



Willows City Council Regular Meeting

February 11, 2025
Willows City Hall
6:00 PM

City Council
Evan Hutson, Mayor
Rick Thomas, Vice Mayor
Gary Hansen, Council Member
Lorri Pride, Council Member
Matt Busby, 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. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
5. **PRESENTATION**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT & CONSENT CALENDAR FORUM**

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a. **Register Approval**

Recommended Action: Approve general checking, payroll, and direct deposit check registers.
Contact: Joanne Moore, Finance Director, jmoore@cityofwillows.org

b. **Minutes Approval**

Recommended Action: Approve the January 28, 2025, meeting minutes.
Contact: Karleen Price, City Clerk, kprice@cityofwillows.org

c. **Facilities Use Agreement with Willows Unified School District for the 2025 City of Willows Swim Season**

Authorize the City Manager to execute a Facilities Use Agreement with the Willows Unified School District to use the School District's swimming pool during the 2025 summer swim season for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Contact: Joe Bettencourt, Community Development & Services Director,
jbettencourt@cityofwillows.org

d. **Building Official/Inspector and Code Enforcement Professional Services Agreement**

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to renew the city's agreement with Paxton Family Inspection Services to perform Building Official duties, building inspections, residential plan checks, and code enforcement services.

Contact: Joe Bettencourt, Community Development & Services Director,
jbettencourt@cityofwillows.org

7. PUBLIC HEARING

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a. **Pioneer Community Energy Expansion to Willows**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve the Resolution and the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement so that Pioneer Community Energy may expand the Joint Power Authority membership to include the City of Willows; and 2) Introduce the first reading of the Ordinance authorizing the implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program in the Territory under Public Utilities Code section 366.2.

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

8. DISCUSSION & ACTION CALENDAR

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a. **Street Banner Program – Year 3 Banner Refresh**

Recommended Action: Receive staff presentation and provide direction on approach to “refreshing” the downtown street banners for the third and final year of the CGI Street Banner Program contract.

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

9. COMMENTS & REPORTS

- a. Council Correspondence
 - b. City Council Comments & Reports
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c. City Manager's Report

10. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Sections §54954.3, the public will have an opportunity to directly address the legislative body on the item below prior to the Council convening into closed session. Public Comments are generally restricted to three minutes.

a. **Conference with Labor Negotiators (§54957.6)**

Agency Designated Representatives:

Marti Brown, City Manager and Carolyn Walker, City Attorney

Employee Organizations: UPEC, Fire and General Bargaining Units, and Management

11. ADJOURNMENT

This agenda was posted on February 6, 2025.

Karleen Price, City Clerk

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