



# Willows City Council Regular Meeting Action Minutes

March 26, 2024  
Willows City Hall  
6:00 PM

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

City Manager  
Marti Brown

City Clerk  
Amos Hoover

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 3. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Vodden

## 4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

## 5. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

a. Proclamation – National Vietnam War Veterans Day – Received by VFW Post 1770

b. Proclamation – Kiwanis Club 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary – Received by Willows Kiwanis Club

## 6. PRESENTATION

### a. The Dangers of Fentanyl

Action: Received presentation from Dr. Jared Garrison on the dangers of fentanyl.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT & CONSENT CALENDAR FORUM

### a. Register Approval

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

### b. Minutes Approval

Action: Approved the March 12, 2024, meeting minutes with the addition of a letter submitted by councilmember Sprague.

### c. Sierra Nevada Cheese Company Grant Letter of Support

Action: Approved a letter of support in favor of Sierra Nevada Cheese Company's grant application for their anaerobic digestion project.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Thomas and Vice-Mayor Hutson

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

No: None

Absent: Councilmember Vodden

## 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

### a. **Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) - Prop 218 Study**

Action: Approved the continued use of city funds to cover the cost of Glenn Groundwater Authority fees on properties inside the City of Willows.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Sprague and Vice Mayor Hutson

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

No: None

Absent: Councilmember Vodden

## 9. COMMENTS & REPORTS

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

## 10. CLOSED SESSION

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

**Report Out:** Information was received, and direction was given to staff.

### b. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§ 54957)**

**Report Out:** Councilmember Sprague chose not to participate in the City Manager's evaluation. Information was received, and direction given to staff.

### c. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

**Report Out:** Councilmember Sprague recused himself from the matter. Information was received from staff, and direction was given to staff to hire outside specialized legal council for the litigation matter of Friends of Willows v. City of Willows regarding the CEQA litigation regarding Henry's Trading Post at 360 West Sycamore Street, Willows, CA.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT - 9:08PM

*Amos Hoover*

Amos Hoover, City Clerk