



City of Appleton

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Meeting Minutes - Final Common Council

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

SPECIAL SESSION - ADOPTION OF THE 2026 EXECUTIVE BUDGET & SERVICE PLAN

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Woodford at 6:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL OF ALDERPERSONS

Present: 15 - Alderperson Josh Lambrecht, Alderperson Vered Meltzer, Alderperson Brad Firkus, Alderperson Martyn Smith, Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderperson Denise Fenton, Alderperson Patrick Hayden, Alderperson Patti Heffernan, Alderperson Alex Schultz, Alderperson Vaya Jones, Alderperson Adrian Stancil-Martin, Alderperson Nate Wolff, Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim, Alderperson Christopher Croatt and Mayor Jake Woodford

Excused: 1 - Alderperson Denis Dougherty

D. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

All Departments were represented.

E. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one spoke during Public Participation.

G. ESTABLISH ORDER OF THE DAY

[25-1387](#)

Suspend the Council Rules to go into Committee of the Whole (acting as the Finance Committee) to take up the Finance Committee Budget Workshop Minutes

Alderperson Hartzheim moved, seconded by Alderperson Stancil-Martin, that the Common Council convene into the Committee of the Whole, acting as the Finance Committee. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 14 - Alderperson Josh Lambrecht, Alderperson Vered Meltzer, Alderperson Brad Firkus, Alderperson Martyn Smith, Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderperson Denise Fenton, Alderperson Patrick Hayden, Alderperson Patti Heffernan, Alderperson Alex Schultz, Alderperson Vaya Jones, Alderperson Adrian Stancil-Martin, Alderperson Nate Wolff, Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim and Alderperson Christopher Croatt

Excused: 1 - Alderperson Denis Dougherty

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

[25-1243](#) Request to approve Legal Services Budget (pgs 103-118)

This Report Action Item was approved

[25-1244](#) Request to approve Valley Transit Budget (pgs 281-298)

This Report Action Item was approved.

[25-1245](#) Request to approve Wastewater Budget (pgs 509-532)

This Report Action Item was approved.

[25-1246](#) Request to approve Water Budget (pgs 485-508)

This Report Action Item was approved.

[25-1247](#) Request to approve Stormwater Budget (pgs 533-550)

This Report Action Item was approved.

[25-1248](#) Request to approve Public Works Budget (pgs 299-323)

This Report Action Item was approved.

[25-1249](#) Request to approve Sanitation Special Revenue Fund Budget (pgs 325-338)

This Report Action Item was approved.

[25-1250](#) Request to approve Wheel Tax Special Revenue Fund Budget (pgs 340-342)

This Report Action Item was approved.

- [25-1251](#) Request to approve Subdivision Capital Projects Fund Budget (pgs 344-346)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1252](#) Request to approve Public Works Capital Projects Fund Budget (pgs 348-350)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1253](#) Request to approve Central Equipment Agency Budget (pgs 365-375)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1254](#) Request to approve CEA Replacement Capital Projects Fund Budget (pgs 378-380)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1255](#) Request to approve Parking Budget (pgs 351-364)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1256](#) Request to approve Community Development Budget (pgs 139-154)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1257](#) Request to approve Housing and Community Development Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget (pgs 155-169)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1258](#) Request to approve Industrial Park Land Fund Budget (pgs 172-174)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1259](#) Request to approve TIF Districts Budget (pgs 179-215)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1260](#) Request to approve Human Resources Budget (pgs 119-128)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1261](#) Request to approve Risk Management Budget (pgs 129-137)
This Report Action Item was approved.

- [25-1262](#) Request to approve Health Budget (pgs 381-392)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1263](#) Request to approve Health Grants Special Revenue Budget (pgs 393-415)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1264](#) Request to approve Police Budget (pgs 417-431)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1265](#) Request to approve Police Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget (pgs 434-436)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1266](#) Request to approve Public Safety Capital Projects Fund Budget (pgs 438-440)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1267](#) Request to approve Fire Budget (pgs 441-459)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1268](#) Request to approve Hazardous Materials Type II Special Revenue Fund Budget (pgs 462-464)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1269](#) Request to approve Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund Budget (pgs 466-468)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1270](#) Request to approve Library Budget (pgs 259-276)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1271](#) Request to approve Facilities and Construction Management Budget (pgs 217-226)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1272](#) Request to approve Facilities Capital Projects Fund Budget (pgs 228-230)
This Report Action Item was approved.

- [25-1273](#) Request to approve Parks and Recreation Budget (pgs 231-239)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1275](#) Request to approve Parks and Recreation Trust Funds Budget (pgs 241-247)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1276](#) Request to approve Reid Golf Course Budget (pgs 249-258)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1277](#) Request to approve Information Technology Budget (pgs 89-98)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1278](#) Request to approve Information Technology Capital Projects Fund Budget (pgs 100-102)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1279](#) Request to approve Mayor Budget (pgs 45-54)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1280](#) Request to approve Council Budget (pgs 55-58)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1281](#) Request to approve Debt Service Budget (pgs 469-475)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1282](#) Request to approve General Administration Budget (pgs 75-80)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1283](#) Request to approve Room Tax Special Revenue Fund Budget (pgs 82-84)
This Report Action Item was approved.
- [25-1284](#) Request to approve Finance Budget (pgs 59-68)
This Report Action Item was approved.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (New)

[25-1360](#)

Remove \$699 from General Administration Other Contracts/Obligations (Page 79)

Add \$2,725 to Mayor Regular Salaries (Page 49)

