

WALLSBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

August 8, 2024 - 7 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order 7:00PM

- a. Pledge of Allegiance - Completed
- b. Prayer – Scott Larsen

c. Roll Call – Scott Larsen, Troy Thompson, Terri Eisel, Celeni Richins, Mary Piscitelli, Kamille Olsen, Troy Ostler, Koy Eisel, Steve Jaques, Tammy Graham. Alisha O’Driscoll excused for family event that conflicted with the rescheduled meeting date.

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

- a. Agenda of the August 8, 2024 Town Council Meeting
- b. Minutes of the July 11, 2024 Town Council Meeting

Items stand approved

3. Approve Budget

- a. July Budget and check register
- b. July Budget and check register questions

Celeni Richins noted that Alisha left a note on the check register that the line for the FFA DJ was recorded incorrectly. It has been rectified with Pelorus and is now correct, but the meeting papers were printed a few days in advance because of the planned power outage today.

Mary Piscitelli commented that under Dollar Tree, the storage bins for the cemetery were purchased at Costco. Correction on spelling – Erika Thompson for the handwashing stations. Celeni Richins will take notes to pass to Alisha for corrections to be made. Celeni Richins mentioned commented spelling correction for Marcia Potter on the check register also.

Celeni Richins asked Scott Larsen about the Frog Bottom Irrigation invoice and if that needs to be rectified.

Scott Larsen confirmed he will look into it.

Motion: Scott Larsen moves to approve the July budget and check register. **Second:** Troy Thompson **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. If you have specific questions or comments regarding items that ARE on the agenda, please contact the Wallsburg Town Council or Clerk after the meeting has adjourned.

None heard.

5. Agenda Items:

- a. **Main Canyon Road Project, Park Trail Grant Projects Updates – Information and Discussion Only**
 - i. Troy Ostler will discuss status of Main Canyon Road Phase II and Park Trail Grant projects.

Troy Ostler gave a quick update. The city park trail has been advertised through UDOT and the paper, the bid opening has been set for the 29th of August over the internet. They will notify us as soon as those come in and we should know by 2:15pm on that day. If the bids come in within 10% of the estimate, it will come to the Town for concurrence, so the Town has to concur before UDOT will award the project. Scott Larsen asked if concurrence is through the Mayor or the Town Board. Troy Ostler said from the Mayor. It will be brought to the Town Council the following Thursday meeting. Terri Eisel confirmed September 5th. Timing won’t be a problem, it will get us closer to the end of October and getting this done. Troy Ostler met with Hancock today and other contractors in the area are interested and seeing the advertisement. Scott Larsen asked where to go if someone is interested. Troy Ostler said to go to the UDOT website and to give them his phone number and he can direct them to the advertisement and plans if they are not familiar with the UDOT website. Scott Larsen asked what the final estimate is. Troy Ostler said right around \$320-\$330 thousand. Got the extra \$60,000 from UDOT to stay in budget, leaving 10% contingency. The main canyon road project manager is looking at scheduling the plan in hand review around the last week of September. With the environmental clearance, there needs to be an archaeologist look at the historical irrigation ditch up there. Not that we are going to have to do anything with it, just has to do with it being more than 50 years old. That is scheduled in a few weeks, followed by the plan in hand review. Putting us at the second to last review in November, then the final review in December so the project can be advertised before the end of the year and ready to go to work on it first thing

in the spring. Troy Ostler will email the plans to make sure everything looks right to all. Scott Larsen asked about signage, commented that they will be rolled into the project. Troy Ostler commented that speed limit, stop signs, etc will be included. Adding flashing light stop signs in a couple of places.

b. Homeschool Group 2024-2025 School Year – Action Item

- i. Discuss and decide cost for the Home School Group Town Hall rental for the upcoming school year.

Celeni Richins explained that last month a lot of the details were discussed, 37 children from 12 families using the building 28 Tuesdays from September 3rd to April 29th 9am-3pm, all we have to discuss is pricing. Gym, kitchen, 3 or 4 classrooms, closets- more than just when someone rents the building. Celeni Richins explained that Alisha commented that if the cost is more than it would be for someone in the community to rent it then they might go that route and rent it weekly. Considering that they get more than just the regular rental with the classrooms and closets, etc. Celeni Richins commented that they are excellent renters and always leave the building great, but they have to consider the cost to heat the building, etc. Mary Piscitelli commented that they also do service projects during the year. Celeni Richins commented that she was trying to remember the projects done last year, thinks only one was done. Celeni Richins commented for Scott Larsen to make sure to give them two projects to do. Scott Larsen commented that their use of the building is a marvelous use of the asset. Celeni Richins agreed that it is good use of the building. Commented that a walk through will be done prior to the beginning of the school year and the Town is not liable for any damage or injuries during school hours- will be responsibility of the adults present. Kamille Olsen commented that she researched that they paid \$125 per day last year. Celeni Richins called for comments, stating it would be best to get this figured out tonight because school will start before we meet again. Scott Larsen, Terri Eisel, Celeni Richins commented agreement with the \$125 rate and called for a motion.

