

WALLSBURG TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

December 5, 2023 – 6:30 pm

1. **CLOSED SESSION** Expected 6:30pm to discuss personnel.
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WALLSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

Water System Improvements Project – Environmental Assessment

Finding Of No Significant Impact

PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES

December 5, 2023 - 7 pm

Call To Order 7:06pm

1. Wallsburg Town Council Information Presentation – Information and Discussion Only

- a. The Wallsburg Town Council will present information to the public regarding the Environmental Assessment for the Water System Improvements Project and the Finding Of No Significant Impacts.

Celeni Richins read the above sentence and added that one of the requirements for the Drinking Water funding package for Wallsburg Town's water system improvement project is to conduct an Environmental Assessment. That has been completed by Dao Yang with Sunrise Engineering and the Drinking Water Division now needs to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for public notice. Per Utah State requirements, the FONSI notice will be published in the local newspaper (Wasatch Wave) on Wednesday November 22nd and Wednesday November 29th. The environmental Assessment will also be available for public review in person at the Wallsburg Town Hall, on the Wallsburg Town website, the Utah Public Notice website, or digitally as requested via email. The Finding Of No Significant Impact public notice opens a 30-day formal public comment period (beginning Wednesday November 22nd and ending Friday December 22nd), and Wallsburg Town will hold one public meeting during this comment period (Tuesday December 5th 7:00pm) to accept comments. All public comments received, oral and written (PO Box 52 Wallsburg, UT 84082 or wallsburgtownclerk@gmail.com), shall be recorded and provided to the Drinking Water Division for the project file. If there are no comments, expiration of the 30-day comment period ends the environmental review process.

2. Public Comment

- a. This is the public's opportunity to ask questions and comment on the Environmental Assessment, Finding Of No Significant Impact for the Wallsburg Town Water System Improvements Project. Please come up to the table, state your name and address before making a comment, and speak loudly to assure comments are recorded properly. Please keep comments brief and on topic, please do not repeat previous comments.

Celeni Richins read the above sentences/description and turned the time over to the public.

Clint Allen: I think it is important to note that they have done their study they did do it on the entire water project and there wasn't anything of concern. Sometimes in our past projects there have been concerns like a wetlands or something to work through, but this time there were no issues that need to be addressed and no hurdles like state lands or indian trust land that sometimes that can have to go through.

Mark Allen (1659 Little Hobble Creek Road): Let me just be the seed corn. I haven't been following this issue, so I am just wondering if you can give a summation of what the project was, the scope of the project, the plans for the project. I'm trying to stay on topic, but I want to share a little brochure with you on transparency. We launched Glenn Beck on Friday and I would like to get all of this EA stuff into our portal so that all of Wallsburg and Round Valley citizens can be aware of what's going on. I'll leave you this and let that be the seed corn for um. We're trying to record, we're using AI to transcribe every public meeting in America. It becomes an asset and a resource to you, where you could go out and type in "environmental assessment" or "water issues" and you could find every public meeting in America that has been dealing with water issues and is a great tool for you to use. Let me just plant that seed with you and you can tell me the scope of it. I remember the study where they came through and looked corridor and nitrates and phosphates and all that kind of stuff, and we had some upstream neighbors that had some pretty high counts and I don't know if that was part of this EA or not. (Celeni Richins confirmed that it was not. This was specifically for the environmental assessment for the water system improvement project).

Clint Allen: A quick summary: This is to replace the distribution line from Town Limits up to the upper tank. All of the current 4" line that is failing, replace with 8" line to bring up to current standards and replace the services along the way. And then

they'll replace the tank on the hill and move it to a higher elevation to provide adequate fire flow for our community. (Terri Eisel) and the new tank will be larger. (Mark Allen) That is brilliant, thank you. We can't be water short. I think you took the spear on that one, Clint. (Clint Allen) We have, yes. Anyway, so that's just a summary and that's what we're working on, that's what the environmental study was for- to make sure there weren't any issues. It came back with no significant findings, unless someone in the public has a comment or picked up something that they weren't aware of. (Mark Allen) thanks for leading out and taking the spear. (Clint Allen) You're welcome. (Terri Eisel) This particular public hearing was a required step in the process to get the ball rolling on the project. It was for that environmental impact study only. (Mark Allen) If you would have said tax raises, you would have had an audience. (Terri Eisel) Yes, we've already done that this year and fallen on that sword. Celeni Richins called for any additional public comment. Hearing none, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

