

WALLSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

June 16, 2025 - 7 pm

1. Call to Order 7:01PM

- a. Roll Call: Rohn Hortin, Celeni Richins, Terri Eisel, Mary Piscitelli, Alisha O'Driscoll, Jacob Smith.
Excused: Scott Larsen.

2. Agenda Item: The purpose of the meeting is to hear public comment and answer questions regarding finalizing the Wallsburg Town Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) Budget and the Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) Proposed Budget. All interested persons may attend.

Celeni Richins read the above description and called for public comment regarding the budget hearing. Terri Eisel asked if the FY2025 balanced and was good to go. Celeni Richins confirmed. Rohn Hortin asked where the water budget was at in the packet. Alisha O'Driscoll explained the 4 columns on the budget, the 2025 budget. Celeni Richins stated for the record that tonight's meeting was rescheduled from last Thursday due to a clerical error where notice was not made properly, rescheduled so that people could have enough notice to attend. All meetings are public and open to anyone that would like to attend. For anyone that thinks this meeting was changed so that people could not come to the meeting is not true. It's been posted in the newspaper, post office, town hall- all proper notice was given for people to be here. Rohn Hortin commented that we are waiting to hear on the final water project budget and if we could capture the upper tank repairs needed. Alisha O'Driscoll is going to check with Sunrise. Rohn Hortin explained that a valve in the top tank is malfunctioning and showing 3,000 gallons flowing out of the top tank and wondering if we have money in the project to get that repaired. Celeni Richins urged Rohn Hortin to bring that up in the next meeting. Celeni Richins commented that it was a very clean budget this year and during the annual review there was very little that needed to be altered/changed. No negatives or mistakes to fix, which was nice. Not a lot of towns/cities that can say that. Budget and audit meetings can get messy, and Wallsburg Town is not that way. Terri Eisel commented that the Town got great advice for next year from the accounting company. Hearing no public comment, Celeni Richins entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Terri Eisel moves to close the Wallsburg Town Council Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget.

Second: Rohn Hortin **Vote:** Unanimous

3. Adjourn

- a. Time: 7:09PM

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MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

June 16, 2025 – Directly Following Public Hearing

1. Call to Order 7:10pm

- a. Pledge of Allegiance - Completed
- b. Prayer/Inspiration Thought
- b. Roll Call: Roll Call: Rohn Hortin, Celeni Richins, Terri Eisel, Mary Piscitelli, Alisha O'Driscoll, Jacob Smith, Troy Ostler, Kamille Olsen. (Troy Ostler, Kamille Olsen, and Jacob Smith left at 7:45-7:55pm)
Excused: Scott Larsen.

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

- a. Agenda of the June 16, 2025 Town Council Meeting
- b. Minutes of the May 1, 2025 Town Council Meeting

Items stand approved.

3. Approve Budget

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

Terri Eisel commented on the sprinkler parts on the check register – we will be shopping around next time. Pricing at Mountainland Supply is significantly more than others. We do have backups now and some stock on the shelves.

Terri Eisel asked about the refund to Blake Allen on the check register. Alisha O'Driscoll explained that the label "331" on the transaction was to identify his water account and that he has recently sold his home, so this month both he and the new tenant paid the water bill for the same property and a refund was issued with instructions to shut off their auto pay.

Motion: Terri Eisel moves to approve the May 2025 budget and check register **Second:** Mary Piscitelli **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.

