



January - February

# City News

## City Manager news: Concerns over railroad crossing pavement

The City of Willamina regularly receives requests to repair the pavement that surrounds the railroad crossing on Main Street at the intersection near the Galloping Goose, Garden Spot Park, and the Willamina IGA. Main Street also known as Hwy. 18B or Hwy 157 is an ODOT thoroughfare and the City is not authorized to make repairs on County or State Roads.



Community members driving over the railroad tracks have expressed concerns about damage to their vehicles, while others have expressed concerns about using the crossing points when using alternative modes of transportation – individuals using ADA mobility devices (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.), pedestrians, bicyclists, families using strollers, and more.

Our Public Works Director has been in contact with ODOT and was provided the following email address for individuals who would like to express their safety concerns as well; please email: [AskODOT@odot.state.or.us](mailto:AskODOT@odot.state.or.us).

## City Council

At the January Regular Meeting our newly elected officials were sworn into office.

City Council passed Resolution 22-23-009, Authorizing support of the Oregon Mayors Association’s Taskforce on Homelessness’s Proposal.



PHOTO: Councilor Klym, Councilor Pederson, Councilor Hernandez, and Mayor Skyberg were sworn in Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

### Work Sessions:

- January 26, 2023 - 5:00 PM Council Procedures Training
- February 14, 2023 - 5:00 PM Keller Associates, Infrastructure Updates

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

- February 14, 2023
- March 14, 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.

### 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>

## Public Works news: Water System Improvement Project

The City of Willamina has issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the Willamina Water System Improvements **Project A**. The project generally consists of fusible C900 pipeline replacement, booster station improvements and SCADA improvements. This ITB may be found at Quest CDN (#8267764) <https://www.questcdn.com/cdn/posting/8267764/?path=309,332,333>. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM local time on February 9, 2023.

The City of Willamina has issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the Willamina Water System Improvements **Project B**. The project generally consists of intake replacement, retaining walls, and stormwater improvements. This ITB may be found at Quest CDN (#8267765) <https://www.questcdn.com/cdn/posting/edit/8267765/?path=309>. Bids will be accepted until 2:30 PM local time on February 9, 2022.



### Community Support & Code Enforcement Updates:

We would like to share our congratulations to Mardette Cook who will assume the role as Community Support & Code Enforcement Officer beginning January 23rd. Mardette has been an essential member of our City team, helping to serve our community members at City Hall as Office Coordinator. Mardette has shown a commitment to our community and we are excited for the skills she will bring to Community Support and Code Enforcement.

We ask for the community's patience as our team continues to transition and train in our new roles.

Photo: Mardette Cook takes the Municipal Court Oath of Office with Judge Terrance Mahr.



### LIBRARY

Our new website is under construction at [www.willaminaoregon.gov/library](http://www.willaminaoregon.gov/library)

Events: [willaminaoregon.gov/programs\\_events](http://willaminaoregon.gov/programs_events)

### STORYTIME UPDATE:

In partnership with the Willamina Youth Center and the Willamina Civic Club, we are making changes to our StoryTime.

Beginning Tuesday, January 24, at 12:00 PM (NOON) held at the Youth Center with lunch/snack provided.

Join Ms. Pam and Ms. Meredith for stories, crafts, play, and more! We would love to thank our amazing volunteers and partners for making StoryTime and Early Literacy/Engagement a priority.

### LIBRARY PROGRAMMING 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.

Contact Sarah Frost for additional information or to learn more about program volunteer opportunities at [frosts@ci.willamina.or.us](mailto:frosts@ci.willamina.or.us)

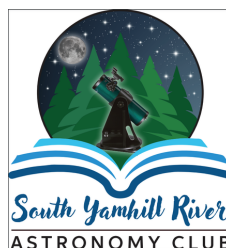
### CALENDAR:

Check our website regularly for calendar changes and updates.

- January 26 5pm City Council Work Session
- February 14 5pm City Council Work Session
- February 14 6pm City Council Regular Meeting
- February 21 6pm Willamina Library Board Meeting
- February 28 6pm Planning Commission Meeting
- Wednesdays 8am Chamber of Commerce Meetings
- Wednesdays 4pm Civic Club Food Pantry Distribution
- Saturdays 1pm Willamina's Museum of History open

3rd Saturdays WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY CAMPUS  
7PM to 9PM Wet Season Music Series

March 18 Tony Coleman Band



**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.