Adjourn Time: 7:13pm

Motions: Scott Larsen moves to adjourn **Second:** Justin Carlile **Vote:** Unanimous

WALLSBURG TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

December 5, 2023 – Immediately Following Public Hearing

MINUTES

1 **Call to Order** Immediately Following Public Hearing- Called To Order 7:13pm

b. Pledge of Allegiance - Completed

c. Prayer- Scott Larsen

d. Roll Call- Scott Larsen, Justin Carlile, Celeni Richins, Terri Eisel, Clint Allen, Alisha O'Driscoll, Mark Allen,

Bob Piscitelli, Mary Piscitelli

2 **Consent Calendar:** Be it hereby moved that the following consent calendar items stand approved:

a. Agenda of the December 5, 2023 Town Council Meeting

b. Minutes of the November 2, 2023 Town Council Meeting

Agenda of December 5th meeting stands approved. Minutes of November 2nd meeting will be approved at the January Town Council meeting, November and December will be reviewed and approved at the same time.

3 **Approve Budget**

a. November Budget and check register

b. November Budget and check register questions

Justin Carlile: Alisha do you have the receipt for the One Stop fuel? It just seemed weird, I wasn't sure what we had gotten fuel for in the last month or so. Alisha O'Driscoll: It looks like it was fuel on October 9th by Gordy. Clint Allen: That was probably one of his last mowings. That's all I had seen. Scott Larsen commented that the street light power bill is down.

Terri Eisel commented to Alisha O'Driscoll that she would like to get the meter numbers from the power bills to verify they are correct, thinking the pump and the park are mixed up. Alisha will get those numbers to Terri. Clint Allen commented that it's probably more likely that it's the park and the fire station that are switched, the lights are always on in the fire station and if there is a heater in there, etc. Terri Eisel will look into the numbers and verify accuracy to see what we can figure out. Scott Larsen noted that they are working to replace all of the meters so they can be read remotely.

Celeni Richins commented on the check register that Clint Allen took a water certification class. Clint Allen clarified that his certifications will remain current until the new Town Council member taking his place can get certified.

Motion: Justin Carlile moves to approve the budget and check register for November

Second: Terri Eisel **Vote:** Unanimous

4 **Public Comment (5 minutes):** This is the public's opportunity to comment on items that are NOT on the agenda. Please come up to the table, state your name and address before making a comment, and speak loudly to assure comments are recorded properly.

Mark Allen (Wasatch County, Wallsburg Valley): I'll talk again on something else. Came from a meeting last night in Utah County and it's refreshing to be in front of you guys. They are looking to raise salaries for their attorneys from \$120k to \$160k, I'll be talking to them tomorrow. I appreciate how service oriented you guys are. Something to be aware of, in speaking to law enforcement, the sheriff has been asked to stand down from force in Utah County and has said no way. The state treasurer did a presentation last week on natural asset companies, you might want to go search in the portal for it. He missed the comment period by one day. The natural asset company is trying to change an administrative law at the DC level, so bypassing

it allows foreign countries to buy federal lands. Utah is 67% federal. Russia, China, etc have 4 trillion dollars in a war chest. Southern Utah wilderness alliance received funding from Russia to block us from minerals and oil. Keep your ears open for the natural asset company related. We launched our portal on Glenn Beck and 255,000 people have watched, I'll post a link on preserving freedom. If you have any public meeting recordings that you'd like to have added to the portal, it's free. It also creates an AI transcript in 5 minutes so you don't have to type up the minutes. I've attended some meetings where they are 6 months behind in trying to type up and transcribe the minutes, so we're trying to help ease the burden. You know how to find me. Michelle weber from the USDA in charge of federal grants is willing to come up and look at this old building. She helped facilitate \$100k grant in a small town. They give out a lot of this information through the League of Cities and Towns but you guys are so frugal that you didn't have money to spend. One of the meetings she was talking about affordable housing and several different grant opportunities if you'd like to talk to her at the DC level with both eyes open. Scott Larsen asked for her contact information and Celeni Richins commented that she has the contact information. Mark Allen thanked the council for their service. Celeni Richins called for any additional public comment. Hearing none, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed and moved on to the agenda items.

