



Willows City Council Regular Meeting Action Minutes

November 14, 2023
Willows City Hall
Regular Session - 6:00 PM

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

City Manager
Marti Brown

City Clerk
Amos Hoover

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

5. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Action: Introduced Joe Bettencourt, the new Community Development & Services Director and Joanne Moore, the new Accounting Manager, to Council.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT & CONSENT CALENDAR FORUM

a. Register Approval

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

b. Minutes Approval

Action: Approved the October 24, 2023, and October 27, 2023, meeting minutes.

c. Finance and Human Resources Analyst Job Classification

Action: Approved update to the job classification title of the Finance & Human Resources Analyst position to Finance & Human Resources Specialist.

d. FY 2023-2024 Appropriations Limit

Action: Approved the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Appropriations Limit.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Hansen and Vice Mayor Vodden

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

No: None

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

a. **\$4 Million Clean California Grant – Upgrades to Sycamore Park**

Action: Directed staff to work with State to amend project proposal to incorporate rehabilitation of the city swimming pool into the project scope.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Sprague and Vice Mayor Vodden

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

No: None

b. **Temporary Law Enforcement Agreement with the Glenn County Sheriff's Office**

Action: Approved revised Temporary Law Enforcement Agreement with the Glenn County Sheriff's Office.

Public Comment

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Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Hansen and Councilmember Sprague

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

No: None

c. **Future Short- and Long-Term Options for Law Enforcement Services**

Action: Received staff presentation, discussed potential plans of action as it relates to law enforcement services after December 31, 2023, continued discussion to 28 November City Council Meeting.

d. **City Budget & 1% Sales Tax Measure – Education Action Plan**

Action: Approved a \$10,000 budget to fund a sales tax initiative education action plan with any purchase over \$5,000 requiring Finance Committee approval.

Motion by Vice Mayor Vodden: To approve a \$10,000 budget with any purchase over \$1,000 requiring finance committee chair approval. Seconded by Councilmember Hansen.

Second was withdrawn, motion failed.

Motion by Vice Mayor Vodden: To approve a \$10,000 budget with any purchase over \$5,000 requiring Finance Committee approval.

Moved/Seconded: Vice Mayor Vodden and Councilmember Hutson

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

No: Councilmember Sprague

8. COMMENTS & REPORTS

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

9. CLOSED SESSION

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

Report Out: Received information and gave direction to the City Attorney.

b. Conference with Labor Negotiators (§54957.6)

Report Out: received information and gave direction to City Manager.

c. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§ 54957)

Report Out: In lieu of the COLA increase that is established in the City Manager's contract, the Council has agreed to amend the contract to add an additional two weeks of paid vacation.

10. ADJOURNMENT - 9:28PM

Amos Hoover, City Clerk