



Willows City Council Regular Meeting Action Minutes

September 12, 2023
Willows City Hall
Closed Session - 4:00 PM
Regular Session - 6:00 PM

City Council
Rick Thomas, Mayor
David Vodden, Vice Mayor
Gary Hansen, Council Member
Forrest Sprague, Council Member
Vacant, Council Member

City Manager
Marti Brown

City Clerk
Amos Hoover

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – 4:02pm**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Thomas, Vice-Mayor Vodden, and Councilmembers Hansen and Sprague

Councilmembers Absent: None

4. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

5. **CLOSED SESSION**

a. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9) (1 Case)**

Name of Case: Forbes v. County of Glenn et al No. 23CV03205

b. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Substantial Risk of Litigation**

Potential exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b)

Report out from the closed session:

Council received information and gave direction to staff.

6. **CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

a. **Award Presentation – Commendations of Valor & Appreciation**

Awards were presented to Fire Captain Kyle Enos, Rural District Fire Chief Alex Parisio, Firefighter Riley Eck and Fire Engineer John Peterich.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT & CONSENT CALENDAR FORUM

Public Comments Received:

Jeff Williams

a. **Register Approval**

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

b. **Minutes Approval**

Action: Approved the minutes of the August 16 and August 22, 2023, City Council meetings.

c. **Opposition to Initiative No. 21-0042A1, The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act**

Action: Item pulled from Consent and it was not approved.

d. **Cal Cities General Assembly Voting Delegate Designation**

Action: Designated Mayor Thomas as a voting delegate representing the City of Willows at the Cal Cities General Assembly.

Moved/Seconded: Vice Mayor Vodden and Councilmember Hansen

Yes: Councilmembers Hansen, and Sprague, Vice Mayor Vodden, and Mayor Thomas

No: None

Absent: None

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

a. **FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment**

Action: Amended the FY 2023-24 budget to rescind budget approval of the design contract for repairs of the City Swimming Pool (\$94,980), as well as defund the full-time Recreation Director position.

Public Comments Received:

Roberta Asbury

Dennis Asbury

Brian Ramos

Evan Hutson

Sharon Ponsiano

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Thomas and Councilmember Hansen

Yes: Councilmembers Hansen and Sprague, and Mayor Thomas

No: Vice Mayor Vodden

Absent: None

b. New City Planning Services Contract

Action: Approved bid award with LACO Associates for contract Planning Services for one year.

Public Comments Received:

Jeff Williams
Dennis Asbury

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Hansen and Vice Mayor Vodden

Yes: Councilmembers Hansen, Vice Mayor Vodden, and Mayor Thomas

No: None

Abstain: Councilmember Sprague

Absent: None

c. Civic Center Air Conditioning Unit Replacement

Action: Approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with North State Air Conditioning for \$15,000 to replace one of the HVAC units on the roof of City Hall and establish an overall budget for the project not-to-exceed \$16,500.

Motion by Councilmember Sprague to approve the resolution but funding the project only with General fund monies.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Sprague and Vice Mayor Vodden

Yes: Councilmember Sprague and Vice Mayor Vodden

No: Councilmember Hansen and Mayor Thomas

Absent: None

Motion by Councilmember Hansen to approve resolution funded as presented.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Hansen and Vice Mayor Vodden

Yes: Councilmember Hansen, Vice Mayor Vodden, and Mayor Thomas

No: Councilmember Sprague

Absent: None

d. City Council Vacancy and Appointment Process

Action: Consider and approve appointment of Evan Hutson, an applicant from a prior Council application process, at a later City Council meeting.

Public Comments Received:

Evan Hutson
Monty Carter

Motion by Councilmember Hansen to vote to appoint Evan Hutson from the previous round of applicants.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Hansen and Mayor Thomas

Yes: Councilmember Hansen and Mayor Thomas

No: Councilmember Sprague and Vice Mayor Vodden

Absent: None

Motion by Vice Mayor Vodden to call for a new round of open applications.

Moved/Seconded: Vice Mayor Vodden and Councilmember Sprague

Yes: Councilmember Sprague and Vice Mayor Vodden

No: Councilmember Hansen and Mayor Thomas

Absent: None

Repeat motion by Councilmember Hansen to vote to appoint Evan Hutson from the previous round of applicants.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Hansen and Vice Mayor Vodden

Yes: Councilmember Hansen, Vice Mayor Vodden, and Mayor Thomas

No: Councilmember Sprague

Absent: None

b. Planning Commission Vacancy and Appointment Process

Action: Directed staff to initiate an open call for applications to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Thomas and Councilmember Hansen

Yes: Councilmembers Hansen and Sprague, Vice Mayor Vodden, and Mayor Thomas

No: None

Absent: None

f. Sewage Ad Hoc Committee Appointment

Action: Item moved to October 10, 2023, City Council meeting.

9. COMMENTS & REPORTS

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

10. CLOSED SESSION

Report out from the Closed Session:

- a. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Substantial Risk of Litigation**
Potential exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b)

Information was received and direction was given to City Staff.

11. ADJOURNMENT - 9:14 pm

Amos Hoover, City Clerk