Remove \$6,203 from Mayor Fringes (Page 49)

Add \$8,712 to Mayor Regular Salaries (Page 51)

Remove \$2,672 from Mayor Fringes (Page 51)

Add \$680 to Mayor Regular Salaries (Page 53)

Remove \$2,543 from Mayor Fringes (Page 53)

(Administrative Change)

Aldersperson Fenton moved, seconded by Aldersperson Hartzheim, that the Budget Amendment be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 14 - Aldersperson Josh Lambrecht, Aldersperson Vered Meltzer, Aldersperson Brad Firkus, Aldersperson Martyn Smith, Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland, Aldersperson Denise Fenton, Aldersperson Patrick Hayden, Aldersperson Patti Heffernan, Aldersperson Alex Schultz, Aldersperson Vaya Jones, Aldersperson Adrian Stancil-Martin, Aldersperson Nate Wolff, Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim and Aldersperson Christopher Croatt

Excused: 1 - Aldersperson Denis Dougherty

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

[25-1386](#)

Approve the Finance Committee Budget Workshop ("Budget Saturday") Minutes from November 1, 2025

Attachments: [FC Minutes 11-1-25 Budget Workshop.pdf](#)

Aldersperson Fenton moved, seconded by Aldersperson Stancil-Martin, that the Finance Committee Minutes be approved as amended. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 14 - Aldersperson Josh Lambrecht, Aldersperson Vered Meltzer, Aldersperson Brad Firkus, Aldersperson Martyn Smith, Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland, Aldersperson Denise Fenton, Aldersperson Patrick Hayden, Aldersperson Patti Heffernan, Aldersperson Alex Schultz, Aldersperson Vaya Jones, Aldersperson Adrian Stancil-Martin, Aldersperson Nate Wolff, Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim and Aldersperson Christopher Croatt

Excused: 1 - Aldersperson Denis Dougherty

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

RISE AND REPORT

[25-1388](#)

Reconvene to Common Council

Aldersperson Hartzheim moved, seconded by Aldersperson Smith, to Rise & Report and reconvene as the Common Council. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 14 - Aldersperson Josh Lambrecht, Aldersperson Vered Meltzer, Aldersperson Brad Firkus, Aldersperson Martyn Smith, Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland, Aldersperson Denise Fenton, Aldersperson Patrick Hayden, Aldersperson Patti Heffernan, Aldersperson Alex Schultz, Aldersperson Vaya Jones, Aldersperson Adrian Stancil-Martin, Aldersperson Nate Wolff, Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim and Aldersperson Christopher Croatt

Excused: 1 - Aldersperson Denis Dougherty

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

[25-1389](#)

Report of the Committee of the Whole

Aldersperson Fenton moved, seconded by Aldersperson Schultz, that the Report of the Committee of the Whole (Finance Committee) be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 14 - Aldersperson Josh Lambrecht, Aldersperson Vered Meltzer, Aldersperson Brad Firkus, Aldersperson Martyn Smith, Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland, Aldersperson Denise Fenton, Aldersperson Patrick Hayden, Aldersperson Patti Heffernan, Aldersperson Alex Schultz, Aldersperson Vaya Jones, Aldersperson Adrian Stancil-Martin, Aldersperson Nate Wolff, Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim and Aldersperson Christopher Croatt

Excused: 1 - Aldersperson Denis Dougherty

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

[25-1390](#)

2026 Budget Resolution

Attachments: [2026 Budget Resolution.pdf](#)

Aldersperson Hartzheim moved, seconded by Aldersperson Stancil-Martin, that the 2026 Budget Resolution be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 14 - Aldersperson Josh Lambrecht, Aldersperson Vered Meltzer, Aldersperson Brad Firkus, Aldersperson Martyn Smith, Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland, Aldersperson Denise Fenton, Aldersperson Patrick Hayden, Aldersperson Patti Heffernan, Aldersperson Alex Schultz, Aldersperson Vaya Jones, Aldersperson Adrian Stancil-Martin, Aldersperson Nate Wolff, Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim and Aldersperson Christopher Croatt

Excused: 1 - Aldersperson Denis Dougherty

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

[25-1391](#)

Reconsideration of the Report of the Committee of the Whole

Alderson Fenton moved, seconded by Alderson Hayden, that the Reconsideration of the Report of the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Roll Call. Motion failed by the following vote:

Nay: 14 - Alderson Josh Lambrecht, Alderson Vered Meltzer, Alderson Brad Firkus, Alderson Martyn Smith, Alderson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderson Denise Fenton, Alderson Patrick Hayden, Alderson Patti Heffernan, Alderson Alex Schultz, Alderson Vaya Jones, Alderson Adrian Stancil-Martin, Alderson Nate Wolff, Alderson Sheri Hartzheim and Alderson Christopher Croatt

Excused: 1 - Alderson Denis Dougherty

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

I. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

J. ADJOURN

Alderson Hartzheim moved, seconded by Alderson Wolff, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:13 p.m. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 14 - Alderson Josh Lambrecht, Alderson Vered Meltzer, Alderson Brad Firkus, Alderson Martyn Smith, Alderson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderson Denise Fenton, Alderson Patrick Hayden, Alderson Patti Heffernan, Alderson Alex Schultz, Alderson Vaya Jones, Alderson Adrian Stancil-Martin, Alderson Nate Wolff, Alderson Sheri Hartzheim and Alderson Christopher Croatt

Excused: 1 - Alderson Denis Dougherty

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

Amy Molitor, City Clerk