Motion: Scott Larsen moves to rent the building for \$125 per day as discussed **Second:** Terri Eisel **Vote:** Unanimous
Celeni Richins gave the contract to Kamille Olsen to be signed and returned to be recorded with Alisha O’Driscoll.

c. Waterway Issues – Information and Discussion Only

- i. Discuss waterway ditch issues and solutions

Celeni Richins explained that it was discussed with Nate Surratt last year that the lower spot in front of their house where the water washes out of the waterway and floods the garage. Wanted to discuss what to do with that location specifically, and a few other places in town. Celeni Richins commented that she hates to tear it out and pour a new one, but it might have to be done. Troy Thompson commented that it needs to be done sooner than later. Cut a grate in and pipe it into the ditch. We’re going to have to control what is going on, cut storm grates in and plumb it into the ditch. Terri Eisel commented that we need to make sure the culverts and ditches are open. Celeni Richins asked Scott Larsen if the culvert and ditch in front of his house is open. Scott Larsen commented that Nate Surratt filled in the ditch when he did his driveway with loads of gravel. Troy Thompson asked who monitors and enforces those road right of ways. Celeni Richins said that would be Scott Larsen’s domain and we need to look into doing that. Celeni Richins commented that she would support a divot being cut in so it will drain into the ditch. Scott Larsen commented that there are sandbags there. Celeni Richins and Troy Thompson commented that those will degrade and break open over the winter. Celeni Richins commented to cut a groove to divert the water. Troy Thompson said that will ruin the integrity of the road and put in a box grate piped to the ditch. Troy Ostler commented that would be the best solution as well. Terri Eisel commented there is a berm in front of Kelly Hortin’s house, so it’s not just Nate Surratt’s driveway that is the issue- commented that a French drain might be a good idea. Troy Ostler said it could work either way, it needs to be looked at but the French drain would probably be a better solution. Troy Ostler will look at it with Scott Larsen, it could be included with the Main Canyon road project. Terri Eisel commented that the problem starts up on the sharp turn corner by Rusty and Lucy O’Driscolls. Troy Ostler that once it makes the corner there is nothing to stop it. He will get with Scott Larsen to get some ideas and possibly include it in the Main Canyon Road project because they are fixing other problem areas by Howard Fords. Troy Thompson asked what they are going to do in front of his house. Road is eroding, they clean out the culverts and the water pools up with nowhere to go. Scott Larsen comments that road always has issues. Terri Eisel commented that back down by Surratt’s, that ditch and culverts needs to be cleaned out and kept up. Terri Eisel said it comes down to if it’s in the right of way or in their yard- it will be different for everyone and issues with them being filled in will need to be dealt with. Troy Ostler will spend time with Scott Larsen next week and come up with some ideas.

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

- i. Discuss status of Water System improvement project.

Troy Thompson explained that they are starting to pressurize the pipe in the upper valley and are having a hard time with people out of water at Ashlee Acres. They had to manually override and the water tank level dropped to 9 feet. Scott Larsen asked where the water is going. Troy Thompson explained that its going into the new pipe. The well can’t keep up. Celeni Richins asked if he has had a

discussion with Sweats about the water truck. Troy Thompson said he has not filled it this year, this is the Town usage. Scott Larsen asked if they have enough water to fill the tank? Troy Thompson said yes that it caught back up around 1pm, but it needs to be flushed so it will happen again. He is interested to see how long it takes to fill the new big water tank, commented that it will take two years. Troy Thompson said Sunrise had a meeting and they want to identify 75 residences where they don't know if their connection is lead, copper, steel, or PVC pipe. They want Troy to dig up the connections to verify, he said he won't have time to do that. They are going to send some letters out and they can hire out the work if they want them dug up. The Town Council members agreed. Troy Thompson commented that the older homes aren't known. Scott Larsen said that Clint Allen went through and set new meters 10 years or so ago. Troy Thompson commented that he wouldn't still know what each connection was. Troy Thompson explained that he was talking with Kirk Lee (BD Bush) and at the hydrant by Delbert Jeppersons house they had 50PSI and now with everything going on its measuring 110PSI- as soon as we start hooking meters up it will start blowing lines in houses. We've got sunrise engineering looking at that to see what we can do as far as PRV's, etc. Amanda Carlile asked if the meters have backflow preventers on them. Troy Thompson commented that some of them do. Troy Thompson commented that he was able to get BD Bush the same app to control the system as he has, so they can keep an eye on it. Scott Larsen asked what we can do to reduce the chaos. Troy Thompson said buy more water. Celeni Richins asked what we can do to help identify the pipes. Terri Eisel said let the state do it if they are requiring it. Troy Thompson said he has Alisha involved and they will mail surveys or door hangers, etc. They thing they can identify some, but not all of them. They will work on the details.

e. Fiber Internet Grant Project Update – Information and Discussion Only

- i. Discuss status of grant project for Fiber Internet project.

Scott Larsen said they are waiting on the state, more of the same from each month.

6. Department Reports

- a. To discuss continued agenda items, assignments

i. Buildings (Scott Larsen) the sprinklers at the Town Hall, 5 or 6 zones are free running. With all of them open there is not enough pressure to do anything. Couldn't get them to shut off, so shut the main water off so they aren't running and leaking forever. Gordy is out of town until next week. Some of the valves have had to be replaced, we might have to replace more. Going to get some tree trimming done at the Town Hall. Celeni Richins asked how much it will cost. It should be around \$600-\$700, very reasonable.

- ii. Roads (Scott Larsen) nothing to add on top of what Troy Ostler went over.

iii. Cemetery (Mary Piscitelli) Called Grid Iron to get a bid on thistle and weeds in the cemetery because the Town is responsible for perpetual care. Its not cheap, \$2250 to have it done. While they were here, asked for a bid on the Town Hall and Park. They won't bid the Town Hall because the grass is dead. The Park would be \$930. Told them the trail is being added to the park so it won't be done before spring but they are going to do the cemetery. Mary Piscitelli's husband Bob has been mowing, weed eating, sprinklers at the cemetery while Gordy is away. The sprinklers are not on turn off valves for each section, so with one broken sprinkler there is no water until that is fixed. In the near future, those sprinklers will need to be updated and repaired to be maintained better. Troy Thompson said he would reach out to Buffo's pest control (local) for a second opinion on the weed/pest control.

iv. Park (Terri Eisel) Sprinkler and water subject, water turn on Sunday afternoon to 10pm- spent the whole time cleaning filters because of the Town Ditch situation. Identified numerous sprinklers that aren't turning or are broken. Theres another turn tomorrow night, will continue to work and adjust on them. Mary Piscitelli asked about the baseball diamond. Terri commented that there are no sprinklers over there. Park bathrooms have been unlocked for who knows how long. Celeni Richins commented that they were locked after the 24th because she and Alisha went in and cleaned them and locked them up. Terri commented that there was a rental there the following weekend so maybe they were left unlocked after that. Just a heads up. Celeni Richins asked if there was any damage, Terri Eisel said not that she could see. There is a TAP funds meeting coming up where they are going to open applications again. There have been lots of inquiries about a pickleball court, she will get some numbers put together. Safety concern with bumblebees on the playground. Troy Thompson said Jake will get over there to get it welded. Terri Eisel commented safety with the plastic part too. Celeni Richins commented that she has put a black bag over it a few times to try to get people to not use them but the bags get taken off. Terri Eisel said the bumblebees cost \$1400 and questioned if we want them or replace them with something else. There are other options that

may not have the same issues they've had. Koy chopped up the power pole that has been rolled around. When the trail is done we will have a better idea of needs as far as benches, signage, trees. Etc

v. Water (Troy Thompson) nothing to add

vi. Mayor (Celeni Richins) 24th wrap up meeting will be for the work meeting on August 22nd. 2 of the 3 bishops have confirmed they can come to discuss the auction and funds, etc. It will be good for everyone to be there to discuss opinions and ideas. Although it is a public meeting, there will not be public comment. Mary Piscitelli asked if the 24th of July committee members can be invited to participate in the work meeting discussion, they have some great comments. Celeni Richins said yes they would be great to have there, or submit ideas comments if they cant make it. The new custodian has been hired, Marcia Potter starts officially August 1st.

vii. Clerk (Alisha O'Driscoll) excused

b. Call for Agenda items for August Town Council Work Meeting (Expected August 22, 2024)
24th Of July review meeting with local bishops.

c. Call for Agenda items for September Town Council Meeting (Expected September 5, 2024)
Waterway issues- ideas from Troy Ostler, water update, fiber update.
Heber Valley Elementary back to school night is the same date as this meeting, could be a schedule conflict.

Adjourn

Motion: Troy Thompson moves to adjourn
Time: 7:54PM

Second: Scott Larsen

Vote: Unanimous