

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

ROLL CALL: 5:30 PM

NOTICE OF DUE AND LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE OF PARTICIPANT SIGN-IN & MEETING RECORDING DISCLOSURE

If you want to speak on an agenda item tonight, please sign in. Please be advised that this meeting will be recorded for documentation purposes. If anyone has objections to this procedure, please voice them now.

NOTICE OF DUE AND LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice of this meeting has been posted at Bank First, the Wakefield Post Office, and the City of Wakefield office.

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS

This is an open meeting of the Wakefield, Nebraska City Council. The City of Wakefield abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Nebraska Opening Meetings Act is displayed on the east wall of this meeting room as required by Nebraska State Law.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

The City Council may vote to go into Executive/Closed Session on any agenda items as allowed by Nebraska State Law per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, Stating Purpose, Participants, and time of closed session. The public may be excused and re-enter the meeting room at any time after reconvening the open session.

REGISTERED AGENDA SPEAKERS:

The mayor or presiding meeting officers reserves the right to deny this request or will call you to the podium when your agenda item is ready to be heard. Presentations, if allowed, may be limited to three (3) minutes per person with a limit of three (3) individuals speaking per topic position. Please come to the podium, clearly state your name and address for the meeting record and the agenda item of which you are speaking. Please speak in a professional, courteous manner.

1. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM:

1.A. Action on the minutes from February 26, 2026 special meeting

1.B. Action on the February 2026 Treasurer's Report

1.C. Community Redevelopment Authority

1.D. Library Board

1.E. Wakefield Health Care Center Report

2. Park Board

3. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS ON FILE: see attached report

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

4.A. Discuss and consider a request from Wakefield Volunteer Fire Department to apply for a grant from Black Hills Energy.

4.B. Discuss and consider request from Wakefield Rescue to apply for a grant through Wakefield Home and Closet

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Police Review

6. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:

6.A. City Attorney Report

6.B. County Sheriff's Report

6.C. Utility Foreman Report

6.D. City Administrator's report:

7. AGENDA/COMMENTS/SPEAKERS FROM THE PUBLIC: During this time, comments from the public are permitted only on the agenda items listed below and are limited to three (3) minutes per person. If speaking tonight, please go to the podium, clearly state your first and last name the meeting record. Please speak in a professional, courteous manner.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8.A. Discuss and consider mayoral appointments to boards, committees, and authorities:

Citizens' Advisory Board (4-year term): _____

Community Redevelopment Authority (5-year term): _____

Planning & Zoning (3-year term): _____

Tree Board (1 year term): _____

8.B. Discuss and Consider interlocal agreement with Wakefield Rural Fire Board

8.C. Discuss and consider bids for concession stand deck replacement

8.D. Discuss and consider fireworks for August 15, 2026 WakeFest

8.E. Discuss and consider the RFP for the comprehensive plan/housing study

8.F. Update on Biermann foreclosure proceedings

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.A. Discuss and consider the fire department's Mutual Aid Agreement with Northeast Nebraska Mutual Aid District

- 9.B. Discuss and consider fire department's pump truck repairs
- 9.C. Discuss and consider voluntary battery collection pilot program at Gardner Public Library
- 9.D. Discuss and Consider complaint regarding CVA/Cubby's property
- 9.E. Discuss and consider street closures for May 16, 2026
- 9.F. Discuss and consider sale of property by Z&Z Storage
- 9.G. Discuss and consider proposed speed limit change on south Highway 35 through town
- 9.H. Discuss and consider proposal to CRA for the Henderson building at 3rd & Main Streets
- 9.I. Discuss and consider seasonal employee help
- 9.J. Discuss and consider Resolution 1-2026 directing the fees of the Wakefield Family Aquatic Center
- 9.K. Discuss and consider Ordinance 2-2026 establishing directing the wages for certain municipal employees
- 9.L. Discuss and consider resignation of council member Dolen
- 9.M. Discuss and consider the Ward 1 vacancy plan.

10. Consideration and Possible Action on the Purchase and Acquisition of Real Estate, Approximately 120 Acres, located in Section 32. Township 27 North. Range 5 East of the 6th P.M. Dixon County, Nebraska from DTLA Farms, LLC.

11. ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 5:30pm

Committee Meeting:

Council Sub-Committees	2026	Meetings:
A. LIGHT, WATER, SEWER	Matt & Scott	Apr/Dec
B. STREET & ALLEY	John & Matt	Feb/July
C. FINANCIAL & OPERATIONS	Zach & Matt	May/Aug
D. PARK & RECREATION	Scott & Zach	Mar/Sept
E. BUILDING & LANDFILL	Scott & John	June/Nov
F. POLICE & ORDINANCE REVIEW BOARD	John & Zach	Jan/Oct

*Closed sessions may be necessary for the protection of public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting.

Pam Vander Veen,
City Clerk