Jacob Higby Smith (326 E 100 N Purchase Agreement, Indian Hills Lot 8): It appears that some of the lots at the end of that cul de sac are water locked. In other words there is no way for me to build on that lot and I would love if the Council would consider contemplating what solutions the Town could potentially help resolve. Because I can't purchase water shares, I can't apply and there's no more appropriations for a well permit. Celeni Richins confirmed you have to trade water for a well permit. Jacob Smith continued that the irrigation companies won't allow him to buy water because it is outside of the boundaries. Celeni Richins confirmed which lot he is talking about and that there is not water that comes with any of those pieces of water. In the past, the homes that are there – Anderson's, Smith's, Holmes', etc have had to have booster pumps because the pressure to get water up there was not adequate. If that property had water, the new water system would resolve that issue, but the problem is that those lots don't have water. As for your options, I'm not sure what your options are if you can't buy water. If you were able to purchase water, you could exchange for a hookup but if no one has shares to sell or the water companies aren't willing to accept those to exchange, I'm not sure what your options are. That is all set by the State. Rohn Hortin commented that if someone owned a water hookup that wasn't using it and wanted to sell it to him, that could be a way. But he doesn't know what the price of that would be. Terri Eisel commented that to be clear on the irrigation shares, that is the water company call- not the Town. The water companies have to release it, the Town doesn't have that call. Jacob Smith said he has been working with the State, Ryan Hamilton, who has given him potential options to spur discussion. Celeni Richins highlighted the time allotted for public comment. Jacob Smith continued that once water rights are approved for municipal use (through the State), shares of irrigation companies can be converted to Municipal use they can be used at the Town's discretion ... anyone proposing to build must bring water rights to the table .. one path forward would be to purchase irrigation company shares and fill out the change paperwork to the Town ... purchase a water right, not based on shares in an irrigation company, within the valley and file the change paperwork to the Town... if the Town refuses to issue a building permit without exchanging water that option may not work. Jacob Smith asked about ways to figure this out. Rohn Hortin commented that there is nothing to figure out. We have talked. There is no water system that will let you have a hookup in Wallsburg. You can find someone that has an old hookup to sell you or like I told you before, if you want to go through and find a spring that no one has put their name on that works too. People have done that. That's your only options. Celeni Richins agreed. All require you to bring water to the Town. We can't change the water companies not accepting water. We can't change that we have to have water to give water. We can't change that. If we do, we set precedent that we can't afford to do. Terri Eisel commented that in recent years, everyone that has hooked up has traded water. Jacob Smith asked for potential people to get a hookup from. Alisha O'Driscoll declined sharing customer information. The Town Council advised him to advertise that he is looking. Rohn Hortin said you can get a map from the State engineer that shows springs and who has filed on them. Jacob Smith asked if it is BLM land. Terri Eisel said that when this subdivision was created those lots did not have water. Celeni Richins said that any of those lots that did have water have sold it off. Terri Eisel confirmed that the past owners of those lots have run into this same issue and it has been confirmed that there is no water on those lots. Jacob Smith said that the law today is that you have to have water for subdivisions, was that not the law then? It must not have been. Lots of things have changed and are constantly changing. Miscellaneous discussion on the many changes through the years. Jacob Smith commented this may be a way to get a well permit. The Town Council reminded him that you have to trade water for that.

5. Agenda Items:

a. Main Canyon Road Project, CDBG Application Updates – Information and Discussion Only

i. Troy Ostler (CivCo Engineering) will discuss status of Main Canyon Road Phase II & 2025 CDBG applications CDBG project, everything is submitted, just in the wait process to get the contracts back from the State. Then environmental clearance so everything can move forward. Alisha O'Driscoll commented that it should be July 1st. The goal is to have the master plan completed before the end of the year. Ready to advertise by winter, go on the project in the spring. Have through the end of 2026 to have the money spent. Terri Eisel asked if the Master Plan was the plan for the entire Town. Troy Ostler confirmed. Mary Piscitelli asked if CivCo will be doing the master plan. Troy Ostler confirmed. Alisha O'Driscoll commented that the master plan wasn't part of the initial application, but we were able to add more because there was more funding.

Provo Water Rivershed Council – need to follow up with Nancy O’Toole on how to use that funding. Troy Ostler recommends waiting for the culvert sizing to be done (this fall) and then use that for the culverts. Nancy O’Toole is always looking for more grant and funding opportunities.

Main Canyon Road- project bids a week from Thursday. We will know the contractor. Very exciting. As of this morning we have 5 plan holders on the project. Talked seriously with Geneva Rock to ask questions and that. They are a little concerned with it being this late, we may have to put off chip sealing until the spring. Troy Ostler said he does not see an issue with that. It will run the whole length of the Town and it needs to be done at the right time. If Geneva Rock happens to be the low bidder, that will probably be done in the spring. There are no contractual problems with that. They have until the first of October to have the project done. The one thing I do need to ask is to make sure that the Council is good with the Mayor writing an approval letter for them if they are within 10% of the contract price. Within 10% it can still be awarded. If it goes over that we will have to cut something out to make it work. The last few bids have come in under bid. On Thursday we will know even closer. We will have a pretty good idea of how the bids are coming in. Mary Piscitelli asked if the signage has already been designated- curious to where that is. Troy Ostler will send a copy of that to Alisha O’Driscoll and she can get that to her. Mary Piscitelli offered to personally buy some signs if needed. Troy Ostler said about 40 signs have been added throughout Town. Some of the stop signs will be flashing- just the ones at the four way stop. If there are others needed we can talk about that as it goes along. If the bids come in low we will have extra money to do a few things. Terri Eisel asked if the park signs are still on that order. Troy Ostler confirmed. They are on order but not part of that project.

b. Homeschool Co-Op Town Hall Rental for 2025-2026 School Year – Action Item

- i. Discuss and vote on agreement for the Homeschool Co-Op rental of the Town Hall for the upcoming school year.