5 Agenda Items:

a. Declaration Of Wallsburg Town Municipal Election Results - Canvassers' Report – Action Item

- i. The Wallsburg Town Council (Board Of Canvassers) will report on the 2023 Municipal Election for Wallsburg Town in accordance with Utah State Code 20A-4-304 as provided by Wasatch County Clerk, Joey Granger.

Celeni Richins read the above sentence and the certification of official results and statistics for the Wallsburg Town 2023 Municipal Election as provided by the Wasatch County Clerk.

2023 Municipal General Election Canvass

CERTIFICATION OF OFFICAL RESULTS

Wallsburg Town Mayor and Council Members [Board Of Canvassers] hereby declares the following candidates in the 2023 Municipal Election as "Elected";

-Mary Piscitelli

-Troy Thompson

These candidates had the highest number of votes; and sought election to an office completely within the Wallsburg Town jurisdiction. The Wallsburg Town Board Of Canvassers:

-Does not have any persons to declare "Nominated".

-Does not have any propositions to declare "Approved" or "Rejected".

Such declarations have been made by the Wasatch County Board of Canvassers and will be reported as such.

The Wallsburg Town Board of Canvassers has received the following statistics report and official results from the Wasatch County Clerk's office, and hereby certifies the following information:

Statistics TOTAL

Registered Voters – Total 194

Ballots Cast – Total 129

Voter Turnout – Total 66.49%

Wallsburg Town Council TOTAL

CLINT ALLEN 52

Write-In Totals 184

Write-In: Elliot Anderson 19

Write-In: Mary Piscitelli 85

Write-In: Troy Thompson 78

Write-In: Invalid 2

Not Assigned 0

Total Votes Cast 236

Overvotes 0

Undervotes 22

Contest Totals 258

Motion: Scott Larsen moves to accept and certify the results of the election as stated

Second: Terri Eisel **Votes:** Celeni Richins: Yes, Scott Larsen: Yes, Justin Carlile: Yes, Terri Eisel: Yes, Clint Allen: Yes.

Signed by all and attested by the Town Clerk, Alisha O’Driscoll.

b. Santa Visit Report – Information and Discussion Only

- i. Mary Piscitelli (Activities Committee), report on the Santa Visit and event.

The Santa visit was just last night, so not all details are available to report, but for now Mary Piscitelli reported that over 100 people attended the activity. This is done for the kids but it is fun to see the adults come together and socialize. Approximately 80 kids got oranges from Santa, around 70 did the picture frame craft. We didn’t have as many gingerbread houses in the contest, only 10 or 15- not quite sure what happened there but plan to advertise better and change age categories, add prizes for next year. Had leftover donuts and chocolate milk. Everyone enjoyed themselves, it was really fun to see the excitement of the kids and everyone.

c. Water System Improvement Project Update – Information and Discussion Only

- i. Discuss status of water system improvement project.

Clint Allen. We received 90% completion plans, need to go over as a group for review. They are confidential at this time, but need to be reviewed as a group and questions/concerns can be gone over. It has a new water line from the wellhouse going in front of the fire station, across Howard Ford’s side of the road to keep the pump line separate from the distribution line, up to 550 east, across the road and tie in above the PRV, to force water into the new tank. Right now when the well pumps, we can only pump to below 550 east, so above that has to be provided by the spring right now. The new system will put a new PRV up by Dale Carlsons/Alisha’s so we can provide more customers water if something were to happen with the spring, it a great backup source. They wouldn’t have a lot of pressure, but they would have water. That would just be as a backup. Let’s look through the plans over the next few days, they engineering firm wants to get them turned into the state before Christmas so it can go out to bid the first part of January so we can know who that contractor will be by early springtime and get that project going. The project shouldn’t interfere with the road project or the trail project at the park. Scott Larsen clarified where the new line will go from the pump house. Clint explained/ answered questions. Still need to work on easements with Karma Ford and up through Blake Allen’s property. The engineering company will provide the legal documentation for the easements and the Town will work out the details with the property owners. Clint Allen is willing to help with things through the transition to the new Town Council member. Discussed certifications that the new Council member will need to work on.

