

## **City of Apple Valley**

### **April 23, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Apple Valley, Dakota County, Minnesota, held April 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Municipal Center.

Present: Mayor Hooppaw; Councilmembers Bergman, Grendahl, Hiebert, and Melander  
(remote due to personal travel)

Absent: None.

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, Human Resources Manager Haefner, Planner Hayes, Finance Director Lemarr, Fire Chief Nelson, Accountant Post, and Public Works Director Saam.

#### **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 Grendahl, seconded by Bergman, approving the agenda for tonight's meeting adding item 4.X. Approve State Gambling Exempt Permit for Fraternal Order of Police South Metro Lodge 14 on May 31, 2026, at Bogart's Entertainment Center.  
Ayes - 5 - Nays - 0. (rollcall vote)

#### **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.

Randy Bailey, resident, spoke to the Council regarding the upcoming Rick's Bike Sale fundraiser on May 2, 2026.

Katherine Connelly, 7544 128<sup>th</sup> Street West, shared information regarding beekeeping and asked the Council consider amending City Code to allow residential beekeeping.

#### **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 Bergman, seconded by Grendahl, approving all items on the consent agenda with no exceptions. Ayes - 5 - Nays - 0. (rollcall vote)

## Consent agenda items

- A. Approve minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2026
- B. Proclaim May 3-9, 2026, "Drinking Water Week"
- C. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-51** accepting donation of fitness equipment from Anytime Fitness Apple Valley for use by Fire Department
- D. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-52** renaming Johnny Cake Ridge Park East and Johnny Cake Ridge Park West
- E. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-53** restricting parking along 144th Street West to the west of Diamond Path
- F. Approve permit for llamas in Alimagnet Park on June 27, 2026
- G. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-54** amending the 2026 Budget for specific items
- H. Approve Audit Engagement Letter with LB Carlson, LLP
- I. Approve continuation of Commission/Committee Recognition Program
- J. Approve encroachment agreement with Apple Valley AH I, LLLP for the Valley Station Apartments project
- K. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-55 accepting easements for Project 2026-130, Apple Valley 11th and 12th Additions Electrical Conversion Phase 2
- L. Approve procedures for administering change orders for Project 2026-116, Neighborhood Parks Improvements and associated lighting installation at the Hagemeister Park tennis courts (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
- M. Approve joint powers agreement with Dakota County and City of Burnsville for Project 2026-139, CP 11-029 CSAH 11 and Palomino Dr. FYA Improvements
- N. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-56** approving plans and specifications for Project 2026-105, 2026 Street Improvements, and authorizing advertisement for Receipt of Bids, on May 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
- O. Approve agreements with Pro-Tec Design, Inc., for installation of security cameras and car readers (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
  - 1. At Redwood Park as part of Project 2024-189, Redwood Park Reconstruction
  - 2. At Kelley Park as part of Project 2024-190, Kelley Park Renovation
- P. Approve agreement with CTI for lighting and sound equipment and installation for Project 2024-190, Kelley Park Renovation (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
- Q. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-57** awarding agreement for Project 2026-109, Central Village Street Improvements Phase 2
- R. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-58** awarding agreement for Project 2026-116, Neighborhood Parks Improvements (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
- S. Approve agreement with Killmer Electric Co., Inc., for lighting installation at Hagemeister Park tennis courts as part of Project 2026-116, Neighborhood Parks Improvements (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
- T. Approve purchase order with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, for lighting equipment at Hagemeister Park for Project 2026-116, Neighborhood Parks Improvements (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
- U. Approve purchase order with Webber Recreational Design, Inc., for exterior benches for neighborhood parks (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
- V. Approve claims and bills
- W. Approve Personnel Report

- X. Approve State Gambling Exempt Permit for Fraternal Order of Police South Metro Lodge 14 on May 31, 2026, at Bogart's Entertainment Center

## **5. Regular Agenda**

### **A. Proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as “Volunteer Recognition Week” in Apple Valley**

Ms. Scipioni introduced this item. Mayor Hooppaw read the proclamation proclaiming April 19 through April 25, 2026, as “Volunteer Recognition Week”.

Motion: of Hiebert, seconded by Grendahl, proclaiming April 19-25, 2026, “Volunteer Recognition Week” in Apple Valley. Ayes - 5 - Nays – 0. (rollcall vote)

### **B. Recognition of Apple Valley students participating in the League of Minnesota Cities “Mayor for a Day” Contest**

Mr. Lawell shared information about the League of Minnesota Cities annual "Mayor for a Day" essay contest. The Mayor and Council recognized nine Apple Valley students who submitted essays.

### **C. Presentation of the Government Finance Officer Association awards and Certified Public Finance Officer designation**

Government Finance Officer Association Representative and Monticello Finance Director Sarah Rathlisberger presented the awards. Ms. Lemarr thanked the Finance Department staff for their excellent work. Ms. Rathlisberger also presented Ms. Lemarr with her Certified Public Finance Officer designation and congratulated her on the accomplishment.

### **D. Serious Sanji Apple Valley, LLC, 7625 148th Street W.**

Ms. Scipioni provided an overview of the application.

Mayor Hooppaw called the public hearing to order at 7:26 p.m. to consider an application for On-On-Sale wine and 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor Licenses for Serious Sanji Apple Valley, LLC. The Mayor asked for questions or comments from the Council and the audience. There were none and the hearing was declared closed at 7:26 p.m.

Motion: of Grendahl, seconded by Hiebert, adopting **Resolution No. 2026-59** approving issuance of On-Sale Wine and 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor Licenses. Ayes - 5 - Nays – 0. (rollcall vote)

### **E. Moe’s Southwest Grill, 7668 150th Street W., Suite 301**

Mr. Hayes provided an overview of the application, as detailed in the meeting packet. At its April 1, 2026, meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the application.

Motion: of Bergman, seconded by Grendahl, adopting **Resolution No. 2026-60** approving Conditional Use Permit and Variance for Moe’s Southwest Grill at 7668 150th Street W., Suite 301. Ayes - 5 - Nays – 0. (rollcall vote)

## 6. Communications

Mr. Lawell shared information regarding the upcoming City Tree Sale.

The Mayor encouraged community members to apply for seasonal positions with the Parks and Recreation Department.

## 7. Calendar of Upcoming Events

Motion: of Grendahl, 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 - 5 - Nays – 0. (rollcall vote)

## 8. Adjourn

Motion: of Grendahl, seconded by Hiebert, to adjourn. Ayes - 5 - Nays – 0. (rollcall vote)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Scipioni, City Clerk

Approved by the Apple Valley City Council on May 14, 2026.

  
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