



City of Appleton

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Meeting Minutes Common Council

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

7:00 pm

Council Chambers

2014 INFORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING and Oaths of Office.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

B. OATHS OF OFFICE

C. ROLL CALL OF ALDERPERSONS

Present: 14 - Alderperson Chris Croatt, Alderperson Greg Dannecker, Alderperson Sarah Garb, Alderperson Jeffrey Jirschele, Alderperson Curt Konetzke, Alderperson Kyle Lobner, Alderperson Joe Martin, Alderperson Kathleen Plank, Alderperson Peter Stueck, Mayor Timothy Hanna, Alderperson Tim Trauger, Alderperson Polly Dalton, Alderperson Christine Williams and Alderperson Vered Meltzer

Excused: 2 - Alderperson Patti Coenen and Alderperson Cathy Spears

D. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

PRESENT: Deputy City Clerk Helgeson, City Attorney Walsh, Deputy City Attorney Behrens, Community and Economic Development Director Harkness, Fire Chief Vander Wyst, Health Officer Eggebrecht, Director of Human Resources Behnke, Police Chief Helein, Library Director Rortvedt.

EXCUSED: City Clerk Peterson, Interim Finance Director Saucerman, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities Gazza, Director of Public Works Vandehey, Director of Information Technology Fox, Director of Utilities Shaw, Valley Transit General Manager Wetter

E. DISCUSSION ON RULES OF COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS.

[14-669](#)

Rules of Council

Attachments: [Council Rules - \(Redlined\) Proposed 04-16-14.pdf](#)
[Council Rules - \(Redlined\) 04-11-14.pdf](#)

F. DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY ALDERPERSONS

[14-651](#)

#19-R-13 - Smith - Submitted at the July 10, 2013 Council meeting.
REFERRED TO: 2014 Organizational Meeting.

Whereas, a resolution passed by the Common Council, the duly elected governing body for the city of Appleton, has the possible effect of changing the City Charter, ordinances, city operations, give direction for a specific action or other actions.

BE IT RESOLVED, that when a resolution has been passed, it is the expectation that said resolution will be carried out fully as the intended purpose and expectation of the Common Council and not to be modified by any committee in a way that weakens the resolution.

Once passed this resolution will affect all resolutions passed in starting in 2013.

[14-652](#)

#7-R-14 - Lobner/Croatt - Submitted at the March 19, 2014 Council Meeting
REFERRED TO: 2014 Organizational Meeting

"BE IT RESOLVED that no member of the common council shall speak on behalf of an absent member of the council unless reading directly from a written statement from the absent member with the expressed consent of said member."

[14-653](#)

#14-R-14 - Croatt - Submitted at the April 2, 2014 Council Meeting.
REFERRED TO: 2014 Organizational Meeting.

“WHEREAS, The motion to refer back is an important tool for legislators and when used appropriately, it can be vital to the decision-making process by providing the opportunity for new information to be presented for consideration and can be used for other important reasons.

AND WHEREAS, A motion to refer back results in additional meetings for committee /council members, staff members, legal professionals, members of the media, and citizens of Appleton. These additional meetings are valuable only if new information is being presented or another valid reason is provided.

AND WHEREAS, Adequate opportunity for discussion and debate should be provided in an effective and efficient manner.

AND WHEREAS, Providing clarity for extending the legislative process would assist with avoiding City of Appleton Page 16 Common Council Meeting Minutes April 2, 2014 confusion and would provide all interested parties the rationale behind the motion to refer back.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Any Alderperson requesting an action item refer back be required to state a specific reason why the request for refer back is being made. The reason to be provided immediately after the refer back request is made.”

S. OTHER BUSINESS

T. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

A motion was made by Alderperson Curt Konetzke, seconded by Alderperson Peter Stueck, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

CHARLENE M. PETERSON, CMC/WCMC
City Clerk