Mitchellville City Council Proceedings
April 20, 2026
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Mitchellville City Council met for a regular meeting on April 20, 2026, held at the Mitchellville Community Center, 120 Second St NE, Mitchellville, IA 50169.

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM, roll call showed members present as Brand, Lunn, Zook, Kyle. Turner was absent. City Attorney John Fatino of Whitfield & Eddy Law firm was present as well. Motion made by Zook, seconded by Brand to approve the Tentative Agenda. Unanimous Aye vote. Motion carried. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Zook to Approve the Consent Agenda Approving: Expense Claims of $48,261.70 and Payroll Claims of $69,381.64 - including 1 Regular Payroll. Meeting minutes from April 6, 2026, Regular Council Meeting and April 6, 2026, Public Hearing to set Tax Levy. Approval of Caseys liquor license. Unanimous aye vote. Motion carried. There were no public commenters regarding agenda items. Parks presented bid proposals submitted by 3 companies for the next phase of the rehab process. Electric Pumps bid would be the recommendation from ISG. Mitchellville Development Group explained next steps of the process if the city were to decide to sell some of the land it owns. Joe Crook gave a run-down of some of the great things Mitchellville has to offer. Bill Sowder presented a follow-up to council that stemmed from a previous meeting. Motion made by Kyle, seconded by Zook to approve Resolution 2026-030 amending the farm lease with Jerod DeVries. Unanimous Aye vote. Motion carried. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Zook to approve Resolution 2026-016 appointing Jacobe Parks as the Cities representative to the Mid Iowa Planning Alliance with Jerry Kyle as the alternate. Unanimous Aye vote. Motion carried. Motion made by Brand, seconded by Kyle to amend Resolution 2026-017. This amendment appoints Jacobe Parks and Matt Hammond as the representatives to the MPO and TTC board with Steve Zook as the alternate. Unanimous Aye vote. Motion carried.

Council discusses an increase in fees for FOIA requests. They will be presenting ideas and voting on changes, if decided, at the next meeting.

Motion made by Zook, seconded by Brand to approve Ordinance 2026-001. Ayes Brand, Lunn, Kyle, Zook. Turner Absent Motion carried. Motion made by Zook, seconded by Brand to waive the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2026-001. Ayes Brand, Lunn, Kyle, Zook. Turner Absent Motion carried. Motion made by Zook, seconded by Brand to waive the 3rd reading of Ordinance 2026-001. Ayes Brand, Lunn, Kyle, Zook. Turner Absent Motion carried. Motion made by Zook, seconded by Brand to adopt Ordinance 2026-001. Ayes Brand, Lunn, Kyle, Zook. Turner Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Zook, seconded by Lunn to approve Ordinance 2026-002. Ayes Brand, Lunn, Kyle, Zook. Turner Absent Motion carried. Motion made by Zook, seconded by Brand to waive the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2026-002. Ayes Brand, Lunn, Kyle, Zook. Turner Absent Motion carried. Motion made by Zook, seconded by Brand to waive the 3rd reading of Ordinance 2026-002. Ayes Brand, Lunn, Kyle, Zook. Turner Absent Motion carried. Motion made by Zook, seconded by Brand to adopt Ordinance 2026-002. Ayes Brand, Lunn, Kyle, Zook. Turner Absent Motion carried.

Motion was made by Zook, seconded by Brand to approve Resolution 2026-031 appointing Jason Battin as the Public Works Assistant Director. Unanimous Aye vote. Motion carried. Motion was made by Zook, seconded by Lunn to approve Resolution 2026-032 setting the rate of pay for Public Works employee. Unanimous Aye vote. Motion carried. Parks notified council that the budget approval Public Hearing would need to be held on April 29, 2026.

Council began discussions regarding code of ethics and conduct violations regarding the mayors' actions during the April 6, 2026, meeting. Zook brought up the statements made by the mayor against an employee. The statement made regarded a situation the had been investigated and the employee had been cleared. The second violation was regarding the mayor walking out of a meeting. A motion was made by Zook, seconded by Brand to call a censure on the mayor. Ayes: Brand, Kyle, Lunn, Zook. Motion Carried

There was a petition filed to hold a special election to fill the previously appointed open council seat. It was shared with council that there were concerns presented with this petition. Motion made by Lunn, seconded by Brand to proceed with election if the elections office approves. Ayes Zook, Kyle, Lunn, Brand. Motion carried

Department heads shared some updates. Trent shared that the library will be posting summer reading signups soon. Matt Cleverley shares that the Fire Department has had 199 calls and is currently down to 11 members. The community and council were reminded how important it is for everyone to step up, support, and take care of our volunteers. Parks and Rec will be starting sign ups for bags. The Jax tournament will be happening this weekend. Jason Battin from public works asks that he be allowed to answer fire calls if needed during the workday. The mowers have been being serviced and are ready to start running. Matt Hammond shares that the doors and windows at the water plant have been repaired. As has the roof.

Mayor Jensen brings up concerns with the process for Resolution 2026-031. Motion made by Brand to reconsider approval. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Parks shares that the locks at the police department have been changed. Our two Polk County officers have been assigned.

Public comment open forum speakers: DaLaina Gobeli, Elaine Webb, Jacobe Parks answered Elaines concerns, Daniella Jensen, Don Berkey, Nathan Zook, Casey Hope, Chrissy Bowers, Steve Bowers, Mayor Jensen, Bill Sowder, Lauren O'Conner, Grace Heydon

Motion made by Brand to adjourn, seconded by Kyle. Ayes: Zook, Lunn, Brand, Kyle. Meeting adjourned 8:13 PM.

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Tony Jensen, Mayor

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Jacobe Parks, City Clerk/Interim City Administrator