Willows City Council Special Meeting

August 18, 2026
Willows City Hall
10:00 AM

City Council
Evan Hutson, Mayor
Richard Thomas, Vice Mayor
Gary Hansen, Council Member
Lorri Pride, Council Member
Vacant, Council Member

City Manager
Marti Brown

City Clerk
Karleen Price

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Agenda

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **DISCUSSION & ACTION CALENDAR**

   All matters on the Discussion & Action Calendar will be discussed and acted on individually. Individuals wishing to speak on these items are asked to complete a Speaker Card and submit it to the City Clerk. Comments should be directed to the Mayor and Councilmembers and are limited to three minutes. By law, the Council cannot discuss or take action on items not listed on the posted agenda.

   a. **City Council Vacancy – Appointment Process**
      Recommended Action: Discuss applicant interview procedure and appointment process, and make any necessary adjustments.
      Contact: Marti Brown, City Manager, mbrown@cityofwillows.org.

   b. **City Council Vacancy – Applicant Interviews**
      Recommended Action: Conduct interviews with the following five qualified Council applicants:
      - Mr. John Lowe
      - Mr. Pete Mann II
      - Ms. Karen Johnson
      - Mr. Jesse Orendorff
      - Ms. Mary Thomas

      Contact: Marti Brown, City Manager, mbrown@cityofwillows.org

c. **City Council Vacancy - Resolution**
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution XX-2026 appointing a qualified council applicant to fill the current vacancy on the Willows City Council.
Contact: Marti Brown, City Manager, mbrown@cityofwillows.org

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

This agenda was posted on August 12, 2026.

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Karleen Price, City Clerk

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DISCUSSION & ACTION CALENDAR

City of Willows
Resolution XX-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWS TO APPOINT A QUALIFIED COUNCIL APPLICANT TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a vacancy was created on the Willows City Council due to the resignation of former Council Member Matt Busby on July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on July 14, 2026, the City Council elected to fill the City Council vacancy by appointment pursuant to California Government Code Section 36512; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2026, the City Council conducted interviews of qualified applicants for the vacant City Council seat; and

WHEREAS, following the interview process and deliberation, the City Council selected a qualified applicant to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term ending in November 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willows as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 36512, _____ is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Willows City Council and to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Council Member Matt Busby for the unexpired term ending in November 2028.
3. _____ is a resident of the City of Willows and a registered voter of the City of Willows and is qualified to hold the office of City Council Member.
4. The appointed Council Member shall be formally sworn in and seated on August 25, 2026, at which time the Council Member shall take and subscribe the required oath of office and assume the duties of office.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Willows this 18th day of August, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

_____
Evan Hutson, Mayor

ATTESTED:

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Karleen Price, City Clerk