A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor White presiding and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL — Present: Councilmembers White, Heikkila, Zeckovich, and Shirkey

Absent: Libertoski

Also Present: Robert A. Brown Jr., City Manager; and 3 guests present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA — Shirkey moved, Heikkila seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA — a) January 22, 2024, regular Council meeting minutes; b) January (final) and February (partial) invoices. Zeckovich moved, Shirkey seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT — none

UNFIN-ISHED BUSINESS — a)

NEW BUSINESS — a) Poverty Exemption Guidelines: Resolution #350- Shirkey moved, Zeckovich seconded, to approve Resolution 350. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Sheriff Contract: Resolution #251- Heikkila moved, Shirkey seconded, to approve and adopt Resolution 351 and authorize the mayor and clerk to affix their signature to the Law Enforcement Protection Agreement. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) Temporary Noise Variance: Resolution #352- Shirkey moved, Zeckovich seconded, to approve and adopt Resolution 352 as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

d) Election Inspector Wages- Zeckovich moved, Shirkey seconded, to increase the wage for the election inspector to $15.50 and the Chairperson to $16.50. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

e) Library Board Appointment- Shirkey moved, Heikkila seconded, to confirm the mayor's appointment of Isabella R Schroeder to the Wakefield Community Library for a five-year term as identified in the staff report. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

f) Gus Macker Temporary Road Closure: Traffic Control Order #103-2024- Zeckovich moved, Heikkila seconded, to approve and adopt Traffic Control Order #103-2024 and authorize the mayor to affix their signature to the order. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

g) MDOT Road Closure Request UP-67: Traffic Control Order #104-2024- Heikkila moved, Shirkey seconded, to authorize the City Manager to submit the UP-67 as presented to M-DOT, requesting the closure of M-28 to conduct the Gus Macker Tournament. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT — none

MANAGER REPORT — City Manager updated the Council on recent events.

REPORTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON AND REP-RESENTA-TIVE — Jim Anderson and Dale White gave updates to the council.

ADJOURN-MENT — Shirkey moved, Zeckovich seconded, to adjourn at 5:46 PM, Motion CARRIED.

Approved: 2/26/24

Dale White

Dale White, Mayor

Susan Ahonen

Susan Ahonen, City Clerk