Willamette NA  February 12, 2025                Zoom and ACC

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President, Kathie Halicki.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

The treasury has a balance of $3,068.92.

**Police** Chief Mahuna introduced a new officer J J Hoover and then listed items of interest:

1.Immigration: police will not assist ICE without a warrant

2.12,000 calls for service last year…only 6 complaints

   (these are addressed by a panel of 6 WL residents)

3.1 pursuit..bank robber caught on hwy 217

4. 9 uses of force..pointing pistol

5. Future option: cameras at entrance to city to better identify vehicle license plates

   this would cost the City $65,000 first two years then $45,000 for the 3rd year with a leasing company

   who would service the cameras and keep a data base..purged after 60 days

6. staffing:  1 retired, 3 new hires in process

7. Police dept. has free gun locks available upon request

**Parks Director** Megan Big John addressed rumors:

1. The heron sculpture in Fields Bridge Park was moved to the parking lot circle to avoid damage during irrigation construction.
2. there will be no kayak rental facility in the park
3. there will be more life jackets available to borrow from Tualatin River Keepers
4. a mural on the high cement wall is being considered.  More native planting coming
5. blackberries will all be cut back …help from volunteers encouraged
6. warning signage will be posted before toxic spraying of invasive plants
7. homeowners urged to cut ivy and adjacent debris from trees as fire prevention

**Notes:**

Motion: up to $500 was approved to spend on WNA office supplies

WNA may need more ‘meeting notice’ signs

**Land Use:** DJ’s Decking is considering 8 food carts in his parking lot at 11th and WF drive.  A conditional use permit would be required.  Comments focused on parking, traffic, round about proximity and appearance relative to recent street improvements

Chris Myers explained details of street vacating in wetland areas as part of possible development.  Letters must be sent to City Council by noon on March 3 for inclusion in testimony.  Applicant Schulz can respond by March 10 and City Council will decide March 17th.

Friends of Willamette Wetlands will submit further testimony.  Tidings has had articles plus social media.  This effort is to stop the street vacating.

A proposed ADU in a barn at 1225 13th appeared at a pre-ap

A proposed cottage cluster is considered for the north end on 13th street

**Main Street** has plans for St Patrick’s Day festivities in Willamette, March 17th

**Food Pantry** has received funding of $33,333. from County funds for food shortages.  The Pantry served 2,453 families last year, 4,957 adults, 2,055 children plus holiday food boxes for 109 families and 130 children’s gifts

SONA now has a board of officers and is a functioning NA again

The meeting adjourned at 9:15