



City of Appleton

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Meeting Minutes - Final Common Council

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Organizational meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

B. ROLL CALL OF ALDERPERSONS

Present: 15 - Alderperson Patti Coenen, Alderperson Chris Croatt, Alderperson Sarah Garb, Alderperson Jeffrey Jirschele, Alderperson Curt Konetzke, Alderperson Kyle Lobner, Alderperson Joe Martin, Alderperson Kathleen Plank, Alderperson Cathy Spears, Alderperson Peter Stueck, Mayor Timothy Hanna, Alderperson Tim Trauger, Alderperson Polly Dalton, Alderperson Christine Williams and Alderperson Vered Meltzer

Excused: 1 - Alderperson Greg Dannecker

C. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

D. REPORT OF THE INFORMAL COUNCIL MEETING

1. Rules of Council
2. Department and Committee Functions
3. Resolutions submitted by Alderpersons

14-2032 Rules of Council

Attachments: [Council Rules - Adopted 04-16-14.docx](#)

No action taken.

Alderperson Spears arrived at 6:10 pm.

14-2026

Resolution #27-R-14 submitted by Alderpersons
Lobner/Jirschele/Garb/Trauger

“WHEREAS the City of Appleton uses a two-tiered decision-making system in which the committee of jurisdiction makes a recommendation on most action items before the common council acts on them,

AND WHEREAS Council Rule 14 allows any one alderperson to request that an item appearing before the council for the first time to be referred back to a committee without debate,

AND WHEREAS this practice frequently leads to constituents coming before the council to speak on and/or wait for a vote on items which will not be debated or voted upon at that meeting,

AND WHEREAS the time of our constituents, staff and alderpersons is a valuable resource to be respected,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Appleton Common Council shall amend Council Rule 14 in the following ways:

1. Any alderperson requesting an automatic refer-back of a council action item must submit that request in writing or via email to the clerk's office before 4 pm on the Monday preceding a council meeting.
2. Alderpersons may request that an item be referred back during a council meeting, but must make a motion to do so and a majority of members present must vote to approve this motion for it to prevail.
3. Rules regarding Committee of the Whole remain unchanged.”

Alderperson Lobner moved, seconded by Alderperson Garb, that the Report Action Item be approved. Roll Call. Motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Alderperson Coenen, Alderperson Garb, Alderperson Jirschele, Alderperson Lobner, Alderperson Trauger and Alderperson Meltzer

Nay: 8 - Alderperson Croatt, Alderperson Konetzke, Alderperson Martin, Alderperson Plank, Alderperson Spears, Alderperson Stueck, Alderperson Dalton and Alderperson Williams

Excused: 1 - Alderperson Dannecker

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Hanna

Amendment #1 - submit request before noon on Friday preceeding a council meeting.

Alderperson Coenen moved, seconded by Alderperson Meltzer, that the Report Action Item be amended. Roll Call. Motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Alderperson Coenen and Alderperson Meltzer

Nay: 12 - Alderperson Croatt, Alderperson Garb, Alderperson Jirschele, Alderperson Konetzke, Alderperson Lobner, Alderperson Martin, Alderperson Plank, Alderperson Spears, Alderperson Stueck, Alderperson Trauger, Alderperson Dalton and Alderperson Williams

Excused: 1 - Alderperson Dannecker

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Hanna

14-2027

Resolution #28-R-14 submitted by Alderpersons Lobner/Martin/Jirschele/Dalton/Trauger

“WHEREAS the Common Council of the City of Appleton has 15 members, and its council rules require that a majority of those members vote for passage of any resolution, ordinance or action item,

AND WHEREAS other commitments, illness or emergencies may cause members of the council to miss meetings from time to time,

AND WHEREAS having absent members can cause situations where a majority of the council neither votes approve nor deny a resolution, ordinance or action item,

AND WHEREAS items that appear before the council are important to our constituents and our city, and deserve a clear and decisive vote to approve or deny,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that if the Appleton Common Council meets with one or more members absent, any resolution, ordinance or action item that does not receive the vote of a majority of the council to either approve or deny shall be automatically held until the council's next meeting.”

Aldersperson Lobner moved, seconded by Aldersperson Martin, that the Report Action Item be approved. Roll Call. Motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Aldersperson Jirschele, Aldersperson Lobner, Aldersperson Stueck, Aldersperson Trauger, Aldersperson Dalton and Aldersperson Meltzer

Nay: 8 - Aldersperson Coenen, Aldersperson Croatt, Aldersperson Garb, Aldersperson Konezke, Aldersperson Martin, Aldersperson Plank, Aldersperson Spears and Aldersperson Williams

Excused: 1 - Aldersperson Dannecker

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Hanna

E. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

F. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Aldersperson Konezke moved, seconded by Aldersperson Croatt, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 15 - Aldersperson Coenen, Aldersperson Croatt, Aldersperson Garb, Aldersperson Jirschele, Aldersperson Konezke, Aldersperson Lobner, Aldersperson Martin, Aldersperson Plank, Aldersperson Spears, Aldersperson Stueck, Mayor Hanna, Aldersperson Trauger, Aldersperson Dalton, Aldersperson Williams and Aldersperson Meltzer

Excused: 1 - Aldersperson Dannecker

Dawn A. Collins, City Clerk