



Willows City Council Meeting Draft Action Minutes

City Council
Rick Thomas, Mayor
David Vodden, Vice Mayor
Gary Hansen, Council Member
Jeff Williams, Council Member
Casey Hofhenke, Council Member

City Manager
Marti Brown

City Clerk
Vacant

201 North Lassen Street
Willows, CA 95988
(530) 934-7041

April 25, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 PM**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Councilmembers Hansen, Hofhenke and Williams, Vice Mayor Vodden

Councilmember Absent: Mayor Thomas

4. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No Changes

5. **PRESENTATION**

a. **City Swimming Pool – Ad Hoc Committee Update**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT & CONSENT CALENDAR FORUM**

Jody Meza, Library Director, informed Councilmembers of National Library Outreach Day, April 26, 2023 by reading a proclamation from Dan Gupton, Library Board President.

Randy Galbraith, president of the Northeast Willows Sewer District, gave a brief statement and handed out postcards that were mailed to NEWCSD residents.

a. **Register Approval**

Action: Approved general checking, payroll, and direct deposit check registers.

b. **Minutes Approval**

Action: Approved minutes of the April 11, 2023, City Council meeting and April 18, 2023, Special City Council meeting.

c. **Annual Weed and Garbage Abatement Schedule - Pulled**

d. **Approve Award of Bid - Grant Funded Staff Vehicle Upfit**

Action: Approved award of bid and authorized the City Manager, or her designee, to purchase the equipment listed in estimate 301 from Superior Installs.

e. **Bid Award to Paint Fire Engine #5 -Pulled**

f. **Legal Services Agreement for City Attorney Services**

Action: Approved the Legal Services Agreement for City Attorney services between the City of Willows and Prentice | Long, PC.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Hansen and Hofhenke

Yes: Councilmembers Hansen, Hofhenke and Williams, Vice Mayor Vodden

Absent: Mayor Thomas

6c. **Annual Weed and Garbage Abatement Schedule**

Action: Adopted resolution and approved the Weed and Garbage Abatement Schedule for the 2023 Fire Season.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Hansen and Williams

Yes: Councilmembers Hansen, Williams and Hofhenke, and Vice Mayor Vodden

Absent: Mayor Thomas

(Roll Call Vote)

6e. **Bid Award to Paint Fire Engine #5**

Action: Approved recommended bid and authorized the City Manager, or her designee, to execute a contract and scope of work as identified in estimate 0007 to RJL Truck and Tractor.

Public Comment: Isaiah Rossi

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Williams and Hofhenke

Yes: Councilmembers Williams, Hofhenke and Hansen, and Vice Mayor Vodden

Absent: Mayor Thomas

7. COMMENTS & REPORTS

a. City Council Correspondence

- Letter from Mr. Brad Eidman regarding conversion of existing single-family residence at 118 North Lassen Street.

Public Comments regarding use at 118 North Lassen Street: Ardythe Brandon, Lori Pride, and Doug Ross.

b. City Council Comments & Reports

8. ADJOURNMENT – 6:27 PM

Dated: April 27, 2023

Marti Brown, City Manager

Richard Thomas, Mayor of the City of Willows
Pedro Bodadilla, Chairman - City of Willows Planning Commission
201 North Lassen Street
Willows, CA 95988

April 4, 2023

Gentlemen

Pursuant to Government Code 65402(b), the City of Willows Planning Commission has been notified by the County of Glenn of the County's proposed purchase of a residential property located at 118 North Lassen Street, Willows, CA. At the April 4, 2023 Glenn County Board of Supervisors' Meeting, several Board members publically stated that the proposed purchase is just the first of, "several" and/or "a number of" such purchases it intends to make in the City of Willows for the stated purpose of "transitional housing", "foster care" and "family visitation" under the aegis of the Glenn County Dept. of Health and Human Services.

As a resident and property owner in the City of Willows, I believe that all County acquisitions for conversion of existing single family residences in established residential neighborhoods should require notification to the public of the specific use(s) planned for the property(s) and should be subject to existing zoning and the publically-reviewed and City Counsel-approved General Plan.

