

City of Apple Valley

February 26, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Apple Valley, Dakota County, Minnesota, held February 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Municipal Center.

Present: Mayor Hooppaw; Councilmembers Bergman, Hiebert, and Melander

Absent: Councilmember Grendahl

City staff members present were: City Administrator Lawell, City Clerk Scipioni, City Attorney Hills, City Engineer Anderson, Community Development Director Benetti, Parks and Recreation Director Carlson, Deputy Police Chief Dahlstrom, Police Chief Francis, Assistant City Administrator Grawe, Planner Hayes, Public Works Director Saam, and Planner Stroeing.

1. Call to Order and Pledge

Mayor Hooppaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Everyone took part in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion: of Bergman seconded by Hiebert, approving the agenda for tonight's meeting as presented. Ayes - 4 - Nays - 0.

3. Audience

Mayor Hooppaw asked if anyone was present to address the Council, at this time, on any item not on this meeting's agenda.

Maggie Bruecken, 4938 Upper 148th Ct, spoke regarding concerns about Immigration and Customs Enforcement activity in the community. She requested the City join the Coalition for Safe and Stable Communities. She read a resolution from another city and requested the Council adopt something similar with input from the community.

Deborah Minke, 11615 River Hills Drive, Burnsville, discussed an ordinance passed by the City of Burnsville regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement activity on City property. She encourage the Council to adopt a similar ordinance. She shared her concerns regarding a safe community, safety for children, and asked the Council to hold an open forum regarding the issues.

Liliana Goodman, 1011 Baldwin Drive, requested the Council hold an open forum for residents to share their experiences with recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement activities. She also expressed concerns regarding impacts to immigrant-owned businesses and requested the City take action to support those impacted.

Nicole Farrelly, 149 Chaparral Drive, spoke regarding her concerns about public safety and fear experienced by families and children in the community. She asked the Council to hold a session to discuss how the community can come together to support one another.

4. Consent Agenda

Mayor Hooppaw asked if the Council or anyone in the audience wished to pull any item from the consent agenda. There were no requests.

Motion: of Melander, seconded by Hiebert, approving all items on the consent agenda with no exceptions. Ayes - 4 - Nays - 0.

Consent agenda items

- A. Approve minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2026
- B. Approve change of general manager in connection with On-Sale Liquor Licenses issued to Apple Valley Grill, LLC, d/b/a Wild Bill's Sports Saloon, 15020 Glazier Avenue
- C. Approve State Gambling Exempt Permit for BV United Soccer Club on June 27, 2026, at Johnny Cake Activity Center, 14255 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
- D. Receive Cemetery Advisory Committee 2025 Annual Report
- E. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-19** approving revisions to cemetery regulations
- F. Approve Temporary Sign Permit for the 2026 Home and Garden Expo
- G. Approve 2026 Commercial Extraction Permit for Fischer Mining, LLC - A McNamara Company
- H. Approve Request for Proposals for planning consultant services to update the 2050 Comprehensive Plan
- I. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-20** approving plans and specifications for Project 2026-116, Neighborhood Parks Improvements, and authorizing advertisement for receipt of bids March 23, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
- J. Approve acceptance and final payment on agreement with HumeraTech, Inc., for Project 2025-125, Hayes Arena HVAC Replacement (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
- K. Approve claims and bills
- L. Approve 2026-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local No.479
- M. Approve Personnel Report

5. Regular Agenda

A. Introductions and Oaths of Office of Police Officer Matthew Somogyi, Sergeant Sarah Tollefson, and Lieutenant Adam Tschida

Police Chief Francis introduced Police Officer Matthew Somogyi, Sergeant Sarah Tollefson, and Lieutenant Adam Tschida. City Clerk Scipioni administered the oath of office to Office Somogyi, Sergeant Tollefson, and Lieutenant Tschida. Their family members pinned their badges. The City Council congratulated them and thanked them for their service to the City.

B. Advisory Committee Appointments

Ms. Scipioni reviewed her memo listing the applicants for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Telecommunications Advisory Committee vacancies for terms expiring March 1, 2029. Ms. Scipioni reviewed the process of filling the vacancies.

