

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, September 9, 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. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 1.A. Open Public Hearing to set final tax request for fiscal year 2026-2027 budget
- 1.B. Open Public Hearing for fiscal year 2026-2027 budget

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

2.A. Action on the minutes from August 26, 2026 meeting

2.B. Action on the August 2026 Treasurer's Report

2.C. Citizen Advisory Committee

2.D. Community Redevelopment Authority

2.E. Library Board

2.F. Park Board

2.G. WRDG

3. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS ON FILE: see attached report

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

4.A. Discuss and consider a request from the Street Superintendent to set a public hearing date for the 1- & 6- year Street Plan

5. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

5.A. Sub Committee Review Update

6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:

7.A. City Attorney Report

7.B. County Sheriff's Report

7.C. Utility Foreman Report

7.D. City Administrator's report:

8. 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.*

9. Close Public Hearing to set final tax request for fiscal year 2026-2027 budget

10. Close Public Hearing for fiscal year 2026-2027 budget

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

11.A. Discuss budget updates and recommendations

11.B. Discuss and consider Resolution # 7-2026 setting the property tax request for the 2026-2027 fiscal year

11.C. Discuss and consider signage for north and south entrances of the City.

11.D. Discuss and consider ordinance # 6-2026 regarding Electric rate increase

12. NEW BUSINESS:

12.A. Discuss and consider request from Wakefield Progressive to pay annual statement to Placer.AI.

12.B. Discuss and consider pay request from Patriot Buildings for reskinning shop building.

12.C. Discuss and consider maturing Certificates of Deposit #961 and #983

12.D. Discuss and consider Resolution # 8-2026 regarding the closure of the Civic Center checking account

12.E. Discuss and consider purchase of rotary mower for John Deere tractor.

12.F. Discuss and consider electric rate study by JK Energy Consulting, LLC.

12.G. Discuss and consider library substitute position

12.H. Discuss and consider upcoming vacancies for boards, committees, and authorities

12.I. Discuss and consider RFP for Comprehensive and Housing Plan

12.J. Discuss and consider potential property purchase

12.K. Discuss and consider Ordinance #7-2026 regarding FY 2026-2027 employee wages

13. ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: If needed, Sunday, September 27, 2026 1pm at Council Chambers, 405 Main Street, Wakefield, NE

Committee Meeting:

Matt --> Finance & Operations; Light, Water, & Sewer; Streets & Alleys
Joe --> Finance & Operations; Police & Ordinance; Parks & Rec
John--> Building & Landfill; Police & Ordinance; Streets & Alleys
Scott --> Building & Landfill; Light, Water, & Sewer; Parks & Rec

2026 Payables/Bank Rec Schedule:

February-John

March-Matt

April-Scott

May-Joe

June-John

July-Matt

August-Scott

September-Joe

October-John

November-Matt

December-Scott

*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