

**COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF APPLETON, WISCONSIN**

**August 6, 2025**

**Resolution No.: 2025-07**

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**A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance  
and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed  
\$10,865,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025,  
and All Related Details**

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**RECITALS**

The Common Council (the “**Governing Body**”) of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin (the “**Issuer**”) makes the following findings and determinations:

1. The Issuer needs funds to finance infrastructure improvements including, but not limited to, safety cameras, bridges, asphalt, concrete, grade & gravel, and sidewalk programs; improvements to municipal buildings and grounds, including, but not limited to, electrical, hardscape infrastructure, facility renovations, and interior finishes and furniture; improvements to enterprise resource planning system; acquisition of equipment; and development of and improvements to parks and public grounds (collectively, the “**Project**”).

2. The Governing Body now wishes to borrow the funds needed for the Project by selling and issuing its not to exceed \$10,865,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025 (the “**Obligations**”) pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.12(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

3. Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the “**Purchaser**”), or a group that it leads, has proposed to purchase the Obligations for a purchase price to be determined, which shall not be less than 98% or more than 115% of the principal amount of the Obligations to be issued, plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of delivery of the Obligations (the “**Purchase Price**”).

4. The Issuer has taken all actions required by law and has the power to sell and issue the Obligations.

5. The Governing Body is adopting this resolution to sell the Obligations and provide for their issuance upon the terms and conditions set forth in this resolution.

**RESOLUTIONS**

The Governing Body resolves as follows:

## **Section 1. Definitions.**

In addition to the capitalized terms defined in the recitals above, capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this resolution shall have the meanings set forth below unless the context requires another meaning.

“**Authorized Officer**” means the Mayor, the Director of Finance, or the Clerk, each having the authority to act alone on behalf of the Issuer for purposes of Sections 4 and 14 hereof.

“**Book-Entry System**” means a system in which no physical distribution of certificates representing ownership of the Obligations is made to the owners of the Obligations but instead all outstanding Obligations are registered in the name of a securities depository appointed by the Issuer, or in the name of such a depository’s nominee, and the depository and its participants record beneficial ownership and effect transfers of the Obligations electronically.

“**Code**” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“**Continuing Disclosure Agreement**” means the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, dated as of the Original Issue Date, to be executed by the Issuer and delivered on the closing date of the Obligations.

“**Debt Service Fund**” means the fund created by the Issuer pursuant to Section 67.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes to provide for the payment of debt service on its general obligations.

“**Debt Service Fund Account**” has the meaning set forth in Section 16 of this resolution.

“**Depository**” means DTC or any successor appointed by the Issuer and acting as securities depository for the Obligations.

“**Director of Finance**” means the Issuer’s Director of Finance.

“**DTC**” means The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York.

“**Fiscal Agent**” means the Director of Finance, or any successor fiscal agent appointed by the Issuer to act as authentication agent, paying agent, and registrar for the Obligations pursuant to Section 67.10(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

“**Governing Body**” has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this resolution.

“**Issuer**” has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this resolution.

“**Municipal Officers**” means the Mayor and the Clerk of the Issuer. These are the officers required by law to execute general obligations on the Issuer’s behalf.

“**Obligations**” means the not to exceed \$10,865,000 City of Appleton, Wisconsin General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025, which are authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution.

“**Original Issue Date**” means October 1, 2025, or such other date established for delivery of the Obligations pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

“**Project**” has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this resolution.

“**Purchase Agreement**” means the purchase agreement signed and presented by the Purchaser to evidence the purchase of the Obligations and the final terms thereof as described in Section 14.

“**Purchase Price**” has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this resolution.

“**Purchaser**” has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this resolution.

“**Record Date**” means the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month just before a regularly scheduled interest payment date for the Obligations.

“**Recording Officer**” means the Issuer’s Clerk.

“**Register**” means the register maintained by the Fiscal Agent at its designated office, in which the Fiscal Agent records:

- (i) The name and address of the registered owner of each Obligation.
- (ii) All transfers of each Obligation.

## **Section 2. Exhibits.**

The attached exhibits are also a part of this resolution as though they were fully written out in this resolution:

- (i) *Exhibit A* — Form of Obligation.
- (ii) *Exhibit B* — Notice to Electors of Sale.

## **Section 3. Purposes of Borrowing; Issuance of Obligations.**

The Governing Body authorizes the Obligations and orders that they be prepared, executed, and issued, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 4. The Obligations will be fully registered, negotiable, general obligation promissory notes of the Issuer in the principal amount of not to exceed \$10,865,000. The Obligations will be issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.12(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes to pay the costs of the Project and to pay certain costs of issuing the Obligations (including, but not limited to, printing costs and fees for underwriting, financial consultants, bond counsel, fiscal agent, rating agencies, bond insurance, and registration, as applicable).