The Mayor called for nominations for the vacancy to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Councilmember Hiebert nominated Linda (Lindy) Engelken, Dawn Plumer, Erin Raab, John Schutte, and Alex Stange. The Mayor declared the nominations closed.

Ms. Scipioni distributed round ballots to the Council, who were asked to select four names of the five nominees. After selections were made, they were tallied and the Ms. Scipioni announced that three names remained.

Ms. Scipioni prepared and distributed round two ballots to the Council, who were asked to select two names. After selections were made, they were tallied and Ms. Scipioni announced that two names remained.

Ms. Scipioni prepared and distributed round three ballots to the Council, who were asked to select one name. After selections were made, they were tallied and Ms. Scipioni announced that Erin Raab received a majority of the votes.

Motion: of Hiebert, seconded by Bergman, adopt **Resolution No. 2026-21** appointing Erin Raab to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term ending March 1, 2029. Ayes - 4 - Nays - 0.

The Mayor called for nominations for the vacancy to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee. Councilmember Hiebert nominated Markus Hoesli, John Schutte, and Daniel Sullivan. The Mayor declared the nominations closed.

Ms. Scipioni prepared and distributed ballots to the Council, who were asked to each select two names from the three nominees. After selections were made, they were tallied and Ms. Scipioni announced that two names remained.

Ms. Scipioni prepared and distributed round two ballots to the Council who were asked to select one name. After selections were made, they were tallied and Ms. Scipioni announced that Markus Hoesli received a majority of the votes

Motion: of Hiebert, seconded by Melander, adopt **Resolution No. 2026-22** appointing Markus Hoesli to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee for a term ending March 1, 2029. Ayes - 4 - Nays - 0.

C. Recombination and Waiver of Plat of unplatted land near Forest Court and 129th Street West

Mr. Hayes provided an overview of the request, as detailed in the Council packet.

Motion: of Melander, seconded by Bergman, adopt **Resolution No. 2026-23** approving recombination of an unplatted parcel in Section 15, Township 115, Range 20, Dakota County, Minnesota. Ayes - 4 - Nays - 0.

Motion: of Melander, seconded by Bergman, adopt **Resolution No. 2026-24** granting a waiver of plat in connection with a conveyance of an unplatted parcel in Section 15, Township 115, Range 20, Dakota County, Minnesota. Ayes - 4 - Nays - 0.

D. Text amendments to the Zoning Code regulating on-sale alcohol in the Retail Business zoning district

Ms. Stroeing provided an overview of the proposed ordinance amendment, as detailed in the Council packet.

Motion: of Hiebert, seconded by Bergman, pass an Ordinance amending the Retail Business zoning district to remove on-sale win and 3.2% liquor as a permitted use in Section 155.156(F), and remove on-sale liquor as a conditional use in Section 155.157(B) and waive second reading. Ayes - 4 - Nays - 0.

6. Communications

During the balloting process for the advisory committee appointments, Mr. Lawell and staff provided several updates to the Council regarding Alimagnet Park restoration work, a Parks and Recreation Open House regarding Johnny Cake Ridge Park East and West, the Apple Valley and Rosemount Teen Police Academy, the Police Department Citizens Academy, Engineering Week, upcoming ribbon cuttings, and seasonal employment opportunities in Parks and Recreation.

Mayor Hooppaw thanked City staff for their recent snow removal efforts.

Councilmember Hiebert congratulated Apple Valley native and Olympian Margie Freed on her accomplishments in the biathlon.

7. Calendar of Upcoming Events

Motion: of Melander, seconded by Hiebert, approving the calendar of upcoming events as included in the Deputy City Clerk's memo, and noting that each event listed is hereby deemed a Special Meeting of the City Council. Ayes - 4 - Nays - 0.

8. Adjourn

Motion: of Bergman, seconded by Hiebert, to adjourn. Ayes - 4 - Nays - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Scipioni, City Clerk

Approved by the Apple Valley City Council on March 12, 2026.


