



# City of Appleton

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## Meeting Agenda - Final-revised Common Council

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Wednesday, April 19, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Organizational Meeting

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL OF ALDERPERSONS
- C. REPORT OF THE INFORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

[23-0400](#)

**Rule 3. Order of Business**

*Ald. Siebers*

**Modify subsection a. Invocation to include one of the following options:**

- **Option A.** The Invocation shall endeavor to be a brief, 1-2 minute statement that prompts inspiration, invokes encouragement, or provides a message of cooperation. The Invocation shall not address, take a position on, or invoke debate on an item on the Common Council Agenda.

- **Option B.** The Invocation will consist of the following message: "We gather together to listen and share, learn and educate, and to be granted wisdom and grace as we move Appleton forward, in the best interest of our community." A moment of silence or reflection may also be used for the Invocation. Additional messages may be added to the rotation of the Invocation with Common Council approval.

- **Option C.** Remove the Invocation from the Common Council Meeting Agenda, and Order of Business.

[23-0380](#)**Rule 4. Resolutions/Meeting Minutes***Ald. Meltzer & Ald. Wolff*

All Resolutions shall be submitted to the Council in writing. *(Add): **Council members are encouraged to work with staff before introducing Resolutions in order to ensure that Resolutions are well-researched and ready for debate.***

[23-0381](#)**Rule 14. Call the Question***Ald. Doran*

Call the Question - The motion to call the question cannot be used when the speaker yields to another and then regains the floor. No member can call the question while speaking to the issue. Note: The motion to call the question is not debatable per Robert's Rules. The motion to call the previous question will be allowed during deliberations of the Committee of the Whole. At the time the question is called, the Chair will announce how many Alderpersons are in line to speak. ~~(Add): The question will be called only if 4/5ths of the members present approve.~~

*Replace the first proposed rule change (The question will be called only if 4/5ths of the members present approve) with:*

***(Add): The opportunity to call the question will be allowed only if each member present has been given an opportunity to speak on the item for which the motion to call the question has been requested.***

[23-0383](#)**Rule 32. Continuity of Government***Ald. Doran*

The Council, by ~~secret~~ **open** ballot, will elect a Council President and a Council Vice President. If for any reason the Mayor was incapacitated and not able to perform the necessary duties, the Council President would become the acting Mayor. If the Council President were unable to perform these duties, the Council Vice President would become the acting Mayor.

[23-0384](#)      **Rule 34. Withdrawal of Resolutions**  
*Ald. Doran*

***Strike Rule 34. in its entirety.***

[23-0390](#)      **Rule 34. Withdrawal of Resolutions**  
*Ald. Hartzheim*

Strike subsection 2. of Rule 34.

**~~2) A Resolution may be withdrawn at the Council level by its author subject to consent of 2/3 of Council members present.~~**

[23-0385](#)      **Creation of new Rule - Pledge of Allegiance**  
*Ald. Doran*

***Add Pledge of Allegiance for every meeting of Committees, Board & Commissions***

*At the beginning of any meeting of a committee, board or commission, regardless of the location in which the meeting is held, after calling the meeting the order, the chair of the meeting will call for the Pledge of Allegiance to be recited before moving on to any other business.*

*If the United States flag is not present, attendees should simply stand and place their right hand over their heart and face towards the person leading in the recitation of the Pledge or to where the flag would normally be placed.*

**1. Rules of Council (as amended above)**

[23-0387](#)      Rules of Council

**Attachments:** [Council Rules - FINAL 4-20-22.pdf](#)

**2. Department and Committee Functions**

[23-0388](#)      Department and Committee Functions

**Attachments:** [Dept-Comm Functions - FINAL 4-20-22.pdf](#)

**3.. Commitment to the Code of Conduct**

[23-0398](#) Code of Conduct

**Attachments:** [Code of Conduct - Current.pdf](#)

- D. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRS
- E. ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT
- F. ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT
- G. ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION
- H. RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY ALDERPERSONS REFERRED TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
- I. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

[23-0399](#) Request to modify the Common Council Meeting Schedule for Cancellation of the following meetings:  
- Wednesday, July 5th 2023  
- Wednesday, January 3rd 2024

[23-0405](#) Request to hold a mid-year Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, September 20th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

- J. ADJOURN

Kami Lynch, City Clerk

*Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made upon request and if feasible.*

*Remote meeting attendance may be permitted pursuant to Section 2-29 of the Appleton Municipal Code and Rules of Council.*

*\*We are currently experiencing intermittent issues/outages with our audio/video equipment. Meeting live streams and recordings are operational but unreliable at times. This is due to delays in receiving necessary system hardware components. We continue to look for solutions in the interim and we hope to have these issues resolved soon.*