#### **Section 4. Terms of Obligations.**

The Obligations will be named “City of Appleton, Wisconsin General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025.” The Obligations will be dated the Original Issue Date, even if they are actually issued or executed on another date. Each Obligation will also be dated the date on which it is authenticated by the Fiscal Agent. That date is its registration date.

The face amount of each Obligation will be \$5,000 or any multiple thereof up to the principal amount authorized for that maturity.

The Purchaser will purchase the Obligations at the Purchase Price set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

The Obligations will bear interest from the Original Issue Date at the rates set forth in the Purchase Agreement pursuant to, and in compliance with, the terms set forth in this resolution and accepted by an Authorized Officer; *provided, however*, that (i) the true interest cost of the Obligations shall not exceed 4.50% (computed taking the Purchaser’s compensation into account), (ii) actual debt service in any year does not exceed the amount levied for the same year in Section 15 hereof, and (iii) the difference between the offering price to the public for the Obligations and the Purchase Price to be paid to the Issuer for the Obligations shall not exceed 2.00% of the principal amount of the Obligations.

Interest will be due and payable on each April 1 and October 1, until the principal of the Obligations has been paid, beginning on April 1, 2026, or on such other date as set forth in the Purchase Agreement. Interest on each Obligation will be (i) computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and (ii) payable to the entity or person in whose name the Obligation is registered on the Register at the end of the day on the applicable Record Date. The Issuer and the Fiscal Agent may treat the entity or person in whose name any Obligation is registered on the Register as the absolute owner of the Obligations for all purposes whatsoever under this resolution. The Obligations will be numbered consecutively as may be required to comply with any applicable rules or customs or as determined by the Municipal Officers executing the Obligations.

The Obligations will mature on the dates and in the amounts shown in the following table; except that the principal amounts coming due each year below (i) may instead be mandatory sinking fund redemptions of term notes, and (ii) may be increased or decreased by up to \$1,100,000 in each year and a maturity may be removed if the principal amount of such maturity is less than \$1,100,000. The aggregate principal amount of the Obligations shall not exceed \$10,865,000 and the table below assumes the Obligations are issued in that amount. The actual maturity schedule and interest rates per annum, within the parameters set forth in this Section, will be set forth in the Purchase Agreement and accepted by an Authorized Officer.

<u>Maturity Date</u> <u>(April 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2026	\$ 200,000
2027	100,000
2028	100,000
2029	100,000
2030	700,000
2031	965,000
2032	2,015,000
2033	2,120,000
2034	2,225,000
2035	2,340,000

The principal of, and interest on, the Obligations will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America.

#### **Section 5. Fiscal Agent; Redemption Agent.**

The Issuer appoints the Fiscal Agent to act as authentication agent, paying agent, and registrar for the Obligations. Among other things, the Fiscal Agent shall maintain the Register.

If the Purchase Agreement specifies that certain maturities of the Obligations are term notes and subject to partial mandatory sinking fund redemption as described in Section 8, then the Issuer appoints Associated Trust Company, National Association (the “**Redemption Agent**”) to act as redemption agent for such Obligations, which includes giving notice of redemption on behalf of the Issuer prior to each Sinking Fund Redemption Date (as defined in Section 8). The appropriate officers of the Issuer are authorized and directed to enter into a redemption agent agreement with the Redemption Agent on behalf of the Issuer. Such agreement may provide for the Issuer to pay the reasonable and customary fees of the Redemption Agent for its services.

#### **Section 6. Appointment of Depository.**

The Issuer appoints DTC to act as securities depository for the Obligations. An authorized representative of the Issuer has previously executed a blanket issuer letter of representations with DTC on the Issuer’s behalf, and the Issuer ratifies and approves that document.

#### **Section 7. Book-Entry System.**

On the date of their initial delivery, the Obligations will be registered in the name of DTC or its nominee and maintained in a Book-Entry System. If the Issuer’s relationship with DTC is terminated, then the Issuer may appoint a successor securities depository to maintain the Book-Entry System.