Kamille Olsen: 10 families, 32 kids, Tuesdays, 28 days, September 2nd through April 28th. Service projects this year was to wipe down all the tables and do some yardwork. Alisha O’Driscoll pointed out that was a huge help. The Council members all thanked them. Celeni Richins asked what the cost was last year. Alisha O’Driscoll said it was \$125 per day. All agreed that price seems fair and that they are good with it.

Motion: Mary Piscitelli moves to approve the homeschool co-op rental agreement for the 2025-2026 school year for \$125 per day of use. **Second:** Rohn Hortin **Vote:** Unanimous

c. Adopt Fiscal Year 2026 Budget – Action Item

- i. Following completion of budget review held May 15th 2025 and public hearing held June 16th 2025 by the Wallsburg Town Council, it is hereby recommended that the Fiscal Year 2026 budget be adopted (as proposed) or (with the following changes _____).

Motion: Rohn Hortin moves to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget **Second:** Terri Eisel **Vote:** Unanimous

c. Adopt Wasatch County Wildland Urban Interface Map – Action Item

- i. The Wasatch County Wildland Urban Interface Map defines areas where development and wildland vegetation meet, creating a higher risk of wildfire. This map is used to guide regulations, such as those concerning fireworks and building codes, to mitigate fire risk. The WUI map in Wasatch County was developed by the Building and GIS departments, with input from the Fire Department and Forest Service.

Celeni Richins read the above description and stated that the Town has the option to adopt Wasatch Fire District’s map or create their own map. Mary Piscitelli commented why would we create our own map if they have created one. All agreed. Celeni Richins commented that Wallsburg Town has very little issue or changes to create their own map. Terri Eisel asked if the new legislation requires any further mitigation from the Town. Celeni Richins said that as of now, no. But the fire district could require it. We are giving them the OK to come in and fix that if needed. In the past we have gone with what they say in regard to fire restrictions, etc so that we align with them and aren’t held accountable if something happened. Rohn Hortin commented that it only makes sense with the rest of the valley being county.

Motion: Mary Piscitelli moves to adopt the Wasatch County Fire District Wildland Urban Interface Map

Second: Rohn Hortin **Vote:** Unanimous

d. Out of Town Limits Water System Connections – Action Item

- i. Following public comment during Out of Town Limits Water System Connections Public Hearing held on May 1, 2025- the Wallsburg Town Council will discuss and vote on allowing connections of homes outside of Wallsburg Town-Limits to the Wallsburg Town Water System.

Rohn Hortin and Terri Eisel stated they are ready to vote. Rohn Hortin stated that he thinks we need to put them off for one year from now. The system still has little flaws to work through that we don't know about yet. Terri Eisel agreed. Celeni Richins commented she is leaning towards allowing out of Town connections, but willing to wait on that. Terri Eisel commented that she is worried about opening it up too soon to not see the whole picture yet. 6 months to a year we will see the seasons and the system as its working. Celeni Richins proposed readdressing it in 6 months. Terri Eisel commented that if they are allowed in the future, they must include all of the other requirements to get a hookup. All agreed. Rohn Hortin said that the prices need to be worked through this month as well. All agreed. Terri Eisel commented that there was an impact fee webinar that the State did, and they will send out more information and are willing to come out and do a training. All agreed that would be a benefit to the Town. Alisha O'Driscoll commented to have Spencer Foster with MAG to come to that meeting. Terri Eisel commented that the fee schedule needs to be kept in mind when doing that fee schedule too. Rohn Hortin commented that he would like to keep it at a year so that everything can be figured out. Still trying to figure out water quality and several issues. Mary Piscitelli agreed that she would feel better with a year as well. Terri Eisel proposed creating an ordinance with the proper verbiage and adopting that in July. Alisha O'Driscoll will consult with Spencer Foster with MAG for assistance to draft that ordinance.

Motion: Terri Eisel moves to adopt an ordinance that no out of Town Limits water hookups are allowed to the new system for at least one year where it will be revisited and amended. The ordinance will be officially adopted at the July Town Council Meeting.