Scott Larsen asked if all of the water meters are now fixed. Clint Allen confirmed that most are fixed, Mountainland is working on the rest of them that didn’t read and will hopefully be resolved by the next time the meters are read at the end of December. All vacant homes/properties were installed and or repaired. As of now, everyone has one and is being billed like they should be. If they don’t want to pay for the connection they have the choice to sell their connection or abandon, etc. There are two lots that don’t have meters yet, because the hookup fee hasn’t been paid yet: Kraig Ford across the road and Dylan VanWagoner down the road.

Justin Carlile asked what the Town needs to do to keep Clint on as water master until the next Town Council member is assigned and up to speed. Clint Allen is willing to keep same pay rate and stay on as long as needed. Justin/Terri commented that a contract needs to be set up. Mary Piscitelli (Public) asked if there is a grace period for certification and how that works. Clint Allen explained that normally this wouldn’t happen because most municipalities have multiple people certified for the water system. Celeni Richins said that for years Rick Sabey has been the backup for the water system and asked Clint Allen if he would be the backup for the new Council Member, he said yes. He suggested the new Council Member come with him to learn the ropes and read meters, etc. Discussed where the new Town Council members might be assigned and how that will work, as long as everyone decides on the same options they are good to go. If there is a tie vote, it is up to the Mayor discretion. Bob and Mary Piscitelli (public) asked if two people can certify for the water so that there is a backup on the Town Council. Justin Carlile suggested maybe a maintenance position for that backup and in case of emergency, sickness, vacation, etc. Clint Allen agreed that it is in the Town’s best interest but fears we may not be able to get people willing to do that. Clint Allen is willing to help out in the interim.

d. Department Reports: To discuss continued agenda items, assignments

- i. Buildings (Scott Larsen) Some stuff done in the building; women’s bathroom stall is fixed. Relief society Room is painted, need to look into window coverings. Propane is down to 40% and needs to be filled shortly. Need to remind renters to check for lights and windows that are left open (add to rental agreement paperwork).

- ii. Roads (Scott Larsen) Some potholes have been filled. There are still some to be done, but good progress.

- iii. Cemetery (Justin Carlile) Tried to clean up cemetery computer, Microsoft Office is connected to personal email, may need to purchase new license for next Town Council member. Look into Town specific email addresses for issues like this. Will continue working to get that straightened out for the next Town Council member. Mary Piscitelli asked if the new section of the

cemetery is on the Town website. It's not yet, needs to go through MAG to get that updated, Justin will send one last file to MAG for this year to get that all updated and on there. Firewood at the cemetery is not all cleaned up, but some was taken.

iv. Park (Terri Eisel) Hopefully by January meeting the final plan for the walking trail will be ready. Also Application for spring creek trail improvement. TAP committee is working on application process for funds, Terri is on the committee and will abstain from that because Wallsburg will apply for the funds as match for the grants.

v. Water (Clint Allen) Other than what was talked about above, just working for the new pipeline to go in before the road project and park projects start. Work should start first of spring if bids go out in January.

vi. Mayor (Celeni Richins) Nothing to add other than working to add AED and emergency options for the Town Hall through grants and other options. Will have more details as they come.

vii. Clerk (Alisha O'Driscoll) Got mailing list for property owners in Wallsburg Town for business license issue/ Renewal to build/cleanup the database and work with the county and state to straighten out sales tax, etc. Thank you to Clint and Justin, happy to help coordinate transitions. Clint Allen will get list of duties for next Council Member. Asked when it changes. Alisha O'Driscoll will look into it. Swearing in/oaths of office will be done at the January meeting.

Scott Larsen added that Rick Sabey reported that the broken down lawnmower engine is bad. Looking into replacing the engine, not possible to repair. A new engine would be \$1800-\$2000. Would be a great option as a backup. Would suggest fixing this one and still getting a new one so there is a backup. Talked with Bob Piscitelli (Public) about school district use, different brands of mowers being considered, etc. Looking and researching for best options.

e. No Work Meeting Scheduled For December – Merry Christmas!

f. Call for Agenda items for January Town Council Meeting (Expected January 4, 2024)

Water project update, broadband update, oaths of office/swearing in, etc. Alisha will gather other agenda items.

6 Adjourn

Motion: Scott Larsen **Second:** Justin Carlile

Vote: Unanimous

Time: 8:13pmz

CLOSED SESSION to discuss personnel and/or pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

-Closed session not held after the meeting, one was held before the meetings today to discuss personnel.