If on any date the Obligations are not being maintained in a Book-Entry System, then the Issuer will do the following:

- (i) At its expense, the Issuer will prepare, authenticate, and deliver to the beneficial owners of the Obligations fully-registered, certificated Obligations in the denomination of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof in the aggregate principal amount then outstanding. The beneficial owners will be those shown on the records of the Depository and its direct and indirect participants.
- (ii) The Issuer will appoint a fiscal agent to act as authentication agent, paying agent, and registrar for the Obligations under Section 67.10(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

#### **Section 8. Redemption.**

The Purchase Agreement may specify that certain Obligations maturing on or after a certain date are subject to redemption at the Issuer's option before their stated maturity dates, in whole or in part, in the order of maturity selected by the Issuer, on a stated redemption date and on any date thereafter. If certain maturities of the Obligations are subject to such optional redemption, then the redemption price will be 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, and no premium will be paid. If payment of an Obligation called for redemption has been made or provided for, then interest on the Obligation stops accruing on the stated redemption date. If less than all outstanding Obligations of a specific maturity are redeemed, then such Obligations will be redeemed in multiples of \$5,000 in accordance with Sections 9 and 10 below, and if a portion, but not all, of a maturity that is subject to mandatory partial redemptions by operation of a sinking fund (as described below) is being redeemed, then the Issuer will select the amounts to be redeemed on future Sinking Fund Redemption Dates (as defined below) that are reduced as a result of the partial redemption.

If the Purchase Agreement specifies that certain maturities of the Obligations are term notes and subject to partial mandatory sinking fund redemption, then the Obligations maturing on such dates shall be subject to partial mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on April 1 of the years (each a "**Sinking Fund Redemption Date**"), and in the respective principal amounts (subject to reduction as provided in the preceding paragraph), as set forth in the Purchase Agreement, consistent with Section 4 hereof.

#### **Section 9. Manner of Payment/Transfers/Redemption Notices Under Book-Entry System.**

So long as the Obligations are being maintained in a Book-Entry System, the following provisions apply:

*Payment.* The Fiscal Agent is directed to pay the principal of, and interest on, the Obligations by wire transfer to the Depository or its nominee in accordance with the Depository's rules that are then in effect.

*Transfers.* The Obligations are transferable, only upon the Register and only if the Depository ceases to act as securities depository for the Obligations and the Issuer appoints a successor securities depository. If that happens, then upon the surrender of the Obligations to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer will issue new fully registered Obligations in the same aggregate principal amount to the successor securities depository, and the Obligations will be recorded as transferred to the successor securities depository in the Register.

The Fiscal Agent will not be required to make any transfer of the Obligations (i) during the 15 calendar days before the date of the sending of notice of any proposed redemption of the Obligations, or (ii) with respect to any particular Obligation, after such Obligation has been called for redemption.

*Partial Redemption.* If less than all the Obligations of a particular maturity are to be redeemed, then the Depository and its direct and indirect participants will select the beneficial owners of the Obligations to be redeemed. If less than all the principal amount of a specific maturity is redeemed, then on or after the redemption date and upon surrender to the Fiscal Agent of the Obligation, the Issuer will issue one or more new Obligations in the principal amount outstanding after the redemption.

*Notice of Redemption.* Notice of the redemption of any of the Obligations will be sent to the Depository, in the manner required by the Depository, not less than 30, and not more than 60, days prior to the proposed redemption date. A notice of optional redemption may be revoked by sending notice to the Depository, in the manner required by the Depository, not less than 15 days prior to the proposed optional redemption date.

**Section 10. Manner of Payment/Transfers/Redemption Notices Not Under Book-Entry System.**

If on any date the Obligations are not being maintained in a Book-Entry System, then the following provisions apply:

*Payment.* The Fiscal Agent will pay the principal of each Obligation upon its presentation and surrender on or after its maturity or earlier redemption date at the designated office of the Fiscal Agent, and the Fiscal Agent will pay, on each interest payment date, the interest on each Obligation by wire or other electronic funds transfer or by check of the Fiscal Agent sent by first class mail to the person or entity in whose name the Obligation is registered on the Register at the end of the day on the applicable Record Date.

*Transfers.* Each Obligation is transferable, only upon the Register, for a like aggregate principal amount of the same maturity and interest rate in denominations of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof. A transfer may be requested by the registered owner in person or by a person with a written power of attorney. The Obligation shall be surrendered to the Fiscal Agent, together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Fiscal Agent signed by the registered owner or by the person with the written power of attorney. The Issuer will issue one or more new fully registered Obligations in the same aggregate principal amount to the transferee or transferees, as applicable, in exchange for the surrendered Obligations and upon the

payment of a charge sufficient to reimburse the Issuer or the Fiscal Agent for any tax, fee, or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such registration.

The Fiscal Agent will not be required to make any transfer of the Obligations (i) during the 15 calendar days before the date of the sending of notice of any proposed redemption of the Obligations, or (ii) with respect to any particular Obligation, after the Obligation has been called for redemption.