Second: Mary Piscitelli

Vote: Unanimous

6. Department Reports

a. To discuss continued agenda items, assignments

i. Buildings (Scott Larsen) *fiber internet update – Excused

Terri Eisel asked about the Lawn. Alisha O'Driscoll and Mary Piscitelli confirmed that Gordy has been working on it and having lots of problems with the sprinkler system. Working on options.

ii. Roads (Scott Larsen) – Excused

Update from Troy Ostler earlier this meeting.

iii. Cemetery (Mary Piscitelli)

Cemetery Lawn looks great. Memorial Day was good. About \$400 of donations. Silk flowers have been removed for cleanup to be out of the way for mowing and such. Darla and Doyle Gardner went and put flowers on all of the graves on the Saturday before memorial day. Mary Piscitelli will donate the silk flowers from the cleanup to the Gardner's if they go unclaimed. The red (old) mower that is for the cemetery needs to be replaced. It is 10+ years old and although it has been rebuilt, it is not doing the job that it needs to do. It constantly needs to be jumped, ignition needs replaced, deck height won't stay, etc. He has been using the yellow (new) mower that is too big. Called Cutler's today for some quotes and a 42" Toro (same size as the red one) is available for \$3,400. Asked about mulching kits and such, will work with Gordy to coordinate. There is money in the Cemetery budget and it will be used in other areas, but because of it being an asset if it needs to be put towards the Capital Projects or not. Would like to buy it so it can be there and be designated for the Cemetery. Terri Eisel asked about the purchasing policy. Rohn Hortin commented that there is a water problem at the cemetery and we need to either move Town Ditch into their or put in a backflow or something which is going to cost a lot of money, even if we get the labor donated. Mary Piscitelli commented that we need both. Celeni Richins commented that the sprinkler system would be a good project for the capital improvements list. Alisha O'Driscoll commented that the purchasing policy doesn't dictate an amount, just that it needs to be discussed and approved by the mayor and council. Misc Discussion about the possibility of including the sprinkler system in the water master plan. Terri Eisel and Celeni Richins commented replacing the lawnmower is a good idea. Selling the old one for parts. Terri Eisel commented that if all we need to do is discuss, then she approves. Agreement from all present mayor and council members.

iv. Park (Terri Eisel) Park is in pretty good shape. It has been sprayed, will have to continue to deal with the thistles in the strip. The tap on the fire station froze and broke, going to have it re-engineered so that it doesn't freeze every year. With that, we will put the drinking fountain in and see how long it lasts. Running into watering turn interruptions. Would rather have the park used, making the call to put them off a few hours here and there as needed. If there is a rental or something going on, we will just wait. Sprinklers are working and doing good. Got a freezer for the park to replace the one that died last year. Working with Sami Graham to get the arena back into shape for the summer festivities. Dennis Phillips has been going random cleanup projects, fixing the fence and taking care of the trail, etc. If you see him say Thanks. Alisha O'Driscoll commented that the bathrooms have stayed clean and it seems good. Overall glad it is being used.

v. Water (Rohn Hortin) Solenoid valve in the top tank keeps malfunctioning and needs to be replaced. Alisha O'Driscoll and Rohn Hortin will work with Caleb Dotten to see if that cost can be captured in the final project cost. Mary Piscitelli asked if all the other water meters are fixed? Rohn Hortin said there are a few funky ones still but the majority are all fixed. Main Creek Irrigation is happy. Went up and turned the water down to what we own, in the winter it gets turned up so that the pump doesn't run. It has been adjusted now and all is well.

vi. Mayor (Celeni Richins) Quinn comes home in two days! Just so everyone is aware, I have applied for full time with Wasatch Fire. I haven't gotten the job but if I do, she will give it until January to see how things go.

vii. Clerk (Alisha O'Driscoll) Provided an update on the kids summer activities at the park and the beginnings of the 24th of July Celebration plans.

b. Call for Agenda items for June Town Council Work Meeting (Expected June 26, 2025)

Celeni Richins and Alisha O'Driscoll will be gone on June 26th. Nothing urgent coming up. June Work Meeting cancelled.

c. Call for Agenda items for July Town Council Meeting (Expected July 10, 2025) *No Work Meeting In July

Out of Town Limits Water Connections Ordinance. No work meeting in July. August Work Meeting Fee Schedule (including monthly water rate update).

7. Adjourn

Motion: Terri Eisel moves to adjourn

Second: Rohn Hortin

Vote: Unanimous

a. Time: 8:54PM