



Willows City Council Regular Meeting Action Minutes

April 8, 2025
Willows City Hall
6:00 PM

City Council
Evan Hutson, Mayor
Rick Thomas, Vice Mayor
Matt Busby, Council Member
Gary Hansen, Council Member
Lorri Pride, Council Member

City Manager
Marti Brown

City Clerk
Karleen Price

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Busby, Hansen, and Pride

Councilmembers Absent: None

4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Staff noted that Joe Bettencourt, Community Development Director, was absent.

5. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

- a. **Proclamation** – National Child Abuse Prevention Month - received by Lisa Perman and Cynthia Reyes of Glenn County Child Welfare Services
- b. **Proclamation** – Sexual Assault Awareness Month - received by Leticia Ojedo and Dulce Perez of Glenn County Victim/Witness Program
- c. **Proclamation** – National Volunteer Week

6. PRESENTATION

- a. **The Transition of Childhood**
Action: Received the presentation from Dr. Jared Garrison.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT & CONSENT CALENDAR FORUM

Public Comment Open: 6:40PM, Closed 6:43PM

Public Comment #1: Dr. Rebecca Boening, Willows Pediatric

- a. **Register Approval**
Action: Approved general checking, payroll, and direct deposit check registers.
- b. **Minutes Approval**
Action: Approved the March 25, 2025, meeting minutes.
- c. **Letter of Opposition – Transit Oriented Development**
Action: Approved a letter of opposition for SB 79 – Transit-Oriented Development.
- d. **Notice of Completion for the Jensen Park Pathway Improvement Project**
Action: Approved Resolution 11-2025 accepting the improvements associated with the Jensen Park Pathway Improvement Project and authorized the filing of the Project’s Notice of Completion.

Motion to approve items a, b, c, and d on the consent calendar.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Hansen and Councilmember Busby
Yes: Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Busby, Hansen, and Pride
No: None
Absent: None

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

- a. **Planning Commission Appointments**
Action: Appointed Cristina Ocampo and R. Keith Corum to the Willows Planning Commission for the terms ending December 31, 2025, and December 31, 2027, respectively.

Moved/Seconded: Vice Mayor Thomas and Councilmember Hansen
Yes: Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Busby, Hansen, and Pride
No: None
Absent: None
- b. **City Contract Template**
Action: Adopted the proposed contract template as the City’s standard contract of use for projects and/or services that exceed \$10,000.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Hansen and Councilmember Pride
Yes: Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Busby, Hansen, and Pride
No: None
Absent: None
- c. **Children’s Librarian Position**
Action: Directed staff to move forward with hiring a part-time Children’s Librarian to implement children’s programs at the Willows Library.
Public Comment Open: 7:03PM, Closed 7:08,

- (i) Mrs. Columbo, Retired School Teacher
- (ii) Phadie Irons, Glenn County Office of Education

Public Comment Reopened: 7:37, Closed 7:43PM

- (iii) Kristel Bettencourt, Friend of the Library
- (iv) Chelsey Wolcott, Parent

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Pride and Councilmember Hansen

Yes: Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Busby, Hansen, and Pride

No: None

Absent: None

7. COMMENTS & REPORTS

a. Council Correspondence

b. City Council Comments & Reports

Councilmember Busby provided an update on the activities of the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Committee.

Councilmember Pride provided an update on the activities of the Economic Development Committee, the Planning Commission meeting, and the Ad Hoc Committee.

c. City Manager's Report

City Manager Marti Brown advised Council of the Finance and Measure I Oversight Committee (FMiOC) Town Hall Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 5:30 pm.

8. CLOSED SESSION – 7:56PM

a. Conference with Labor Negotiators (§54957.6)

b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§ 54957)

Report Out: Received information and provided direction to City Staff.

9. ADJOURNMENT – 9:22PM

Karleen Price, City Clerk