*Partial Redemptions.* If less than all the Obligations of a particular maturity are to be redeemed, then the Issuer or the Fiscal Agent will randomly select the Obligations to be redeemed. If an Obligation has been called for redemption but less than the entire principal amount thereof is redeemed, then on or after the redemption date and upon surrender of the Obligation to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer will issue a new Obligation in the principal amount outstanding after the redemption.

*Notice of Redemption.* Notice of the redemption of any of the Obligations shall be sent by first class mail, not less than 30, and not more than 60, days before the redemption date to the registered owners of the Obligations to be redeemed at the respective addresses set forth in the Register. A notice of optional redemption may be revoked by sending a notice, by first class mail, not less than 15 days prior to the proposed optional redemption date to the registered owners of the Obligations which have been called for optional redemption.

#### **Section 11. Form of Obligations.**

The Obligations shall be in substantially the form shown in Exhibit A. Omissions, insertions, or variations are permitted if they are deemed necessary or desirable and are consistent with this resolution or any supplemental resolution. The Issuer may cause the approving opinion of bond counsel to be printed or reproduced on the Obligations.

#### **Section 12. Execution of Obligations.**

The Obligations shall be signed by the persons who are the Municipal Officers on the date on which the Obligations are signed. The Obligations shall be sealed with the Issuer's corporate seal (or a facsimile), if the Issuer has one, and the Obligations shall also be authenticated by the manual signature of the Fiscal Agent.

The Obligations will be valid and binding even if before they are delivered any person whose signature appears on the Obligations is no longer living or is no longer the person authorized to sign the Obligations. In that event, the Obligations will have the same effect as if the person were living or were still the person authorized to sign the Obligations.

A facsimile signature may be used as long as at least one signature of a Municipal Officer is a manual signature or the Fiscal Agent's certificate of authentication has a manual signature. If a facsimile signature is used, then it will be treated as the officer's own signature.



### **Section 13. Continuing Disclosure.**

The appropriate officers of the Issuer are directed to sign the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and the Issuer agrees to comply with all its terms.

### **Section 14. Authorization of Sale of Obligations.**

Each Authorized Officer, acting alone on behalf of the Issuer, is hereby authorized and directed to obtain final pricing information from the Purchaser for the sale of the Obligations on behalf of the Issuer on a date deemed to be most advantageous to the Issuer by such Authorized Officer for the sale of the Obligations; provided, however, that such date shall not be later than December 17, 2025. The Authorized Officer shall reject the pricing information if it does not comply with the parameters set forth in Section 4 of this resolution.

Subject to the terms of this resolution, each Authorized Officer, acting alone on behalf of the Issuer, is hereby authorized and directed to award the sale of the Obligations to the Purchaser at the Purchase Price, plus any accrued interest from the Original Issue Date to the date of delivery of the Obligations, such award to be evidenced by and effected by the execution of the Purchase Agreement. If the Purchase Agreement signed and presented by the Purchaser complies with the parameters set forth in this resolution, then an Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to approve and accept the Purchase Agreement, and an Authorized Officer, acting alone on behalf of the Issuer, is directed (i) to sign the Purchase Agreement in the Issuer's name and (ii) to take any additional actions needed to complete the sale of the Obligations, including arranging for a specific date, time, and location of closing of the sale.

The Municipal Officers are directed to sign the Obligations and to arrange for delivery of the Obligations to the Purchaser through the facilities of DTC in accordance with the Purchase Agreement and this resolution. The Obligations shall be delivered to the Purchaser upon payment by the Purchaser of the Purchase Price as required by this resolution.

Unless waived by the Purchaser, the delivery of the Obligations is conditioned upon the Issuer furnishing the following items to the Purchaser:

- (i) The Obligations, together with the written, unqualified approving opinion of the law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP, bond counsel, evidencing the legality of the Obligations and that interest on the Obligations will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.
- (ii) A transcript of the proceedings relating to the issuance of the Obligations.
- (iii) A certificate showing that no litigation has been threatened or is pending that would affect the legality of the Obligations or the right of the Issuer to issue them on the Original Issue Date.

### **Section 15. General Obligation Pledge; Tax Levy.**

For the prompt payment of the principal of, and interest on, the Obligations, the Issuer irrevocably pledges its full faith and credit. The Issuer hereby levies upon all taxable

property in its territory a direct, annual, and irrevocable tax in an amount sufficient to pay, and for the express purpose of paying, the interest on the Obligations as it falls due and also to pay and discharge the principal of the Obligations on their maturity dates.

