



# Willows City Council Regular Meeting Action Minutes

January 27, 2026  
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, Councilmember Busby, Councilmembers Hansen, Councilmember Pride

Councilmembers Absent: None

## 4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- a. Continued Item #6e to be heard at a future regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

## 5. PRESENTATION

- a. Business Support and Outreach

### Public Comment

Public comment related to this item was deferred to Item #6, Public Comment, per the Mayor's direction.

Action: The Board received a presentation on Business Support and Outreach and provided direction to staff to update new City website with relevant economic development information, including fees, forms, FAQs, and permit guidance and to explore AI driven solutions.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT & CONSENT CALENDAR FORUM

### Public Comments

Public Comment #1: Dana Andrews, Resident

Public Comment #2: Jackie Juniker, Resident

Public Comment #3: Holly Myers, Resident

Public Comment #4: Jim Yoder, Glenn County Supervisor

a. **Register Approval**

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

b. **Minutes Approval**

Action: Approved the January 13, 2026, meeting minutes.

c. **Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) Health Insurance Contributions for Two City of Willows Retirees and Their Spouse**

Action: Adopted Resolution 03-2026 reaffirming and memorializing the continued retiree Health Insurance contributions pursuant to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) for City of Willows retirees Michael Mistrot (retired City Manager/City Attorney), Linda Mistrot (spouse), Leroy Robinette (retired Police Sergeant), and Barbara Robinette (spouse).

d. **2024-25 Sewer Rehabilitation Project**

Action: Adopted Resolution 04-2026 accepting the improvements associated with the 2024-25 Sewer Rehabilitation Project and authorized the filing of the Project's Notice of Completion.

**Motion to approve items #6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d.**

**Moved/Seconded:** Councilmember Hansen / Vice Mayor Thomas

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

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

## 7. PUBLIC HEARING

a. **2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project**

Action: Adopted Resolution 05-2026 approving an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto from the 2025 funding year of the State CDBG Program.

**Mayor Hutson directed staff to bring forward a Sidewalk Ordinance at a future City Council Meeting.**

**Public Hearing Open 7:04PM, Closed 7:05PM**

**Moved/Seconded:** Councilmember Pride/Vice Mayor Thomas

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

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

## 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

### a. **Finance & Measure I Committee (FMIOC) Update**

Action: Received an update on the outcome of the January 20, 2026, FMIOC meeting from Committee Members Vice Mayor Thomas and Councilmember Busby.

### b. **Finance & Measure I Oversight Committee Meetings & Membership Guidelines**

Action: Reviewed and discussed future meeting topics and membership options for the Finance & Measure I Oversight Committee (FMIOC).

**Mayor Hutson directed staff to return to the full Council with recommendations at a future City Council meeting.**

## 9. COMMENTS & REPORTS

### a. **Council Correspondence**

### b. **City Council Comments & Reports**

Councilmembers reported on various community events and meetings attended.

### c. **City Manager's Report**

## 10. CLOSED SESSION – 8:01 PM

### a. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov Code §54957)**

Title: City Attorney

Report Out: This item was continued to a future meeting.

### b. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov Code §54957)**

Title: Manager

Report Out: Discussion was held; no reportable action was taken.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT – 9:28 PM

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Karleen Price, City Clerk