

WALLSBURG TOWN COUNCIL WORK MEETING

May 14, 2026 – 5:30PM

1. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call: Alisha O'Driscoll, Celeni Richins, Mary Piscitelli, Peter Nielsen, Kyle Walker (Pelorus)

2. Agenda Items:

a. Annual Budget Review – Information and Discussion Only

- i. Review and finalize fiscal year 2026 budget, including any amendments
- ii. Discuss and plan fiscal year 2027 proposed budget

Kyle Walker highlighted a few amendments to be made "2026 Budget Changes" column.

Bumped up expected sales tax by \$10,000 because that's what it's been in the past couple of years. Administrative professional and technical services needs bumped up due to single audits needed for grant money received (receiving/spending more than \$1mil each year). Administrative insurance bumped up as well for inflation/prices that went up this year. Peter Nielsen asked what is insured. Celeni Richins confirmed the Town buildings. Peter Nielsen asked about roads/power poles/etc insurance. That does not apply because we do not own the power poles. Moving on, Street Repair and maintenance was budgeted for \$40,000 and only \$3,000 was used. Took the \$37,000 to balance the cost In the capital projects= there is a breakdown of the Main Canyon Road project that just went through. The local match was around \$100,000- Wasatch County paid \$49,000 and the Town Paid \$51,000 approximately. Miscellaneous discussion on isolating the 24th of July account to see better details each month. Discussion to track all use of Town Hall and Park, even if it's not paid (Youth Groups, Town Activities). Moving on, Transfer of \$100,000 to capital projects. Part of that is for the local match for the Road Project as we talked about before. The other part is to keep the general fund under the required threshold. The state requires your fund to be less than 100% of your revenue. Meant to keep governments from hoarding money. The way to say we know it is higher than the revenue, we are transferring those funds to save them for future projects/local match. Miscellaneous discussion of transferring money into PTIF to accrue a little interest while holding those funds for projects. Miscellaneous discussion of using capital funds for Cemetery Sprinkler replacement- there is a broken sprinkler every week, it's headed to full system replacement soon. Last page, the Water Fund- the only amendment made there was for depreciation and for the water bond. Depreciation on the new water structure is about \$200,000 per year of value. Overall, the water system makes \$23,000 per year after the bond payment and all expenses. Miscellaneous discussion on the repayment of the bond will go up \$1000 per year until it peaks at \$88,000. It will sit at \$88,000 per year for 20 years and then alternate between \$88 and \$89 thousand for the remainder of the repayment period. Celeni Richins commented to have Alisha O'Driscoll create a paragraph summary to explain the amendments-changes, good accounting practices. Property taxes are not going up, water prices are not going up, etc. Miscellaneous discussion on Town Hall and Road Repair budget, helping Peter Nielsen understand the budget. Wrap up discussion on breaking out road maintenance/snow plowing, park/town hall rentals, 24th of July on its own page. Alisha O'Driscoll will work with Pelorus on how to break that out. Peter Nielsen requested a breakdown of Town Hall rental revenue from the past several years. Kyle Walker will send Alisha O'Driscoll the excel report and she will filter it for him.

b. Luke Searle – Information and Discussion Only

- i. Discuss future coordination with the Wasatch County Council and developments in Wasatch County