This tax shall be carried from year to year into the Issuer's tax roll. It shall be collected in addition to all other taxes and in the same manner and at the same time as all other taxes. The amount of this tax that is carried into the Issuer's tax roll may be reduced in any year by (i) the amount of any surplus money in the Debt Service Fund Account available to pay debt service on the Obligations for such year and (ii) any amount by which the actual debt service coming due in such year is less than the applicable levy amount set forth below. The tax for each year the levy is made will be in the following amounts:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Debt Service Amount Due in Following Year</u>	<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Debt Service Amount Due in Following Year</u>
2025	\$ 850,000.00	2030	\$1,550,000.00
2026	750,000.00	2031	2,650,000.00
2027	750,000.00	2032	2,650,000.00
2028	750,000.00	2033	2,650,000.00
2029	1,350,000.00	2034	2,650,000.00

#### **Section 16. Debt Service Fund Account.**

The Issuer shall create a separate account within the Debt Service Fund solely for the Obligations (the “**Debt Service Fund Account**”), which shall be maintained and administered as provided in Section 67.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The Director of Finance is directed to keep the proceeds of the taxes levied under this resolution, when they are collected, in the Debt Service Fund Account. Any accrued interest received on the Original Issue Date and the premium, if any, paid to the Issuer by the Purchaser in excess of the stated principal amount of the Obligations shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund Account and used to pay interest on the Obligations. If the money in the Debt Service Fund Account is insufficient to make a payment of principal of, or interest on, the Obligations on a date on which such a payment is due, then the Issuer will promptly provide the necessary funds to make the payment from other available sources.

#### **Section 17. Borrowed Money Fund.**

The sale proceeds of the Obligations (not including any accrued interest or premium received) shall be deposited in and kept by the Director of Finance in a separate fund as provided in Section 67.10(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The fund shall be designated with both the name of the Obligations and the name Borrowed Money Fund (the “**Borrowed Money Fund**”). Money in the Borrowed Money Fund, including any earnings, shall be (a) used to pay the costs of the Project, the costs of issuing the Obligations, and the costs of investing amounts in

the Borrowed Money Fund, or (b) transferred to the Debt Service Fund Account as provided by law.

#### **Section 18. Official Statement.**

The Mayor, the Director of Finance, and the City Clerk of the Issuer (in consultation with the Purchaser) are each hereby authorized to cause a preliminary offering document for the Obligations (the “**Preliminary Official Statement**”) to be prepared and distributed prior to the sale of the Obligations and the execution of the Purchase Agreement. The Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Issuer, to approve the form of Preliminary Official Statement and to deem it final as of its date for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), and to supply copies of the Preliminary Official Statement upon request.

The Issuer authorizes and directs a final offering document (the “**Official Statement**”) to be prepared prior to the issuance of the Obligations; *provided, however*, that the Official Statement shall be substantially the form of the Preliminary Official Statement and shall include the final terms of the Obligations as set forth in the Purchase Agreement. The Municipal Officers are directed to deliver copies of the Official Statement to the Purchaser and, if the Purchaser requests, execute one or more copies on behalf of the Issuer. Execution and delivery of the Official Statement will conclusively evidence the approval of the Municipal Officers.

#### **Section 19. Publication of Notice.**

The Recording Officer is directed to publish notice that the Issuer has agreed to sell the Obligations. The notice shall be published in the Issuer’s official newspaper as a class 1 notice under Chapter 985 of the Wisconsin Statutes promptly after the execution of the Purchase Agreement. The notice shall be in substantially the form shown in Exhibit B. The Recording Officer shall obtain proof, in affidavit form, of the publication, and shall compare the notice as published with the attached form to make sure that no mistake was made in publication.

#### **Section 20. Authorization of Officers.**

The appropriate officers of the Issuer are directed to prepare and furnish the following items to the Purchaser and the attorneys approving the legality of the Obligations:

- (i) Certified copies of proceedings and records of the Issuer relating to the Obligations and to the financial condition and affairs of the Issuer.
- (ii) Other affidavits, certificates, and information that may be required to show the facts about the legality of the Obligations, as such facts appear on the books and records under the officer’s custody or control or as are otherwise known to the officer.

All certified copies, affidavits, certificates, and information furnished for such purpose will be representations of the Issuer as to the facts they present.

**Section 21. Tax Law Covenants.**

The Issuer covenants that it will comply with all requirements of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, that must be satisfied so that interest on the Obligations will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

**Section 22. Further Authorization.**

The Issuer authorizes its officers, attorneys, and other agents or employees to do all acts required of them to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

**Section 23. Conflict with Prior Acts.**

In case any part of a prior action of the Governing Body conflicts with this resolution, that part of the prior action is hereby rescinded.

**Section 24. Severability of Invalid Provisions.**

If a court holds any provision of this resolution to be illegal or invalid, then the illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this resolution.

