

# WALLSBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 3, 2024 - 7 pm

**1. Call to Order** 7:00 pm

a. Pledge of Allegiance - Completed

b. Prayer – Scott Larsen

c. Roll Call – Scott Larsen, Troy Thompson, Celeni Richins, Terri Eisel, Mary Piscitelli, Alisha O'Driscoll, Troy Ostler, Ruby Haderlie, Ruby Hicken, Corbin, River Gillespie, Isabelle Keller, Stephanie Phelps, Indy Gillespie, Maggie Keller, Brienne Larson, Casen Larson, Erin Hicken, Lil Thompson, Dennis Phillips, LuWanna Phillips, Sam Hicken, Zeke Hicken

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

a. Agenda of the October 3, 2024 Town Council Meeting

b. Minutes of the September 5, 2024 Town Council Meeting

Items stand approved. No questions/comments heard.

**3. Approve Budget**

a. September Budget and check register

b. September Budget and check register questions

No questions/comments heard.

**Motion:** Scott Larsen moves to approve the budget and check register as is.

**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. 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.

Main Canyon Road project: The archaeological people came out and determined that the ditch is historical, but not eligible for the historical register. This is good news, means that we can move forward with the project. Spent the remainder of the day reviewing the signs for the road project. Scheduling plan in hand on the project by the end of the month. Then will go to PS&E by the end of November and advertise for bid in December. Reasons to bid in December: good time for contractors to get ready for and plan for spring. Also the Town can go back to the joint highway committee and ask for funding on a new project in January, possibly for the city streets that have been talked about.

Park trail update: all good news. Pre construction meeting today. Contractor is on site and beginning to work, started yesterday with cutting sod and starting to pick that up. Will begin excavation tomorrow, removing sod, asphalt under barriers and get the trail moving along. Schedule will be ready to pave October 14<sup>th</sup>. Will be completed by the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>, two and a half weeks. Getting prices to add benches and trees with this project. Celeni Richins suggested autumn blaze maple, they exist but are hard to find. Will follow up with that and what trees are available and decide from there. Scott Larsen asked who the contractor is. Geneva Rock. Troy Ostler continued explaining the trail is staked, bleachers are moved, weed barrier is ready to go, railroad ties are removed, will be hauled off or stockpiled if they'd like to be saved. They will be working 7am-7pm give or take Monday through Saturday this week and next week. They will maintain access to the arena in the evenings and to the water pump house for the construction if needed. October 14<sup>th</sup>, paving day is the only day to avoid. Alisha O'Driscoll will post a notice on Facebook. Terri Eisel relayed to Mary Piscitelli that some of the sod and topsoil will be moved to the cemetery, Gordy Jepperson will coordinate. Scott Larsen thanked Terri Eisel for her hard work. Terri Eisel passed along thanks to Troy Ostler as well. Lots of excitement expressed.

**b. RVLA Kids Business Fair – Action Item**

i. Round Valley Learning Academy – RVLA - would like to apply for a fee waiver or reduction to rent the Town hall for their Kids Business Fair in December.

Children from RVLA explained they are asking for a fee reduction for their annual kids business fair. Booths are \$10, they are offering to pay \$5 per booth. Scott Larsen clarified that the kids are paying \$10 to RVLA for their booth and offering \$5 to rent the Town Hall. They confirmed. Celeni Richins asked about what kinds of booths. Indy Gillespie will be designing and selling Wallsburg stickers. Mary Piscitelli asked if the kids keep their money made. Ben Hicken explained that they need to repay for supplies purchased if their parents bought stuff. Celeni Richins asked Ben Hicken what he will be selling, he replied herbal medicine. Isabelle Keller will be selling ice cream. Mary Piscitelli asked how many booths. They replied 30-40. Celeni Richins asked if they will be groups or individual. They replied both. Scott Larsen asked which day it will be held. December 9<sup>th</sup>. Celeni Richins asked what time. Indy Gillespie replied 4:30pm. Erin Hicken replied they'd want the building from Noon. All council members expressed support. Ruby Hicken explained that the other \$5 paid to RVLA for the booths will go for advertising and supplies for their school. Scott Larsen thanked the kids for paying their parents back. Terri Eisel thanks the kids for coming and representing themselves.

