



Willows City Council Special Meeting Action Minutes

August 18, 2026
Willows City Hall
10:00 AM

201 North Lassen Street
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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

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 AM**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilmember Hansen, Councilmember Pride

Councilmembers Absent: None

4. **DISCUSSION & ACTION CALENDAR**

a. **City Council Vacancy – Appointment Process**

Action: Council discussed the applicant interview procedure and appointment process and confirmed the use of a candidate forum-style interview process.

b. **City Council Vacancy – Applicant Interviews**

Action: Conducted candidate forum-style interviews with the following five qualified Council applicants:

- Mr. John Lowe
- Mr. Pete Mann II
- Ms. Karen Johnson
- Mr. Jesse Orendorff
- Ms. Mary Thomas

The Council recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

c. **City Council Vacancy - Resolution**

Action: The City Council deliberated regarding the appointment to the vacant City Council seat and directed that the candidate ranking scorecards be tallied.

The Council recessed at 12:15 while the City Clerk tallied the ranking scorecards, and reconvened at 12:24 p.m.

Following the tally of the ranking scorecards, the City Council continued its deliberation regarding the appointment.

Motion to adopt Resolution 37-2026 appointing John Lowe to fill the vacancy on the Willows City Council.

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Hutson/Councilmember Pride

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, and Councilmember Pride

No: Councilmember Hansen

Absent: None

Passed: 3-1

5. ADJOURNMENT – 12:34 PM

Karleen Price, City Clerk