**Section 25. Effective Date.**

This resolution takes effect upon its adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Adopted: August 6, 2025

Approved: August \_\_\_, 2025

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Mayor

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Clerk

## EXHIBIT A

### FORM OF OBLIGATION

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation (“DTC”), to the issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CITY OF APPLETON

Registered

No. R-\_\_\_\_\_

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#### GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTE, SERIES 2025

<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Issue Date</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
_____%	April 1, 20__	_____, 2025	038105 ____

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

THE CITY OF APPLETON, WISCONSIN (herein called the “**Issuer**”), hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay the Principal Amount to the Registered Owner on the Maturity Date, and to pay interest on the Principal Amount from the Original Issue Date at the annual rate of the Interest Rate. Interest is due and payable on each April 1 and October 1, until the Principal Amount has been paid, beginning on April 1, 2026. Interest is computed on the basis of a 360 day year of twelve 30 day months.

This Obligation is one of a duly authorized issue of notes (the “**Obligations**”) of the Issuer of an aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, all of like tenor, except as to denomination, interest rate, maturity date, and redemption provisions, issued by the Issuer pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.12(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and is authorized by the resolution duly adopted by the governing body of the Issuer on August 6, 2025, entitled: “A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$10,865,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025, and All Related Details” (the “**Resolution**”). The Obligations are issuable only in the form of fully registered notes.

On the date of their initial delivery, the Obligations will be maintained in a system in which no physical distribution of certificates representing ownership of the Obligations is made to the owners of the Obligations but instead all outstanding Obligations are registered in the name of a securities depository appointed by the Issuer (a “**Depository**”), or in the name of the Depository’s nominee, and the Depository and its participants record beneficial ownership and effect transfers of the Obligations electronically (a “**Book-Entry System**”). So long as the Obligations are maintained in a Book-Entry System, then the principal of, and interest on, this Obligation will be paid by wire transfer to the Depository or its nominee in accordance with the Depository’s rules that are then in effect by the Director of Finance of the Issuer, or any successor fiscal agent appointed by the Issuer under Section 67.10(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes (the “**Fiscal Agent**”), which will act as authentication agent, paying agent, and registrar for the Obligations.

If on any date the Obligations are *not* being maintained in a Book-Entry System, then (i) the principal of this Obligation will be paid by the Fiscal Agent upon its presentation and surrender on or after its maturity date or earlier redemption date at the designated office of the Fiscal Agent, and (ii) the interest on this Obligation will be paid by the Fiscal Agent, on each interest payment date, by wire or other electronic money transfer or by check of the Fiscal Agent sent by first class mail to the person or entity in whose name this Obligation is registered on the register (the “**Register**”) maintained by the Fiscal Agent at the end of the day on the 15<sup>th</sup> day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month just before each regularly scheduled interest payment date (the “**Record Date**”). The Issuer and the Fiscal Agent may treat the entity or person in whose name this Obligation is registered on the Register as the absolute owner of this Obligation for all purposes.

The principal of, and interest on, this Obligation is payable in lawful money of the United States of America. For the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on this Obligation, the Issuer has irrevocably pledged its full faith and credit. The Issuer has levied upon all taxable property in its territory a direct, annual, and irrevocable tax sufficient in amount to pay, and for the express purpose of paying, the interest on this Obligation as it falls due and the principal of this Obligation on the Maturity Date.

The Obligations maturing on and after April 1, 20\_\_ are subject to redemption before their stated maturity dates, at the Issuer’s option, in whole or in part, in the order of maturity selected by the Issuer, on April 1, 20\_\_ and on any date thereafter. The redemption price will be 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, and no premium will be paid. If payment of an Obligation called for redemption has been made or provided for, then interest on the Obligation stops accruing on the stated redemption date. If less than all outstanding Obligations are redeemed, then such Obligations will be redeemed in multiples of \$5,000 as set forth below[, and if a portion, but not all, of a maturity that is subject to mandatory partial redemptions by operation of a sinking fund (as described below) is being redeemed, then the Issuer will select the amounts to be redeemed on future Sinking Fund Redemption Dates (as defined below) that are reduced as a result of the partial redemption].

[The Obligations maturing on April 1 in the years 20\_\_ and 20\_\_ (the “**Term Notes**”) are also subject to partial mandatory partial redemptions prior to their stated maturity

dates, by operation of a sinking fund. On the following redemption dates (each a “**Sinking Fund Redemption Date**”) the Issuer will redeem the following principal amounts (subject to reduction as provided in the immediately preceding paragraph) of the Term Notes:

Term Notes Maturing April 1, 20\_\_

Sinking Fund Redemption Date (April 1)	Principal Amount To be Redeemed
20__	\$,000
20__	,000
20__ (Stated Maturity)	,000

Term Notes Maturing April 1, 20\_\_

Sinking Fund Redemption Date (April 1)	Principal Amount To be Redeemed
20__	\$,000
20__	,000
20__ (Stated Maturity)	,000]

[The redemption price will be 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the Sinking Fund Redemption Date, and no premium will be paid. The particular Term Notes to be redeemed will be selected in the manner set forth below, and the Issuer will give notice of the redemption in the manner described below.]

