

WALLSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

June 6, 2024 - 7 pm

1. Call to Order 7:01PM

a. Roll Call: Scott Larsen, Troy Thompson, Celeni Richins, Terri Eisel, Mary Piscitelli, Alisha O'Driscoll, Troy Ostler, Steve Jaques, Christine Bigelow, Mark Marriott, David Mariott, Neill Mariott, Aubri Buehler, Yvonne Thompson, Brenda Richins, Ashley Sagers, Kent Payne, Susan Payne, Lorie Birch, Ray Birch, Erin Hicken, Tammy Graham, Doyle Graham, Elliot Anderson, Bill Mark, Scott Everson, Julie Everson, Clint Allen.

2. Agenda Item: The purpose of the meeting is to hear public comment and answer questions regarding the Wallsburg Town Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget. All interested persons may attend.

Aubri Buehler: Question for the road. Heber city, highway 40 goes through it and the state maintains it. More people than Wallsburg Town use the road, why is it ours to maintain. I know we get grants, but we don't have the money. The state takes care of midway and highway 40, why are we sucking money from people here- plus this road already needs sealed, its terrible. Why aren't we trying to get the county to take over the maintenance. Scott Larsen said the reason the state takes care of the midway and heber is because they are highways. Aubri Buehler asked if the county council can be approached about it. Scott Larsen asked Troy Ostler for comment. He didn't have any comment other than the reason the county doesn't take care of it is because it is in Town limits. Aubri Buehler asked if historically highway 40 and highway 113 in midway have always been highways or at what point the government took over maintenance and how could we do that? Troy Ostler explained that the State gave it to the County and is now maintained by the County. There is no reason not to investigate with the County.

-Is the argument for the water tank still to protect from fire, needing more pressure? Our town water goes up the whole valley for fire protection, can the county help pay for that? Where can the fire district help with that or more of the county residents from here that pay into the fire district come to us? Well over half of the valley lives above Town Limits, the answer is not asking the government for money all the time. Troy Thompson said he has been checking into it but getting the run around. Aubri Buehler asked that we go to the county meetings and ask about it to start the conversation. All of the fire hydrants up the valley come from our tank that we pay lots of money for. How can we get money to help offset the cost from us?

Brenda Richins: Speaking of roads, all day long dumptrucks are killing our roads. And something that has been addressed but nothing ever happens is that the speed limit is 25 mph and those dumptrucks are flying up that road.

-This question is for Yvonne Thompson. How much is Allen sweat paying for water and how much is he using compared to us and what we pay? Troy Thompson commented that he has it all worked out and well talk about it later.

Kent Payne: is there anyone that can meet with law enforcement to see if they can come around to help with speeding before someone gets killed. Celeni Richins commented that she has spoken with them many times and they put up radar signs that have sort of helped. Kent Payne asked if we don't pay enough to get law enforcement? He said he hasn't seen anyone get pulled over in Wallsburg in over 3 years. Troy Thompson echoed that people speed on his road too. Kent Payne asked if someone can go to the county council meetings and ask for more presence. We have two deputies living in Wallsburg. Mary Piscitelli commented that she'd like to see the numbers from Wallsburg by law enforcement because she is interested in that as well. Kent Payne commented that he'd like to see someone do something before someone gets killed. Those dump trucks are going 50-60mph through Town. Celeni Richins echoed the concerns. Kent Payne said that we should have done the water project before the road got done because it is getting destroyed. Kent Payne also asked why there is not public comment on agenda items during meetings. Celeni Richins explained that was directed by the Town lawyer and is how OPMA rules state. Kent Payne said its not right to approve annexations at meetings without public comment. Celeni Richins explained that it is an information and discussion item only and public comment will be heard at a future meeting for annexations.

Motion: Scott Larsen moves to adjourn the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Hearing

Second: Troy Thompson **Vote:** Unanimous

3. Adjourn Time: 7:19pm

WALLSBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

June 6, 2024 – Directly Following Public Hearing

4. Call to Order 7:19pm

a. Pledge of Allegiance - Completed

b. Prayer – Neill Marriott

c. Roll Call - Scott Larsen, Troy Thompson, Celeni Richins, Terri Eisel, Mary Piscitelli, Alisha O’Driscoll, Troy Ostler, Steve Jaques, Christine Bigelow, Mark Marriott, David Mariott, Neill Mariott, Aubri Buehler, Yvonne Thompson, Brenda Richins, Ashley Sagers, Kent Payne, Susan Payne, Lorie Birch, Ray Birch, Erin Hicken, Tammy Graham, Doyle Graham, Elliot Anderson, Bill Mark, Scott Everson, Julie Everson.