- ii. Vote to accept and issue fee waiver or reduction or continue for further discussion.

**Motion:** Scott Larsen moves to accept the fee reduction they way it was presented. \$5 per booth to use the building.

**Second:** Troy Thompson      **Vote:** Unanimous

**c. Heber Valley Animal Services – Action Item**

- i. Review information and cost associated with interlocal agreement.
- ii. Vote to pursue interlocal agreement with Heber Valley Animal Services or continue for further discussion

Scott Larsen asked if they are paying for the Town or the Valley. Alisha O'Driscoll explained that it was just for the Town. All council members expressed that they do not support it without evidence that calls are coming from Town limits. Scott Larsen commented it should be covered by county tax payments.

**Motion:** Terri Eisel moves that we do not enter into an interlocal agreement with Heber Valley Animal Services.

Mary Piscitelli asked if we can revisit if we find that it is a service that the Town is using. Expressed that Heber Valley Animal Services needs to come back with the information to support that Wallsburg Town is using the services.

**Second:** Mary Piscitelli      **Vote:** unanimous

Celeni Richins asked Alisha O'Driscoll to write a response saying that without specific numbers, we have chosen not to enter into an agreement. Please provide numbers of calls coming in and Scott Larsen expressed interest in seeing the pricing scale.

**d. Waterway, Roadway, Right of Way Issues – Information and Discussion Only**

- i. Discuss waterway ditch issues, solutions for proper drainage, responsibility for maintenance

Scott Larsen explained that they went around and looked at various places, 100 north, Suratt's, Eisel's. Discussed various issues. By Surratt's and Eisel's- that will be taken care of by the Main Canyon Road Phase II project. Putting a collection box it by Surrat's. One thing that wasn't resolved is who pays to fix the problem, if the land owner filled in the ditch- the town shouldn't pay to dig it out. Celeni Richins commented that the pipe was put in the ditch so it wasn't just the land owner. Scott Larsen explained that some of them were just filled in. The town shouldn't be responsible to dig them out. Scott Larsen is working on grants for roads that are roto milled and an overall drainage plan. Celeni Richins commented that along with that, all the water on 100 north running down is a big problem. The question is can we use some of our easement and right of way on either side to put berms to slow the water down as it runs by. Maybe something to discuss. Troy Thompson said to have a discussion with the homeowner and split the cost or see where the liability lays. Celeni Richins agreed, there are people that have done things trying to help, concrete or asphalt driveways don't help. Kent Payne commented that he was there when they filled the ditches in when the irrigation lines were piped- Greg Allen put them in, he is responsible to take them out. He thinks he was working for the irrigation company at the time. Scott Larsen asked if he is talking about the ditch on the south side of 100 north. Kent Payne confirmed and said that his father in law asked them not to. Kent Payne commented that the town is headed into lawsuits during spring runoff from the new water tank because there is nothing to keep that water from coming down. Troy Thompson explained that there is slope and outlet planned in there. Kent Payne asked about behind Kevin Bigelow's house, up there does not look good. Lots of people stand to be flooded, there is an issue up there. Leslie Smith asked if that will be replanted or if it will stay a road, that would help. Troy Thompson will follow up with BD Bush on that, they are very good to deal with and very knowledgeable. Celeni Richins asked what the best solution for 100 north would be. Scott Larsen said there needs to be a master plan for how to deal with it. 100 north if you put a ditch back in there needs to be