So long as the Obligations are being maintained in a Book-Entry System, the following provisions apply:

*Transfers.* The Obligations are transferable, only upon the Register and only if the Depository ceases to act as securities depository for the Obligations and the Issuer appoints a successor securities depository. If that happens, then upon the surrender of the Obligations to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer will issue new fully registered Obligations in the same aggregate principal amount to the successor securities depository and the Obligations will be recorded as transferred to the successor securities depository in the Register.

The Fiscal Agent will not be required to make any transfer of the Obligations (i) during the 15 calendar days before the date of the sending of notice of any proposed redemption of the Obligations, or (ii) with respect to any particular Obligation, after such Obligation has been called for redemption.

*Partial Redemption.* If less than all the Obligations of a particular maturity are to be redeemed, then the Depository and its direct and indirect participants will select the beneficial owners of the Obligations to be redeemed. If less than all the

principal amount of a specific maturity is redeemed, then on or after the redemption date and upon surrender to the Fiscal Agent of the Obligation, the Issuer will issue one or more new Obligations in the principal amount outstanding after the redemption.

*Notice of Redemption.* Notice of the redemption of any of the Obligations will be sent to the Depository, in the manner required by the Depository, not less than 30, and not more than 60, days prior to the proposed redemption date. A notice of optional redemption may be revoked by sending notice to the Depository, in the manner required by the Depository, not less than 15 days prior to the proposed optional redemption date.

If on any date the Obligations are *not* being maintained in a Book-Entry System, then the following provisions apply:

*Transfers.* Each Obligation is transferable, only upon the Register, for a like aggregate principal amount of the same maturity and interest rate in denominations of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof. A transfer may be requested by the registered owner in person or by a person with a written power of attorney. The Obligation shall be surrendered to the Fiscal Agent, together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Fiscal Agent signed by the registered owner or by the person with the written power of attorney. The Issuer will issue one or more new fully registered Obligations, in the same aggregate principal amount to the transferee or transferees, as applicable, in exchange for the surrendered Obligations and upon the payment of a charge sufficient to reimburse the Issuer or the Fiscal Agent for any tax, fee, or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such registration.

The Fiscal Agent will not be required to make any transfer of the Obligations (i) during the 15 calendar days before the date of the sending of notice of any proposed redemption of the Obligations, or (ii) with respect to any particular Obligation, after such Obligation has been called for redemption.

*Partial Redemption.* If less than all the Obligations of a particular maturity are to be redeemed, then the Issuer or the Fiscal Agent will randomly select the Obligations to be redeemed. If an Obligation has been called for redemption but less than the entire principal amount thereof is redeemed, then on or after the redemption date and upon surrender of the Obligation to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer will issue a new Obligation in the principal amount outstanding after the redemption.

*Notice of Redemption.* Notice of the redemption of any of the Obligations shall be sent by first class mail, not less than 30, and not more than 60, days before the redemption date, to the registered owners of any Obligations to be redeemed, at the respective addresses set forth in the Register. A notice of optional redemption may be revoked by sending a notice by first class mail, not less than 15 days prior



to the proposed optional redemption date, to the registered owners of the Obligations which have been called for optional redemption.

The Issuer certifies, recites, and declares that all acts, conditions, and procedures required by law to exist, to have happened, and to be performed, leading up to and in the issuing of this Obligation and of the issue of which it is a part, do exist, have happened, and have been performed in regular and due form, time, and manner as required by law; that the indebtedness of the Issuer, including this Obligation and the issue of which it is a part, does not exceed any limitation, general or special, imposed by law; and that a valid, direct, annual and irrevocable tax has been levied by the Issuer sufficient to pay the interest on this Obligation when it falls due and also to pay and discharge the principal of this Obligation at maturity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer, by its governing body, has caused this Obligation to be executed in its name and on its behalf by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor and Clerk and to be sealed with its corporate seal (or a facsimile thereof), if any, all as of the Original Issue Date.