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

a. Agenda of the June 6, 2024 Town Council Meeting

b. Minutes of the May 2, 2024 Town Council Meeting

Items stand approved.

6. Approve Budget

a. May Budget and check register

b. May Budget and check register questions

Scott Larsen asked if the wage correction affected more than this fiscal year and if it did was it corrected in prior years. Alisha O’Driscoll explained that it only affected this fiscal year.

Motion: Troy Thompson moves to approve the May 2024 budget

Second: Mary Piscitelli

Vote: Unanimous

7. 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

8. 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: For Main Canyon Road Project, we are on schedule, moving forward with environmental document, right on time. Advertise in October, when money is available. So that’s the good news.

-We held the PS&E review, the last review before advertisement. During that meeting we got updated cost based on current UDOT bids and it showed that based upon the project as proposed, we are \$90,000 over budget. We have been trying to see what we can do to bring the project within budget. The one item I don’t have answered with this is the UDOT project manager was going to go to the region director to see if there is additional funding. Haven’t heard back on that yet. What we’ve done here is look at alternatives as to what we can do to bring it in for advertisement and built this fall. We’ve looked at items that could be cut or done with donated labor by the Town. One of the solutions that could be handled by the town is that a sprinkler needs to be relocated. When you have a singular item like that, bid prices come in very high for that. Removal of volleyball stations, railroad ties could be salvaged, etc all could be done by donated labor and save about \$5000. The other thing we could look at would be to cut the gravel out from under the grandstands (which was put in because we thought we had extra money)- that would save about \$25,000. Added to the other minor changes, we could save about \$30000 of the \$90000 that we are short. If we took out contingencies \$30000, we are still about \$35000 short. In the design contract you are going to get about \$15000 back, so now we are down to about \$10000 over. These are all items I wanted to let you know about. If we cut the loop off to not go around the fire pit and cut 100 feet of trail off, that would reduce the cost another

\$13000, which would put us in the plus – not by much. Celeni Richins asked if the trail could be narrowed. Troy Ostler said it could be reduced from 10’ wide to 8’ wide it would save \$28000. If it was cut off 100’ it would be an even 2/10 of a mile. If additional money cant be found at the regional level, there are some options. Prices are just killing us. Based on the small size of this, the state is saying asphalt will be \$300/ton. When we get ready to bid the road, it will be half that cost. The numbers are just high because it is such a small project. If we can come up with a solution that works for the Town, it will be ready to advertise in two weeks. Bid opening by end of July- go to construction right after the 24th and be done this fall. We’ve gone back trying to get additional funding, even \$30000-\$40000 would make a world of difference in this project. As we go along here, talk between yourselves and we will figure out which way were going to put this together and get it advertised. Celeni Richins – give and take, move it around to get a way it will work? Troy Ostler- yes, from the options discussed. Celeni Richins- if we were to change it to 8’ and keep the design, what would that be? Troy Ostler- it would benefit the Town to do both, narrow the trail and cut the length by 100’ in case further bids come in high. Celeni Richins and Terri Eisel agreed.

Terri Eisel commented that UDOT awarded a \$353,000 grant and the county used TAP funds to pay the grant match- this is not costing the Town anything. The county has additional TAP funds but the application period is currently closed. She will do everything she can to make this work with what we have.

Scott Larsen asked how soon a decision needs to be made. Troy Ostler said as soon as possible. Within the next couple of days. Discuss the alternatives amongst the council and let him know as soon as they can.

Celeni Richins asked Troy Ostler what he would do, he said he would do all of the alternatives proposed. (narrowing, grandstands, cut the length, etc). If the bids came in low, we could add things back in. Terri Eisel commented that she would rather take it all out and put the grandstand gravel back in if possible. Many of the council verbally agreed.

Troy Ostler commented that if it comes in over the budget the Town will have to cover the overage or not award the project. We’re just trying to make sure the Town is protected. If the bids come in better, adjustments can be added back in by change order because they were in the original scope. Scott Larsen commented not to cut the project, just skim it so it can fit the budget.

b. Adopt Fiscal Year 2025 Budget – Action Item

- i. Following completion of budget review held April 25th 2024 and public hearing held June 6th 2024 by the Wallsburg Town Council, it is hereby recommended that the Fiscal Year 2025 budget be adopted.

