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City News

City Manager news: City applies for Congressional Funds

Contract Engineers from Keller Associates, Community Partners and City Staff worked together with Senator Merkley's Assistant Betsy to apply for Fiscal Year 2024 Congressional Directed Spending funds. If funds are received they will be used for the following projects. (Descriptions of the project were provided by Keller Associates Senior Lead, Shannon Williams).

Huddleston Park Bank Erosion

Huddleston Park is a 5-acre park in downtown Willamina. It is located at the confluence of Willamina Creek and the South Yamhill River. The pond draws folks from all over Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties for winter fishing. It is a man-made pond with a constructed earthen berm / levee around its perimeter. The bank is eroding and is in danger of failing. The City has already closed a portion of the parking area to access. Further bank erosion and a landslide could drain the pond, release potentially contaminated media from former log pond operations to Willamina Creek and SF Yamhill River and contaminate downstream potable water sources. It could potentially endanger the City's WWTP lagoons opposite of the park due to channel migration from sedimentation. Extensive public improvements at the park could be damaged including parking lots, electrical / lighting, docks, pathways, and the pond itself resulting in extensive and expensive, unplanned repairs for the City. The use of the pond and surrounding park facilities would be temporarily disrupted or become so damaged that portions of the park may need to be permanently closed, depriving this low-to-moderate income community of recreational and tourism opportunities. Emergency vehicles would have difficulty reaching park users if closed.

The City is in the beginning phases of grant applications and concept design. The City is asking for \$765K for environmental permitting and engineering, \$40K for legal and grant admin, and \$3.48M for construction. Success will be measured by eliminated erosion.

Sewer Lift Stations

The City has 2 sanitary sewer lift stations. Evaluations during a master plan update revealed that both lift stations are out of compliance with Oregon DEQ's capacity requirements and the City's NPDES permit. In the past, both lift stations have overflowed raw sewage to Willamina Creek near its confluence with the South Yamhill River, a drinking water source for downstream communities, violating the City's NPDES permit and the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). If the existing lift stations are not replaced or a pump fails in either lift station, a significant overflow could result, and the City would again be out of compliance with their NPDES permit and the CWA. Existing electrical, emergency power, and controls are also past their useful life and require modernization to meet current federal requirements. The project will address critical improvements to both lift stations to reduce or eliminate future sewer overflows or permit violations. It will allow the City to meet future growth and allow the City to continue development of low- and moderate-income affordable housing units within the City. It will also meet federal cyber security requirements through electrical and control upgrades.

The project is in the initial stages of design. \$25K will be used for environmental clearances (i.e., NEPA and SHPO), \$375K for design, \$40K for legal / grant admin, and \$2.56M for construction. The City will evaluate whether this project has achieved its objectives through the reduction of reported sewer overflows.

Code Enforcement & Community Support

We live in a lovely city and our code enforcement team will be enforcing ordinances to keep our city beautiful. Now is a good time to familiarize yourself with city ordinances as Spring cleaning begins.

The City does not accept anonymous code enforcement complaints, so please be prepared to provide City Hall with your name and contact number if you call with a complaint. This allows our enforcement team to contact you for additional information, if necessary.

Debris on Private Property

All accumulations of debris, rubbish, manure, and other refuse located on privately owned real property or sidewalks abutting that property, which has not been removed within 24 hours of either a verbal or written warning given by a City representative, may result in a fine of up to \$300 for each day the property is in violation. WOO 93.06(B)(2)

Parking

Other than in legally permitted and improved driveways or legally permitted and improved paved areas, no automobile, truck, trailer, boat, motorcycle, or other vehicle shall be parked, placed, or left in the front yard or yard areas that are adjacent to a street of a residential dwelling, commercial building, or other structure. Parking illegally may result in a fine of up to \$300 for each day the vehicle is illegally parked. WOO 93.07(B)(12).

Vehicle Permits

It is unlawful to occupy any recreational vehicle (RV) used for sleeping or living purposes on private property within the city without first obtaining a permit. Violation of this code could result in a fine of \$150 for the first violation and \$300 for the second or further violations. WOO 96.02(A)

City Council

Regular City Council Meetings are scheduled the second Tuesday 6:00 PM:

April 11, 2023

May 9, 2023

Public Input: Presentations not scheduled on the Agenda are limited to three (3) minutes. Longer presentations should be submitted to the City Recorder prior to the meeting.

Upcoming Budget Meetings

Budget Committee Meetings are scheduled from 6 - 7 p.m. the following dates: May 18 and June 6, 2023

Meetings are held hybrid:

In person at the West Valley Fire Station, 825 NE Main Street, Willamina

via Zoom: a link is posted to the website prior to the Meeting at <https://www.willaminaoregon.gov/important-notice>



LIBRARY

Visit us:

www.willaminaoregon.gov/library

Events:

willaminaoregon.gov/programs_events

LIBRARY COMMUNITY DAY!

4th Saturday of each month, 11am-3pm

Visit the library to play games, use computers, learn about the art station, and more. Open to all ages. Library Services are limited. Plan to have fun and learn about other engaging activities at the library. This program made possible by Volunteers.

We will also have the following services available on Community Day from 12pm-2pm:

Veteran Services and Resources

Ancestry.com Assistance

Astronomy Club - Telescope Assistance

Coming Soon to Community Day:

Cricut Design tutorials

Job Corps

Creating Opportunities

and other partner resources as they are available.

Contact Sarah Frost for additional information or to learn more about program volunteer opportunities at frosts@ci.willamina.or.us

CALENDAR:

Check our website regularly for calendar changes and updates.

March 28 6pm Planning Commission Meeting

April 11 6pm City Council Regular Meeting

March 18 6pm Willamina Library Board Meeting

Wednesdays 8am Chamber of Commerce Meetings

Wednesdays 4pm Civic Club Food Pantry Distribution

Saturdays 1pm Willamina's Museum of History open

We are seeking Budget Committee members. If you might be interested contact Bridget Meneley, City Manager at MeneleyB@ci.willamina.or.us



South Yamhill River Astronomy Club

Club meetings are returning.

Beginning the 4th Saturday in January at Willamina Public Library at 6:00PM. Watch for upcoming Stargazing Opportunities as the weather permits.