At large county council member. Wanted to start having a discussion about the preliminary municipality that was turned down this year by the state but will likely be resubmitted next year. Spencer Park explained that is was legislature put in 2024. Peter Nielsen heard from ULCT that it was geared toward Wasatch/Summit County because they are too strict. The bottom line is that developers own a lot of State Legislature. Spencer Park commented that this can only be fixed at the State- there is nothing that the Town/County can do at this point. Part of the bill that missed the vote would make it so that there was more in the process- feasibility studies, standards that aren't the same as the county. Miscellaneous discussion about the Smooth Hollow preliminary municipality. There are only 2 approved by the State each year- it is very surprising that Wasatch County got both of them. Miscellaneous discussion about the proposed impacts to the Town- roads, sewer, development, quadrupling the Town. Mary Piscitelli asked how to work with the County to maintain the roads that access the county, and future projects. We have to get grants, we don't have the Tax Base. We need to somehow work together, because we are bearing the brunt of what is going on. Nobody cares about that when they're doing these laws, but they don't pay attention that our roads are being used to put new roads in, etc. Luke Searle confirmed that the County is allotting more B&C funds to help with the roads more. Celeni Richins commented that the development going in on the other end of the valley has huge impacts on our roads as they go through our Town. Peter Nielsen commented that Smooth Hollow has no attention to what is going to happen in 5 years. Luke Searle commented that reaching out to the Senators office will help. Alisha O'Driscoll commented that the Town has been in contact with the Lieutenant Governor's office and they declined an in person meeting but have set up a form that can be distributed to the community to collect comments and questions. Alisha O'Driscoll will forward to Spencer Park and Luke Searle. Spencer Park commented that the problem with this is that they use the trojan horse of affordability – which doesn't make sense here – and that helps it go through in the State. Luke Searle commented that we have to care about the impacts and infeasibility and unaffordability of these developments. Spencer Park reiterated that there is no way to build affordable housing in this valley. County will work on a meeting with Lieutenant Governors office, the Town will work on a meeting with the senators.

3. Department Reports

a. To discuss continued agenda items, assignments

i. Buildings and Roads (Peter Nielsen)

Will follow up with the county to get the roads repaired by next month. Will keep posted on meeting with Senators.

A few years out on grants for the Town Hall. Need to put a lot of thought into economic development and how much the building is being used, etc. Coming at it from both angles with it being an emergency place. In the mean time drapes come down, carpet, paint, etc. We've got the budget to do those small things. Need to make a priority list and get going on it.

ii. Cemetery (Mary Piscitelli)

Sprinkler system at the Cemetery has another broken head. Working with Gordy on getting sod before the end of June to use some budget. Got the cemetery index updated and ready to go. Will get new copies printed. Talked with Celeni Richins about putting flags on the power poles down main street to keep up all summer. Will need 15 flags, \$80 per flag for the pole, flag, bracket- cheaper than buying them separately. Replace all brackets – maybe get more? Closer to 20? It would be cool to do the cemetery and the park. Maybe put it out on social media to see if anyone wants to pitch in on the cost. Got measurements for cemetery and town hall flag poles, will coordinate to get those flying. Funeral on Saturday, another one sooner than later. Youth are coming on this Wednesday for a cemetery cleanup. Alisha O'Driscoll will post a notice on the post office of the Cemetery Headstone cleaning – only goes until 11am this Saturday due to a funeral.

iii. Park (Terri Eisel) Excused

iv. Water (Rohn Hortin)

Need to draft a letter to culinary water users that have their sprinklers hooked to their Town connection.

v. Mayor (Celeni Richins)

Reached out to the Post Office contact to figure out the USPS building contract. Will follow up with more info as she hears.

vi. Clerk (Alisha O'Driscoll)

Elliott Anderson reached out about renting a classroom from the Town Hall to work. A couple days a week, 9am-5pm. Needs a desk/chair/wifi. No clients, no storing anything. Miscellaneous discussion, it makes sense to do it and will help with grants. Peter Nielsen proposed \$500 per month for 8 rentals of 8 hours. Or ask Elliot what he would like/plan to spend. Talked about an electronic lock on the door, put a contract in place with dates/times and spells out private use- no visitors, etc.

4. Call For Agenda Items:

a. Call for Agenda items for June Town Council Meeting (Expected June 4, 2026)

Budget Hearing. Adopt the budget. Troy Ostler Updates. Senator Stratton update from Peter Nielsen (dept reports).

Celeni Richins won't be there, Alisha O'Driscoll will not be there. (check with Planning for anything)

b. Call for Agenda items for June Work Meeting (Expected June 18, 2025)

5. Adjourn

Motion: Rohn Hortin moves to adjourn

Second: Peter Nielsen

Vote: Unanimous

Time: 8:04PM