Celeni Richins called for further discussion. None heard.

Motion: Terri Eisel moves to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 as proposed

Second: Scott Larsen **Vote:** Unanimous

c. Annexation Inquiry – Information and Discussion Only

- i. David and Neill Mariott will approach the Wallsburg Town Council to determine if they would entertain an annexation proposal.

Celeni Richins commented that this is the first discussion of many.

David Marriott: When we came to Wallsburg, we didn’t know there was a difference between city and county. We thought we were part of Wallsburg because we were on city water, but we weren’t. our property has a lot of water problems, like most do. Groundwater and drainage issues. We are limited if we want to build and additional house, we would have to figure out how to accomplish that. We do want to be part of the city, we feel like we are part of the city. We have enjoyed being part of the raffles and fundraising and want to contribute and be working members of the city and have a voice.

David Marriott: commented that Kaye Heaton has property in the city and a little sliver not in the city. Celeni Richins commented that the frontage, driveway are in Town limits. David Marriott is proposing that her sliver be included to make the annexation contiguous, and Kaye Heaton has agreed. Celeni Richins asked if she is okay if her entire land is included. They indicated that she is okay with it as long as they pay the fees. Whether they annex 25 or 53 of their acres, it is already \$10,000. They can bring hers in with ours for the same price. City land doesn’t follow property line, proposal would be to follow property lines to hers and theirs and to the road to clarify the boundary of the Town.

Mary Piscitelli asked about the additional home they mentioned. Neill Marriott commented they would like one or two of their sons be able to build a home and take care of them. Another son is interested as well down the line. Those are interests as well as wanting to be part of the city.

Troy Thompson asked how annexation would help their water situation. Neill Marriott clarified that they said that to say that a lot of the land is not all buildable land, they aren't looking to build 15 houses for example. Commented that they aren't sure what it will look like but would appreciate the opportunity to look into it.

Aubri Buehler pulled up the county maps to clarify with Troy Thompson and Marriotts which land of Kaye Heatons they are talking about including. Celeni Richins received the printed survey and pointed out Kaye Heatons property and the Marriotts property. All discussed property lines and looked at printed survey to see land proposed to be annexed.

Mary Piscitelli clarified if Kaye Heaton wants to annex it as a whole or just the part to make it contiguous. The Marriotts confirmed the proposal will be all of her property that is not currently in the Town.

Terri Eisel commented that we can't take on more of the Main Canyon Road maintenance. Celeni Richins commented that she doesn't know that it needs to be taken on if Town boundaries don't cross it. Scott Larsen will check on it.

Aubri Buehler commented that it is 79 acres, not 25 or 53. Looking closer at the county records, it was determined to be 53.

Celeni Richins commented that planning will look at it at their next meeting at the end of June.

No further questions noted at this point. Alisha O'Driscoll will coordinate with them and planning.

Troy Thomspson asked if annexing would keep county zoning or Town zoning. Terri Eisel commented that it would take Town zoning. Aubri Buehler asked if they did annex in, it is opening up for the next property owner who is anxious to annex in and build a big subdivision. Alisha O'Driscoll commented that there is a fail safe built in to annexations that the Town can say no to anything they want if they determine it isn't in their best interest. Celeni Richins agreed. Kent Payne asked about the Ashton's land that is for sale, Ivory Homes is chomping at the bit to develop it. Celeni Richins commented that the Town can approve or deny any annexations requests. Celeni Richins commented they will take them one annexation request at a time and keep that all in mind.

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

i. Discuss status of Water System improvement project.

Slow going but making progress. A couple of change orders, minimal. Sunrise engineering sent an email about a dead end line down by Carlile's. Will investigate that so it can be tied in and looped in. Scott Larsen asked if they are on schedule. Troy Thompson commented they are on schedule for the most part, catching up but about two weeks behind right now.

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

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

Its moving forward. They are doing homework and getting ready to apply for the grant.