CITY OF APPLETON, WISCONSIN

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

[SEAL]

And: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

This Obligation is one of the Obligations described in the Resolution.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Finance,  
as Fiscal Agent

## ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR  
OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

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(Please Print or Type Name and Address of Assignee)

the within-mentioned Obligation and all rights thereunder and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ attorney-in-fact, to transfer the same on the books of the registry in the office of the Fiscal Agent, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Guaranteed

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NOTICE: Signatures must be guaranteed by an “eligible guarantor institution” meeting the requirements of the Fiscal Agent. Those requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Association Medallion Program (“STAMP”) or such other “signature guarantee program” as may be determined by the Fiscal Agent in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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Note: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as written on the face of the within Obligation in every particular, without any alteration or change. When assignment is made by a guardian, trustee, executor or administrator, an officer of a corporation, or anyone in a representative capacity, proof of the person’s authority to act must accompany this Obligation.

## EXHIBIT B

### NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF APPLETON, WISCONSIN RELATING TO NOTE SALE

On August 6, 2025, pursuant to Section 67.12(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes, a resolution was offered, read, approved, and adopted whereby the City of Appleton, Wisconsin (the "City") authorized the borrowing of money through the issuance of notes and authorized certain City officials to enter into a purchase agreement relating to said borrowing. On \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 the City entered into a purchase agreement with a purchaser to whom the City agreed to sell its general obligation promissory notes in the principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. It is anticipated that the closing of the notes will be held on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2025. A copy of all proceedings had to date with respect to the authorization and sale of said notes is on file and may be examined in the office of the City Clerk, at 100 North Appleton Street, Appleton, Wisconsin between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

This notice is given pursuant to Section 893.77(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which provides that (i) an action or proceeding to contest the validity of such financing, for other than constitutional reasons, shall be commenced within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, and (ii) the notice may not be published until after the issuer has entered into a contract for sale of the bond or other financing.

Publication Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

/s/ Amy Molitor  
City Clerk

## **CERTIFICATIONS BY CLERK**

I, Amy Molitor, certify that I am the duly qualified acting Clerk of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin (the “**Municipality**”), and as such I have in my possession, or have access to, the complete corporate records of the Municipality and of its Common Council (the “**Governing Body**”), and that attached to this certificate is a true, correct, and complete copy of the resolution (the “**Resolution**”) entitled:

**A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance  
and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed  
\$10,865,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025,  
and All Related Details**

I further certify as follows:

1.     **Meeting Date.** On August 6, 2025, a meeting of the Governing Body was held beginning at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.
2.     **Posting.** On August \_\_\_\_, 2025 (and not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting), I posted, or caused to be posted, at the Municipality’s offices in Appleton, Wisconsin a notice setting forth the date, time, location, and subject matter of said meeting. The notice specifically referred to the Resolution.
3.     **Notification of Media.** On August \_\_\_\_, 2025 (and not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting), I communicated or caused to be communicated, the date, time, location, and subject matter of said meeting to those news media that have filed a written request for such notice and to the official newspaper of the Municipality, if any. The communication specifically referred to the Resolution.
4.     **Open Meeting Law Compliance.** The meeting was a regular meeting of the Governing Body that was held in open session in compliance with Subchapter V of Chapter 19 of the Wisconsin Statutes and any other applicable local rules and state statutes.
5.     **Members Present.** The meeting was duly called to order by the Mayor (the “**Presiding Officer**”), who chaired the meeting. Upon roll call, I noted and recorded that there were \_\_\_\_ members of the Governing Body present at the meeting, such number being a quorum of the Governing Body.
6.     **Consideration of and Roll Call Vote on Resolution.** Various matters and business were taken up during the course of the meeting without intervention of any closed session. One of the matters taken up was the Resolution. A proper quorum of the Governing Body was present for the consideration of the Resolution, and each member of the Governing Body had received a copy of the Resolution. All rules of the Governing Body that interfered with the consideration of the Resolution, if any, were suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Governing Body. The Resolution was then introduced, moved, and seconded, and after due consideration, upon roll call, \_\_\_\_ of the Governing Body members voted Aye, \_\_\_\_ voted Nay, and \_\_\_\_ Abstained.

7. **Adoption of Resolution.** The Resolution was supported by the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the members of the Governing Body in attendance. The Presiding Officer then declared that the Resolution was adopted, and I recorded the adoption of the Resolution.

8. **Approval of Presiding Officer.** The Resolution was approved by the Presiding Officer on August \_\_, 2025, and I have recorded the approval. The approval is evidenced by the signature of the Presiding Officer on the copy of the Resolution to which this certificate is attached.

9. **Publication of Notice.** I have caused the Notice to Electors, in the form of Exhibit B to the Resolution, to be published in the Municipality's official newspaper as specified in the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name and affixed the seal of the Municipality, if any, on this certificate on August \_\_, 2025.

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Clerk

[SEAL]