

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 by President, Kathie Halicki.

The **minutes** were approved as seen on the WL Meetings page.

Treasury has a balance of \$3,503.17. \$500 was donated to the Food Pantry.

City Manager, John Williams brought us up to date on activities of City Council. The Council will focus this year on long term financial health. The general fund provides for a variety of services but needs to stabilize finances to provide for the years ahead. One option could be raising the park fee found in the water bill.

City Council has approved the location, the design, and method of financing for the new Public Works complex off Salamo Road. 80% funding can come from utility rates which have been set aside for this purpose. 20% may have to come from fees (ie: parks, street maintenance, water, etc)

A candidate for Chief of Police may likely come from inside the force. An announcement will be made soon.

Finances are still lacking for road improvements from 10th street to the arch bridge. Orange netting in Field's Bridge Park needs to be removed. The Park Dept will see to this because the original contractors are not available.

Tri Met has a deficit of \$150 million causing it to cancel bus service in West Linn. Bus 153 has low ridership and will cease. 76 will have service cut somewhat. 35 bus will continue to serve Oregon City to Portland via hwy 43. Lift services will be cut as well since they follow the bus routes. The Wilsonville SMART bus will stop in West Linn near the 10th street on its way to Clackamas TC.

These changes will take effect this summer and strand many West Linn residents. 27% of whom are considered burdened with rent and in need of public transit.

WES presented an update for its pump station project. The structure housing the pump will be replaced with one in a safer area out of the flood plain. Sewage will be pumped through 24" pipe up along 5th street to Willamette Falls Drive to the bridge and Oregon City. Capacity will be increased and seismic codes met.

Wetlands will be avoided with minimal impact on trees and natural areas. 40 to 50 trees will need to be removed out of 600 in the project area. Screening will be added where needed.

The sewer pipe will run along Willamette Falls Drive underground followed by half street improvements. 2026 will see the finish of the design phase to be followed by construction. 4th street may be closed briefly. Concerned residents can join an email list for construction updates. Heavy equipment on 4th and 5th will damage the road surface enough to require resurfacing.

Comments:

Will night work be involved because of heavy day use of WF Drive?

Perhaps daily closures for 5 months or total closure for one month.

Drilling will be through decomposed basalt and under existing creeks.

Excessive noise is a concern to residents.

Food Pantry thanked WNA for \$500 donation. They passed out 133 holiday boxes and all the turkeys. April and May will likely be lean months

Main Street no report.

WNA Meeting **Signs and postcards:** double faced lawn signs cost \$25 each if 10 are ordered. WNA Voted to spend up to \$300 on 10 signs.

Postcards can be printed and mailed to all Willamette residents by the City.

We can add info such as summer market info.

Next month suggestion: Willamette Heritage Trust explain their purpose.

The Tannler apartment development is still preparing its design for 300+ units and also waiting for a traffic study.

John McCabe announced the closure of Bolton School sending elementary students to Willamette and Trillium Schools. He finds the School Board irresponsible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Elizabeth Rocchia

Secretary