Motion carried. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Zook, to open the session Ayes: Zook, Lunn, Brand, Kyle. Motion carried. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Lunn, to authorize City Attorney Fatino to negotiate the farm lease with Jarad DeVries. Ayes: Zook, Lunn, Brand, Kyle Motion carried.

Don Berkey had requested to speak to council regarding changes within city procedures and clarification of duties. City Clerk/Interim City Administrator Parks spoke on behalf of Tim Twohey who was asking council to waive sewer fees accumulated during a water leak. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Zook to deduct sewer fees. Ayes: Zook, Lunn, Brand, Kyle. Motion carried. Recognition was given to Public Works employee Jason Battin for obtaining his Grade 1 Water and Distribution Certificates. Lunn is going to email council a scoring tool to use during the interview process. Motion made by Zook, seconded by Brand to accept Lunns presented interview scoring tool. Ayes: Zook, Lunn, Brand, Kyle. Motion carried.