

City of Apple Valley

March 26, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Apple Valley, Dakota County, Minnesota, held March 26, 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, Community Development Director Benetti, Parks and Recreation Director Carlson, Deputy Police Chief Dahlstrom, Police Chief Francis, Assistant City Administrator Grawe, Human Resources Manager Haefner, Finance Director Lemarr, Fire Chief Nelson, 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 Hiebert, approving the agenda for tonight's meeting as presented. Ayes - 5 - Nays – 0 (rollcall).

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.

Kristina Gasparian, 15710 France Way, stated cities should be prohibited from signing non-disclosure agreements.

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).

Consent agenda items

- A. Approve minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2026

- B. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-36** setting public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on April 23, 2026, to consider On-Sale Win and 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License application from Serious Sanji Apple Valey, LLC, 7625 148th Street W.
- C. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-37** accepting donations from various businesses and organizations for 2026 Mid-Winter Fest
- D. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-38** accepting donation from Carter Seppelt for use by Parks and Recreation Department
- E. Proclaim April 24, 2026, as “Arbor Day” and May 2026 as “Arbor Month”
- F. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-39** approving appropriation of committed funds
- G. Receive Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Department’s 2025 Annual Report
- H. Receive Apple Valley Planning Commission 2025 Annual Report
- I. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-40** approving a Conditional Use Permit for Niemann Ace Hardware outdoor display and sales area and attaching conditions thereto
- J. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-41** approving one-year extension of a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communications monopole, Bethel Assemblies of God Church, 14201 Cedar Avenue
- K. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-42** supporting an application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Local Trail Connections Program for a trail connection at Roers Pond and Founders Lane
- L. Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)
 - 1. Extend agreement with Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce to administer the CVB through December 31, 2027
 - 2. Approve 2026 CVB budget
- M. Authorize the Police Chief to enter into a memorandum of understanding with property owners to proactively address trespassing and other ordinances
- N. Approve memorandum of understanding with the United States Postal Inspection Service
- O. Approve grant agreement with the State of Minnesota for participation in the Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training program
- P. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-43** approving plans and specifications for Project 2026-141, Neighborhood Parks Improvements, Phase 2, and authorizing advertisement for receipt of bids on April 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- Q. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-44** awarding agreement for Project 2026-106, Apple Valley Additions Street and Utility Improvements Phase 2, and Project 2026-107, Apple Valley Additions Stormwater Improvements
- R. Approve playground equipment/installation purchase orders for Project 2026-116, Neighborhood Parks Improvements (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
 - 1. Purchase order with Landscape Structures, Inc., for playground equipment and with Sawtooth Holdings, Inc., d/b/a Flagship Recreation, for installation for Hagemeister Park
 - 2. Purchase orders with PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc., for Cedar Knolls, Findlay, Fred J. Largen, Longridge, and Wallace Parks
 - 3. Purchase order with St. Croix Recreation Fun Playgrounds, Inc., for Tintah Park
- S. Approve playground equipment purchase order with Landscape Structures, Inc., and installation purchase order with Sawtooth Holdings, Inc., d/b/a Flagship Recreation, for Project 2026-141, Neighborhood Parks Improvements, Phase 2, at Moeller Park (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)

- T. Approve purchase orders with Webber Recreational Design, Inc., for exterior tables and benches (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
 - 1. At Redwood Park for Project 2024-189, Redwood Park Reconstruction
 - 2. At Kelley Park for Project 2024-190, Kelley Park Renovation
- U. Approve agreement with Minnesota Ag Power, Inc., d/b/a Midwest Machinery Company, for Project 2026-138, Mower and Snowblower Lease 2026-2027
- V. Surplus parks equipment
 - 1. Declare playground equipment at various parks to be surplus
 - 2. Approve agreement with Auction Masters, Inc., to hold an online auction
- W. Approve Change Order No. 7 to agreement with Kraus-Anderson Construction Company for Project 2024-189, Redwood Park Reconstruction (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
- X. Approve Change Order No. 2 to agreement with Kraus-Anderson Construction Company for Project 2024-190, Kelley Park Renovation (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
- Y. Project 2021-172, Police Garage
 - 1. Approve revised AIA Documents C132-2019 and E235-2019 agreement with RJM Construction, LLC, for Project 2021-172, Police Garage
 - 2. Approve Change Order to agreement with RJM Construction, LLC, for Project 2021-172, Police Garage
 - 3. Approve acceptance and final payment on agreement with RJM Construction, LLC, for Project 2021-172, Police Garage
- Z. Approve acceptance and final payment on agreement with Bituminous Roadways, Inc., for Project 2025-154, Neighborhood Parks Improvements (2023 Parks Bond Referendum)
- AA. Approve claims and bills
- BB. Approve Pay Equity Report
- CC. Approve Personnel Report

5. Regular Agenda

A. Introduction and Oaths of Office of Firefighters

Chief Nelson introduced Firefighters Atwater, Burke, Mendoza, Sjoberg and Szymanski. Ms. Scipioni administered the oath of office to Firefighters Atwater, Burke, Mendoza, Sjoberg and Szymanski. Their family members pinned their badges. The City Council congratulated Firefighters Atwater, Burke, Mendoza, Sjoberg and Szymanski on the end of their probationary period and thanked them for their service to the City.

B. Apple Valley Technology Park (Data Center) Project – Oppidan Development

Mr. Benetti provided an overview of the request, as detailed in the meeting packet. He stated the Planning Commission, at its March 18, 2026, meeting, unanimously recommended denial of the preliminary plat, site plan and building permit authorization, and conditional use permit.

Motion: of Grendahl, seconded by Hiebert, adopt **Resolution No. 2026-45** denying the Preliminary Plat of Apple Valley Technology Park as requested under Planning Application Case No. PC24-23-BCSZ, with findings noted therein. Ayes - 5 - Nays – 0 (rollcall vote).

Motion: of Grendahl, seconded by Bergman, adopt **Resolution No. 2026-46** denying the Site & Building Plan and Building Permit Authorization for the proposed Apple Valley Technology Park (data center campus), as requested under Planning Application Case No. PC24-23-BCSZ, with findings noted therein. Ayes - 5 - Nays – 0 (rollcall vote).

Motion: of Grendahl, seconded by Hiebert, adopt **Resolution No. 2026-47** denying the Conditional Use Permit for the proposed Apple Valley Technology Park (data center use), as requested under Planning Application Case No. PC24-23-BCSZ, with findings noted therein. Ayes - 5 - Nays – 0 (rollcall vote).

6. Communications

Chief Francis shared information about the upcoming Sensory Friendly Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by the Police Department on Saturday, April 4.

Councilmember Hiebert thanked City staff for their snow clearing efforts during the recent snowstorm.

7. Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Scipioni, City Clerk

Approved by the Apple Valley City Council on April 9, 2026.


