

**Common Council**

Wed, Mar 01, 2023 7:00PM • 12:30

**Mayor Jake Woodford 04:35**

Good evening, I now call to order the Wednesday March 1, 2023 meeting of the Appleton Common Council. Tonight's invocation will be delivered by Alder Meltzer.

**Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 04:49**

Thank you. I would like to share a poem with you tonight by Mary Oliver. Mary Jane Oliver was an American poet who won the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. Her work is inspired by nature rather than the human world, stemming from her lifelong passion for solitary walks in the wild. This poem is titled "Spring."

**Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 05:12**

Somewhere, a black bear has just risen from sleep, and is starting down the mountain. All night in the brisk and shallow restlessness of early spring, I think of her. Her four black fists flicking the gravel. Her tongue, like a red fire touching the grass, the cold water. There was only one question: how to love this world? I think of her rising like a black and leafy ledge to sharpen her claws against the silence of the trees. Whatever else my life is with its poems and its music and its glass cities, it is also this dazzling darkness, coming down the mountain, breathing and tasting. All day I think of her, her white teeth, her wordlessness, her perfect love. Thank you.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 06:09**

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the flag stands one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 06:25**

Roll call of alders.

**Clerk Kami Lynch 06:44**

All are represented with the exception of Alderspersons Firkus, Van Zeeland, Thao, Alfheim, and Croatt who are excused.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 06:52**

Thank you. And roll call of officers and department heads.

**Clerk Kami Lynch 06:56**

All are represented.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 06:58**

Thank you. Alright. As I understand it, the vote-cast system is not working or it's not working on every device. So, what we're going to do is just we'll handle things on a on a voice vote. And then if folks want to call for division, we can do that. But we'll just handle these or handle our business with voice votes.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 07:18**

So, I need a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. We have a motion and a second. And yeah, we'll see how it works with making motions but for now, we'll just we'll handle it. We've got them. We've got them recorded here. So, Alder Hartzheim. Moved and Alder Thyssen seconded. So, we have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion of the minutes? Hearing none, all those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, the motion passes unanimously. The minutes have been approved.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 07:56**

Business presented by the mayor. I have three proclamations to share with you. MS Awareness Week, Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week is March 12 through the 18th. We have a fundraising competition going on between the city of Appleton and the city of De Pere. The losing mayor has to sing in front of the crowd gathered at the walk of the other community. So I'm asking for the help of the Appleton community to help me avoid that indignity by contributing to the fundraiser. And we'll share more about that on city social media as we make our way through the month. But a great cause and good to raise awareness in the community. Again, MS Awareness Week, March 12 through the 18th in the city.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 08:45**

It is also Be Active Wisconsin Month, another important activity for—statewide activity—encouraging folks across the state to be active, and not just in this month, but every month.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 08:58**

And then finally, Colorectal Cancer Awareness month is the month of March. So, we'll be recognizing that also in the city of Appleton.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 09:06**

I have no further business to present. So, we'll move on to public participation. We have no members of the public signed up to speak. So, with that, we'll move on.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 09:16**

No public hearings, no special resolutions. So, we'll establish the order of the day. Anyone like to request separate votes? And since the tablets are acting up, just shout it out. Any separate votes? Going once, going twice?

**Mayor Jake Woodford 09:38**

All right. The order of the day has been established, and it is the balance of the agenda. So, we need a motion on the balance. We have a motion, a motion and a second, on the on the balance of the agenda. Is there any discussion on the balance? Hearing none, all those in favor please signify by saying Aye. Any opposed? Okay, hearing none the motion passes. The balance of the agenda has been approved unanimously.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 10:05**

We have no consolidated action items. We have no items held, no ordinances on this agenda. License applications and communications referred to committees of jurisdiction. Okay.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 10:18**

Resolutions submitted by alders referred to committees of jurisdiction. Have there been any resolutions submitted?

**Clerk Kami Lynch 10:24**

No, there have not.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 10:26**

Alright. Is there any other business? All right, hearing none, I will just say on other business given that there are 10 members present tonight, we're right on the edge of a quorum so that's the first time we've had that situation in a while so just please, as soon as you know you're gonna have an absence let us know ahead of time

if you can. You know, sometimes things come up last minute, but the more we know in advance, the better we'll be. So appreciate as much advance notice as you can give us if you're not going to be able to be here. Alder Schultz for other business.

**Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 11:06**

Thank you, Mayor. Just for the benefit of community members and those who may not have heard the news, could you come and just really briefly on the decision by the Trout on the city's, essentially what you reiterated downstairs.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 11:19**

Given. Yeah, given the—so Alder Schultz is asking for a comment on the announcement by the Trout Museum of Art. This was not noticed on the agenda, so I want to be very careful about giving any comment about this. I will just simply refer members of the Council to the media release that was put out by the Trout Museum of Art, and is publicly available. We also conducted a media availability downstairs earlier this evening. And there were a number of local media outlets that conducted interviews. So that will be available in public reporting.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 11:55**

So unfortunately, we didn't notice it. I really want to be careful about not delving deeply into this issue without a notice. So, with that, that's about all I can say on it, Alder Schultz.

**Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 12:07**

What you just shared was sufficient.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 12:08**

Okay, thank you. All right. Any other business? Hearing none, I'll take a motion to adjourn. We have a motion and a second to adjourn. All those in favor, please signify by saying Aye. Any opposed? Hearing none motion passes and we are adjourned. Thank you