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CITY OF CARLTON TO RECEIVE \$5.8 MILLION FROM HB5006 FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

Carlton, Oregon – August 12, 2021 – In partnership with Representative Ron Noble, House District 24, the City of Carlton expects to receive \$5.8 million towards the required wastewater plant upgrades.

“This is a great example of how our state legislators support their districts” said Mayor Watkins. “Especially for our state’s small, rural cities, when major infrastructure projects are required, the cities don’t have the income to pay for projects that run into the millions. We have to raise service rates on our already financially stretched citizens or find alternative sources...or both.”

The total estimated cost for all the necessary wastewater plant upgrades is \$6.8 million. The City of Carlton studied their utility rates and citizens had sustained substantial rate increases over the last three years.

“As a result of Representative Ron Noble’s dedicated support and partnership to secure \$5.8 million dollars for the upgrade of Carlton’s wastewater treatment facility, we are able to provide our residents with high quality and reliable wastewater treatment infrastructure for many years to come,” said Council-President Ward-Mullen. “We are most grateful for his efforts on our behalf.”

The funding from HB5006 will not only allow the City to complete the significant required wastewater plant upgrades, but will also allow them to reexamine their utility rates and consider other needed infrastructure projects to protect the health of the City’s essential water and wastewater services.

For additional comments, concerns or questions, please contact City Hall at (503) 852-7575.