

**BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLAMINA
SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION No. 21-22-019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE CITY'S TWO LIFT STATIONS AND TO ALLOW CONTINUED CONNECTIONS TO THE CITY'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, at the time of data collection for a necessary update to the City's Wastewater Master Plan, city engineers became aware of and advised city staff that the City's two wastewater lift stations were running over-capacity, in particular, during storm events; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2022, the City Council held a properly noticed Work Session where the City's contract engineers, contract attorneys, and city staff provided the City Council with significant and in-depth information regarding all aspects of this situation; and

WHEREAS, On June 3, 2022, the City received a letter from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality noting that the City's infrastructure is aging, overflows have recently been reported, and confirming that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is eager for the City to upgrade or replace these aging facilities; and

WHEREAS, quick and flexible funding are imperative to the on-going operations of the wastewater system, it was determined that Federal funds which take longer to receive from application to award and have more restraints and restrictions than state funds would not be the optimal funding mechanism for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Water/Wastewater loan fund, which is funded by State lottery dollars, is generally faster and more flexible than federally funded opportunities, it is this funding mechanism that was recommended; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a homelessness crisis and need for continued building of homes.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY OF WILLAMINA RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City Manager has the authority to apply for, accept, revise, reject, and/or otherwise act on behalf of the City in regard to any funding opportunity for the City of Willamina wastewater lift station project, and, further, that the City Manager has the authority to execute any and all necessary documents in regard to or in order to receive funding for the Willamina wastewater lift station and directs city staff to continue to allow connection to the City's wastewater system.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 14th June, 2022, by the following votes:

Councilor Baller: aye Councilor Johnson: aye Councilor Skyberg: aye

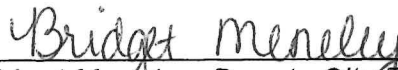
Councilor Wilson: absent Councilor Wooden: aye



Robert "Bob" Burr, Mayor



ATTEST:



Bridget Meneley, Deputy City Recorder