somewhere for it to go. We need to get someone who knows more than me to make a suggestion, hopefully we get some grant money. Troy Thompson said a collection box at the corner and a pipe to spring creek. Terri Eisel said that Troy Ostler said that we can apply for more grant in January, that may be the project to ask for. There will need to be bandaids before that. Scott Larsen said there needs to be some culverts on 100 north before then. Scott Larsen asked Terri Eisel if she remembers if there was a ditch there before. Troy Thompson said yes there was one. Terri Eisel agreed. Sam Hicken commented that water comes down their corner too and they have shouldered that up to divert the water so the road doesn't get washed out, but scared to flood out the neighbors. There is a gutter up the road, but it stops- don't know if it would help to extend that gutter. That corner is going to erode and cave out. Celeni Richins agreed. Scott Larsen commented that a collection box will be placed at the end of 200 south to go into the ditch and down the west side of the road during the upcoming water project. The problem up by Hickens would be to put a box above Reed and Velma's driveway and going under the driveway to get the water past there. The problem is the whole hillside drains there. Celeni Richins commented that something similar needs to happen by Troy Thompson's house. Terri Eisel commented that the drain on her corner works, the ground will take the majority of the water, just have to get the water to the drain. Once you get the water to the ditch by Suratt's it takes it- it needs to get to the ditch. Troy Thompson commented that it will be a different story in spring when the ground is saturated. Celeni Richins commented to Scott Larsen to let us know what he finds out about the grant and we will revisit each month.

RVLA kids and staff left.

**e. Water System Improvement Project Update– Information and Discussion Only**

**i. Discuss status of Water System improvement project.**

Troy Thompson showed a drawing that he made of the water system and what is going on. The upper tank is filled from Warm Springs. The SCADA is set to alert if the tank goes below 10 feet and automatically closes the PRV at Ashlee Acres. We are getting system failure alarms, called the SKM and they didn't see the alarm. Somewhere we have lost water, that PRV was closed and not filling the lower tank. No alarm went off on that and that emptied. Long story short we are manually opening and closing to keep both tanks above levels. In a nut shell, the well is out of service for 3 weeks, they are going to try to do it sooner. Without the well, we don't have enough water to keep up with the Town's demand. Leslie Smith asked if we can stop people from irrigating? The hose on the fire hydrant for three days. Troy Thompson has contacted them and told them to stop and to not water the park, cemetery, town hall and asked the church to stop watering as well. Leslie Smith expressed that all of the people in their area have dirty water and no pressure. Troy Thompson explained that this is a mess and might be for a few more weeks. I don't care what we've been told, we don't have the water that we think we have without that pump. Leslie Smith asked if we can kindly ask people to stop using the irrigation water so they can use their water. They cannot use their water, cannot flush toilets- etc. Troy Thompson will continue to work on it and hopes to get it back into control tonight. Mary Piscitelli asked how many homes are affected. Troy Thompson explained how many and that it is a juggle to keep both tanks at a level where no one is out of water. Leslie Smith asked why the water is discolored. Troy Thompson said he does not know. Alisha O'Driscoll asked if they are still chlorinating the water, Troy Thompson said they are not. He did the math on 254 GPM and people can only use 15,000 gallons per month. The size of the water tank is too excessive, if we use the tank at that capacity and bring in the residents it can support, it will bring 100 gallons a day, 3,000 gallons. Alisha O'Driscoll commented that those people will have to trade water to hook up as well. Mary Piscitelli commented that is not sustainable. Troy Thompson agreed. Scott Larsen asked if we should have Alisha O'Driscoll put something on facebook asking people to reduce water use. Some agreed, some did not. The SCADA system has been having issues, SKM has been coming out to look at it and Troy Thompson will continue to monitor and manually open and close the valves. Leslie Smith expressed that she understands the issues, but wants to know what we can do to help it. Troy Thompson said he did not authorize BD Bush to fill the new tank next week, until the new pump is up and running. If something goes wrong we can go back to the old tank. Kent Payne asked if there will be enough water to fill the tank. Troy Thompson said the pump will be running non stop for a long time to get that filled. The PSI up the valley is increasing, so people need to be aware. When the old homes get hooked up I am worried about those galvanized being blown. Leslie Smith asked if their pressure will improve with this project. Alisha O'Driscoll explained that yes, Sunrise Engineering will be mailing a letter for them to remove the booster pumps as its completed. Troy Thompson reiterated that its going to be a nightmare for a few more weeks, but to have people call him with issues. Troy Thompson will be following up and taking samples to make sure the water stays safe to drink. Alisha O'Driscoll will put a notice on facebook.