9. Department Reports

a. To discuss continued agenda items, assignments

i. Buildings (Scott Larsen) carpets are cleaned. First time someone came to use it ground cake into the newly cleaned carpet. Mary Piscitelli asked for a new rug for the entrance. Scott Larsen agreed.

ii. Roads (Scott Larsen) Working on sign list. It looks like we need to put it 25 signs at \$200 each. All of the signs along main canyon road can be covered by the grant in the spring. Identified more sign needs with Troy Ostler.

iii. Cemetery (Mary Piscitelli) so much support with Doyle and Darla Gardner, JROTC, Young Men, Young Women, Families helped clean and put out flags. There are 103 veterans and most got cleaned. We are so grateful for help and donations. Celeni Richins commented that there is a donation box that goes straight to the cemetery.

iv. Park (Terri Eisel) in the past few weeks almost all of the bathroom water lines are replaced and fixed. Bathrooms are functional. We do have an issue with climbing on the buildings. Shingles are being removed as they slide down. Climbing on the tin roof of the pavilion, backstop at the baseball diamond. Brings up liability for us. Doesn't recognize the kids. Been down there multiple nights and talked to them and asked them to stop. Terri Eisel will meet with the sheriff's office to figure that out.

v. Water (Troy Thompson) Ryker Sweat getting water for cattle. Troy Thompson thought 1000 gallons but is 2800 gallons and he is paying \$10 per load which is \$.28 per thousand gallons. Discussed overage costs and will discuss charging them more. It is good to flush out the system, but don't agree with \$10 per load and 30 loads per month. Clint Allen commented that industrial use is currently written as \$4 per 1000 gallons. Troy Thompson did locals comparables at \$16 per 1000 gallons. Agrees that should be updated. It is somewhere in the water general plan or something. It is not on the current fee schedule. Celeni Richins asked what he would like to see it change to as an action item in the future. Add to agenda for next month. Celeni Richins asked about the current water project if they will use a water truck. Troy Thompson said they will truck it in from Heber or somewhere.

vi. Mayor (Celeni Richins) be thinking about who we would like for 24th of July Citizen of the year. Nick Lopez approached about veterans buried in France from Wallsburg and wants a memorial made. Mary Piscitelli commented if a memorial is made it will be for all veterans, not just the two brothers. Mary Piscitelli commented about getting a solar light for the flagpole at the cemetery also. Celeni Richins also commented that Nick Lopez proposed the park trail being a veteran memorial trail. Happy to help research veterans and helping with a monument. Would have honor guard to help. For a future agenda item. The water alternate bid. There are \$1.4 million unallocated contingency funds. A portion of the funds could be used for the alternate bid and for another alternate from 200 west down to the church. Alisha O'Driscoll explained that they contingency funds are already built into the funding package and the alternate bid would essentially be half off because the cost would be half grant and half loan. Troy Thompson will look into it but he has not heard comments that anyone in the public is in favor of the alternate and he speaks for the public. We could rebuild sea to sea but we have to cut it somewhere. He said there was some line by Brian Carlsons that was just redone, it was in great shape. We have to cut it somewhere. Celeni Richins asked if the alternates are in order of importance. Troy Thompson said they are built in in case they bid came in low. Clint Allen asked if the alternate could be done to the crossing and then a CDBG loan to do the crossing. Troy Thompson reiterated that no one is for the alternate. Mary Piscitelli commented that its because no one understands it.

vii. Clerk (Alisha O'Driscoll) .gov domain. Email addresses cost \$7 per month per address. Scott Larsen Commented that the monthly fee is high. Clint Allen commented it would be a good thing to do to transition as elections change. Majority of the Town Council agreed. Next comment is the cement parking blocks at the property across the street, they have asked if they can be removed. The Town Council agreed they can be removed. Scott Larsen asked about repurposing them. Scott Larsen will respond back to the property owner. Next comment is meeting with the water companies, town council, planning commission, state water division for water rights meeting.

b. Call for Agenda items for June Town Council Work Meeting (Expected June 20, 2024)
Scott Larsen purchasing policy. Alisha O'Driscoll water use rights with state, irrigation companies, town council, planning commission to discuss water rights.

c. Call for Agenda items for July Town Council Meeting (Expected July 11, 2024)
Industrial water use cost per 1000 gallons. Others- Alisha O'Driscoll will have list.

10. Items Continued To Future Monthly Town Council Meetings

a. b. c. d.

CLOSED SESSION to discuss personnel.

Motion: Scott Larsen moves to close open session and move to closed session

Second: Troy Thompson

Vote: Unanimous

Time: Approximately 8:40pm

Call to Order 8:48pm

Roll Call: Scott Larsen, Celeni Richins, Terri Eisel, Mary Piscitelli, Alisha O'Driscoll

Troy Thompson did not attend.

Adjourn

Time: