



# City of Appleton

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Finance Committee

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Monday, April 6, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers, 6th Floor

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1. Call meeting to order

*Chair Firkus called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.*

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call of membership

*Ald. Croatt is remote.*

**Present:** 5 - Firkus, Hartzheim, Van Zeeland, Fenton and Croatt

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

[26-0434](#)

March 23rd, 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [Finance Committee Meeting Minutes March 23rd, 2026.pdf](#)

**Hartzheim moved, seconded by Fenton, that the Minutes be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Firkus, Hartzheim, Van Zeeland, Fenton and Croatt

5. Public Hearing/Appearances

6. Action Items

[26-0435](#)

Request to award the 2026 Appleton Wastewater Tunnel Painting Project contract to Howard Grote & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$189,985 with a contingency of 5 percent for a project total not to exceed \$199,484.

**Attachments:** [2026 AWWTP Tunnel Painting Project.docx](#)

**Hartzheim moved, seconded by Fenton, that the Report Action Item be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Firkus, Hartzheim, Van Zeeland, Fenton and Croatt

[26-0436](#)

Request to award the Appleton Wastewater Treatment Plant M-K Tunnel Roofing Project contract to Crafts Inc. in the amount of \$137,665 with a contingency of 10 percent for a total project cost not to exceed \$151,432.

**Attachments:** [2026 AWWTP M-K Tunnel Roof project.docx](#)

Hartzheim moved, seconded by Fenton, that the Report Action Item be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Firkus, Hartzheim, Van Zeeland, Fenton and Croatt

[26-0442](#)

Request to approve Unit W-26 Sewer and Water Reconstruction Change Order #2 as a Contract Amendment in the amount of \$40,000 for a new not-to-exceed contract total of \$2,718,100 and an unchanged contract contingency of \$60,000.

**Attachments:** [Unit W-26 Change Order No 2\\_final.pdf](#)

Hartzheim moved, seconded by Fenton, that the Report Action Item be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Firkus, Hartzheim, Van Zeeland, Fenton and Croatt

[26-0445](#)

Request to approve the purchase of the Meridian Rapid Defense Group barrier system.

**Attachments:** [Memo- Recommendation to Acquire Meridian Rapid Defense Barrier System.pdf](#)

Fenton moved, seconded by Van Zeeland, that the Report Action Item be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Firkus, Hartzheim, Van Zeeland, Fenton and Croatt

[26-0437](#)

Request to approve FCEC MOU, between City and Driftwood Hospitality.

**Attachments:** [Memo\\_FCECManagementMOU\\_04022026.pdf](#)  
[FCEC MOU - 3.30.26.pdf](#)

Fenton moved, seconded by Hartzheim, that the Report Action Item be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Firkus, Hartzheim, Van Zeeland, Fenton and Croatt

[26-0443](#)

The Finance Committee may go into closed session pursuant to State Statute §19.85(1)(e) (deliberations or negotiations on the purchase of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specific public business when competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session) for the purpose of discussing a memorandum of understanding and future management agreement, related to Fox Cities Exhibition Center, and then reconvene into open session.

## 7. Information Items

## 8. Adjournment

Hartzheim moved, seconded by Fenton, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:18 p.m. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Firkus, Hartzheim, Van Zeeland, Fenton and Croatt