



# Willows City Council Regular Meeting Action Minutes

February 11, 2025  
Willows City Hall  
6:00 PM

City Council  
Evan Hutson, Mayor  
Rick Thomas, Vice Mayor  
Matt Busby, Council Member  
Gary Hansen, Council Member  
Lorri Pride, Council Member

City Manager  
Marti Brown

City Clerk  
Karleen Price

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Busby, Pride, and Hansen (Participated remotely pursuant to AB 2449)

Councilmembers Absent: None

4. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

5. **PRESENTATION**

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

**Public Comment Open: 6:03PM, Closed 6:03PM**

No Public Comments

a. **Register Approval**

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

b. **Minutes Approval**

Action: Approved the January 28, 2025, meeting minutes.

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

Action: Authorized 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.

**Pulled d for a separate vote. Motion to approve items a, b, and c on the consent calendar.**

**Moved/Seconded:** Councilmember Pride and Councilmember Busby

**Yes:** Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Busby, Hansen, and Pride

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

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

Action: Authorized 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.

**Motion to approve item d on the consent calendar.**

**Moved/Seconded:** Councilmember Pride and Councilmember Busby

**Yes:** Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Busby, Hansen, and Pride

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

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

Action: Held a public hearing to 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.

**Hearing Open: 6:13PM, Closed 6:14PM**

No Public Comments

Action: Approved Resolution 06-2025 of the City Council of the City of Willows requesting membership in Pioneer Community Energy and approving the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement as amended through Amendment No. 5

**Moved/Seconded:** Vice Mayor Thomas and Councilmember Busby

**Yes:** Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Busby, Hansen, and Pride

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

Action: Waived first reading for Ordinance 763-2025 and authorized the implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program in the Territory under Public Utilities Code section 366.2.

**Moved/Seconded:** Vice Mayor Thomas and Councilmember Busby

**Yes:** Mayor Hutson, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Busby, Hansen, and Pride

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

**8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR**

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

Action: Received presentation and directed staff City staff work directly with CGI, vet designs and recommend designs to the Council for final approval.

**7. COMMENTS & REPORTS**

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

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

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

Report Out: Received information and gave direction to City Staff.

**9. ADJOURNMENT – 7:48PM**

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Karleen Price, City Clerk