My specific concerns about this type property conversion are as follows;

- The City of Willows suffers from a lack of modestly-priced entry level houses. This has long been a barrier to low-to moderate wage earner home ownership. Conversion of single family homes in an affordable price range, to public ownership, will only make this problem worse.
- State-mandated building code requirements for new homes (solar, electric vehicle charging stations, fire sprinkler systems) have made it so expensive to build affordable residences that it is economically impossible for builders to construct and sell smaller homes at entry level prices. This forces builders to up-scale offerings to homes sizes and price points well beyond the typical Willows resident.
- The County's stated intention to buy multiple properties in an opportunistic fashion (i.e. buying random properties as they are listed), rather than in a planned or coordinated fashion; may tax the Planning Commission's ability to review such purchases as mandated by government code.
- Purpose-built facilities of the type desired by the County, on lots or land with conforming zoning, would be significantly more economical than conversion-, or worse *demolition*, of older homes that clearly would not meet current government standards.
- Conversion of these buildings from private- to public ownership, will reduce the City's tax revenue as the properties drop off the tax rolls.
- The County's overly-broad stated purpose for the property ("*...for general government purposes...*") as disclosed in their March 13, 2023 notice to Mayor Thomas and Chair Bodadilla, provides no reasonable basis for the Planning Commission's review of the request.

In summary, to 1) preserve the existing stock of Willows homes available to the public, 2) to most economically use available public resources and, 3) to provide necessary facilities for the County's intended purposes in a *coordinated* fashion with the City, I ask that the County's request for review be paused until you can complete a broader review of the County's intended uses for this and additional properties.



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April 19, 2023

Willows City Council
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Re: Blockage @ Cherry Street Lift Station

Mayor Thomas & Willows City Council,

The NEWCSD Board of Directors is aware of residents of NEWCSD putting rags, diapers, and feminine products into the sewer system. There have been several attempts to notify the residents including talking to residents, putting an article in the Sacramento Valley Newspaper, sending out a postcard to all NEWCSD residents and updating our NEWCSD website with a message on the main screen not to put diapers, feminine products into the toilet.

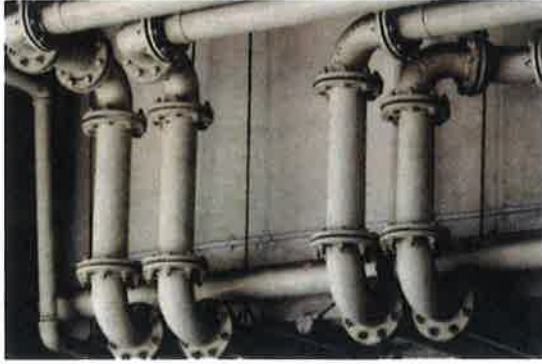
We have sent out notifications in the past to "property owners" but, our last postcard was sent out to "residents" of the district.

Please let us know if the Willows City Council or City of Willows has additional ideas on how to educate our residents. We have heard from Public Works employees that multiple lift stations have had blockage issues but, we notice that the Cherry Street Lift Station is the only lift station listed the City of Willows Newsletter.

Thank you for your help,

Randy Galbraith, President
Northeast Willows Community Services District

NORTHEAST WILLOWS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



Check out our new website

<https://newcsd.specialdistrict.org>

Northeast Willows Community Services District is a Special District located North of Wood Street and East of Tehama Street in Glenn County.

Do you have questions? E-mail us at northeastwillowscsd@gmail.com

Dear NEWCSD Ratepayers,

Please **DO NOT** put diapers, wipes, tampons or any feminine products down your toilet!!

NEWCSD
P.O. Box 2010
Willows, CA 95988

NEWCSD has 289 Residential & Commercial connections.
Sewer fees are collected with property taxes.

We are currently on Tier 2 of the five-year City of Willows Sewer Rate Increase Schedule.

Northeast Willows Community Services District Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:15pm
777 N. Colusa Street
Willows, CA 95988.

The public is welcome to attend.

2023 Board of Directors

President Randy Galbraith,
VP Mike Rakestraw, Lisa Davis,
Dennis Asbury & Ray Crabtree

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