

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special working session of the City Council of Appleton was held on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025 in the Council Chambers at the Appleton Civic Center.

Council Members Present in Chambers: Justin Koepp, Al Oyen, Vanessa Lhotka-Meyer & Jim Masee.

Council Members Absent: Stacey Raddatz

City Staff Present in Chambers: John Olinger – City Administrator, Emma Haugen – Clerk/Treasurer, Sedrick Borsgard – Police Chief & Cody Thomson – Police Officer.

Public Present in Chambers: John Pfaff, Dan Enke

Mayor Koepp called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

- I. **Police Department:** Chief Borsgard and Office Thomson discussed with the council the staffing levels, requirements for officers to be hired, filling shifts when current staff take vacations and salaries/wages
- II. **2026 Budget Expenditures:** Administrator Olinger presented the council with a preliminary draft of the 2026 expenditures. He asked the council to set/evaluation priorities to help in shaping the budget for 2026. He also presented the requests from the departments for 2026. The focus is on replacing what the city already has and not adding anything new. There was also discussion on how start finding ways to save for the large equipment that is needed for the city and evaluating what we have and how we can find a way to do the same work with less overhead. The council indicated that the police department salaries should be a priority. The finance and planning commissions will review the budget with that in mind and see where there could be decreases in other areas to support that priority.
- III. **Adjournment:** The open working session was ended at 7:01 pm to enter into the closed session.