## 6. Department Reports

### a. To discuss continued agenda items, assignments

i. Buildings (Scott Larsen) Still working on broadband grant. Talked to AllWest out of Kamas, thinking about doing it but not serious about it. Not sure who has applied for the grant money. The head lady said that someone has applied but didn't say who. There are several ISP's interested. Mary Piscitelli asked about the dates, Scott Larsen said 2026. They will take applications for grants in December of this year and 2026 will be when they are funded. Comcast, UBB are interested. One problem that the school district reminded him of is that UDOT is in the process of widening the road by the cliffs and all of the fiber is going to need to be moved. Troy Thompson commented that UDOT will relocate it if its their road.

ii. Roads (Scott Larsen) Nothing more to add.

iii. Cemetery (Mary Piscitelli) Asked about the garbage can lid. Celeni Richins hasn't heard back yet. Will follow up again. Also asked how many garbage cans we are paying for. Cemetery cleanup will be on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Will coordinate with Alisha O'Driscoll to post notice and Gordy Jepperson to make sure it happens. Gordy Jepperson is going to be gone from January to March – not an issue, but just something to be aware of. Need to winterize and store the mowers. Celeni Richins heard back about the garbage can, they will work on it tomorrow. In the back shed, there is an old snow cone machine, is it trash? Scott Larsen said probably. And the bike in there too. Mary Piscitelli will clean it out.

iv. Park (Terri Eisel) Nothing more to add. Water is staying on at the park to keep the sod good. Will turn it off and winterize the bathrooms after the end of the month and blowing out the arena.

v. Water (Troy Thompson) Nothing more to add.

vi. Mayor (Celeni Richins) there is a trailer parked in the road at Norma Sabey's old house. Ask them to move that because it is in the right of way. She hasn't seen anyone home, but they need to be notified. It is that time of year again anyway where things need to be moved off the road.

vii. Clerk (Alisha O'Driscoll) Went back to explain from the last meeting that the right of way encroachment is in the development code. Talked to Rocky Mountain Power about Darell Bigelow's request to move the power pole between his property and the Town Hall so that they can extend their fence. Rocky Mountain Power can remove the pole and relocate their service as well as notify the fiber company to relocate their fiber line. Just an option.

### b. Call for Agenda items for October Town Council Work Meeting (Expected October 17, 2024)

Spencer Foster – MAG, Fee Schedule, Key Inventory

Mary Piscitelli commented that the date is during Fall Break. Rescheduled to October 24<sup>th</sup> since there is 5 Thursdays. Alisha O'Driscoll will coordinate with Spencer Foster (MAG). Celeni Richins reminded to bring keys for key inventory.

### c. Call for Agenda items for October Town Council Meeting (Expected November 7, 2024)

Recurring main canyon road, park trail, water project, etc. Alisha O'Driscoll will have list.

Coordinate with Halloween activity to have costume parade on the new trail.

## Adjourn

**Motion:** Troy Thompson

**Second:** Scott Larsen

**Vote:** Unanimous

Time: 8:15PM

Sam Hicken came and volunteered to be Troy Thompson's assistant on the Water System.

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

## Call to Order

Roll Call: Scott Larsen, Troy Thompson, Celeni Richins, Terri Eisel, Mary Piscitelli, Alisha O'Driscoll (left after 5 minutes)

## Adjourn

Time: