



# City of Appleton

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Common Council

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Wednesday, April 22, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Organizational Meeting

#### 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:** 16 - 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, Alderperson Denis Dougherty and Mayor Jake Woodford

#### D. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

*Representatives from Community Development, Finance, Police, and Public Works were present. All other Department representatives were excused.*

#### E. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

[26-0499](#)

##### **Rule 3. Order of Business**

*Ald. Heffernan*

##### **Subsection a. Invocation**

Request to add to this subsection: When an Invocation includes a prayer to a god of any kind, the Council Member giving the Invocation shall use "I" statements in prayer as opposed to "we" statements.

*This proposed rule change was withdrawn by Alderperson Heffernan with no objections.*

#### F. REMAINING RULES OF COUNCIL

[26-0473](#)

Rules of Council

**Attachments:** [Council Rules - FINAL 4-16-2025.pdf](#)

**Alderson Lambrecht moved, seconded by Alderson Hayden, that the Rules of Council be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 15 - 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, Alderson Christopher Croatt and Alderson Denis Dougherty

**Abstained:** 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

G. PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

*There were no Department & Committee Function changes submitted.*

H. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

[26-0474](#)

Department & Committee Functions

**Attachments:** [Dept-Committee Functions - FINAL 4-16-2025.pdf](#)

**Alderson Lambrecht moved, seconded by Alderson Croatt, that the Department & Committee Functions be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 15 - 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, Alderson Christopher Croatt and Alderson Denis Dougherty

**Abstained:** 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

I. RECOMMIT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

[26-0498](#)

Code of Conduct

**Attachments:** [Code of Conduct.pdf](#)

**Alderson Croatt moved, seconded by Alderson Wolff, that the Code of Conduct be amended to have the last bullet point read "Act decisively and definitively on behalf of all of our constituents.". Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 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 Alderperson Denis Dougherty

**Abstained:** 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

**Alderperson Hartzheim moved, seconded by Alderperson Croatt, to Recommit to the Code of Conduct as amended. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 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 Alderperson Denis Dougherty

**Abstained:** 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

**J. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

[26-0526](#)

2026 Alderperson Board, Commission, and Committee Assignments

**Attachments:** [2026 Committee Assignments.pdf](#)

**Alderperson Hartzheim moved, seconded by Alderperson Van Zeeland, that the 2026 Alderperson Committee Assignments be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 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 Alderperson Denis Dougherty

**Abstained:** 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

**K. ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

*Alderperson Firkus and Alderperson Wolff were nominated.*

*Alderperson Firkus received the most votes and was elected Common Council President.*

L. ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

*Aldersperson Wolff was nominated. Aldersperson Wolff declined the nomination.  
Aldersperson Hayden and Aldersperson Croatt were nominated.*

*Aldersperson Hayden received the most votes and was elected Common Council Vice  
President.*

M. ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY PLAN  
COMMISSION

*Aldersperson Hartzheim and Aldersperson Lambrecht were nominated.*

*Aldersperson Lambrecht received the most votes and was elected Common Council  
Representative to the City Plan Commission.*

N. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

O. ADJOURN

**Aldersperson Hartzheim moved, seconded by Aldersperson Croatt, that the  
meeting be adjourned at 6:26 p.m. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following  
vote:**

**Aye:** 15 - 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, Aldersperson Christopher Croatt and Aldersperson Denis  
Dougherty

**Abstained:** 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

Amy Molitor, City Clerk