



February - March

City News

City Manager news: Keller offers updates on current Infrastructure Projects during a City Council Work Session

Prior to our regular City Council meeting on Tuesday February 14, 2023 a work session was held at 5:00 PM in which Keller Associates gave a presentation and updates on current and future infrastructure projects. In attendance at the 5:00 PM work session were many interested community members, community partners including four (4) County Commissioners that were invited to hear the updates on previous projects and learn about future needs.

Thank you to everyone that attended and extra thanks Yamhill County Commissioners Mary Starrett, Lindsey Berschauer, Kit Johnston, and Polk County Commissioner Craig Pope.

Listed below is a summarized version of the updates that Shannon, Senior Project Engineer, for Keller Associates provided:

Wastewater Facilities Planning Study (Master Plan)

Currently sampling and testing wastewater influent to determine its characteristics for planning.
NEXT STEPS: Evaluate the collected data in late spring/early summer.

Lift Station Capacity Improvements

The City has been invited to apply for funding to improve the City's sanitary lift stations.
NEXT STEPS: Complete the application for funding.

Water intake relocation and water system improvements

Sealed bids were opened on February 9, 2023 and an apparent low bidder was selected for both projects.
NEXT STEPS: Award bids and begin construction in mid spring 2023.

Bank erosion at Huddleston Park at Hampton Pond

Project was on hold.
NEXT STEPS: Apply for funding to conduct a geotechnical investigation and develop concepts to protect the fish pond and bank in the long term.

Oaken Hill Park/Pump Track

Dedicated Public Works Director Jeff Brown is in the beginning portions of the project and will be much of the labor behind this exciting improvement. We are currently working with City Legal to navigate the next steps in the project.

Transportation System Plan

Ordinance was adopted on August 9, 2022,
NEXT STEPS: Projects will be designed and built as funding is available.

City Council

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

March 14, 2023

April 11, 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: Back Flow Prevention

What is backflow testing?

Backflow testing is to protect both your drinking water and the water supply from the city's contaminated water that's flowing back into the system. It examines that the backflow preventer is working properly. A plumber certified in Backflow testing will come out to check your backflow device by assessing its pressure levels. When the backflow isn't present, untreated or contaminated water can go back into your clean water. Thus checking this system assures your water is safe for drinking and showering. Must be done by a state certified backflow testing company.

State law requires that backflow prevention devices be installed on any connection to main property water lines. This would include: fire, landscape sprinklers, outdoor pools, water heaters, and more. It also requires backflow devices on commercial buildings such as: hospitals, industrial facilities, and food or beverage processing. This includes "do-it-yourself" projects.

The state also requires that all backflow devices be tested annually and in working order by the last day of the calendar year. Learn more at: https://www.willaminaoregon.gov/back_flow



Oregon Outdoor Burning:

Seasonal burning in most of the Willamette Valley is limited to "burn days" authorized by DEQ during the spring (March 1-June 15) and fall (October 1-December 15) seasons.

Not burning is the best way to keep the air healthy and clean for all Oregonians. Open burning creates air pollution in the form of smoke. Vapors and small airborne particles can be inhaled, making breathing difficult and leading to more serious short-term and chronic health problems.

For more information about alternatives to burning and materials that are illegal to burn visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/pages/burning.aspx>



LIBRARY

Visit us:
www.willaminaoregon.gov/library
Events:
willaminaoregon.gov/programs_events

MODIFIED SCHEDULE:

We apologize for our limited hours and modified schedule at this time. We appreciate your support and patience while we support our team during this time.

STORYTIME UPDATE:

In partnership with the Willamina Youth Center and the Willamina Civic Club join Ms. Pam and Ms. Meredith Tuesdays, at 12:00 PM (NOON) held at the Youth Center with lunch/snack provided.

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

CALENDAR:

Check our website regularly for calendar changes and updates.

- February 28 6pm Planning Commission Meeting**
- March 14 6pm City Council Regular Meeting**
- March 21 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.