

WALLSBURG TOWN COUNCIL WORK MEETING

April 16, 2026 – 7:00PM

1. Call to Order 7:27PM

a. Roll Call: Celeni Richins, Alisha O'Driscoll, Peter Nielsen, Rohn Hortin, Josh Probst, Dan Wardle, Ed Jones, Belle Jones. Mary Piscitelli, Terri Eisel excused. Jay Hortin arrived 7:40PM. Josh Probst, Dan Wardle left at 7:50PM.

2. Agenda Items:

a. Wasatch County Sheriff's Office – Information and Discussion Only

i. Discuss options for additional patrol in Wallsburg

Celeni Richins explained that the reason for this meeting is to talk about options for getting Town/valley patrolled more. Getting complaints after road improvements. Make the road better, everyone speeds up. Double edged sword, don't want complaints for damaged vehicles either. Complaints received for speeding, stop signs, underaged drivers, dirtbikes, etc. People not watching out for kids on pedal bikes, getting dangerous. Peril of small town/big trucks, trailers, etc. not able to react as quick to little kids. Peter Nielsen commented that he grew up on a farm, driving since he was young- not really a problem if these kids were obeying the law. Worried about the kids on motorbikes, side by sides not following stop signs, the law- worried someone is going to get hurt or killed. Side by sides, four wheelers/dirtbikes. Celeni Richins asked for current patrolling. Josh Probst explained that they have some 90-day statistics, can provide more reports after this meeting once they understand what the Town is looking for. They use electronic tracking on all vehicles and reporting is easy. As they understand, some of the top priorities: speed through town, underage operators/drivers, OHV's on roadways not following laws. Not wanting to target kids going to change water, etc. Would like to take it in stages. Start with some education in the next couple of weeks and then step up from there. Dedicate some traffic cars over here to help educate and get familiar with the Town as a starting point. The Sheriff wants to help cities and towns address certain things, there's some time in comparison to everywhere else they need to be in the county that can be performed as general duties before having to ramp up cost/extra patrols- etc. Can find out peak times needed, probably the same as everywhere else- glad to add Wallsburg to the rotation. 7-9am, 4 or 5-7pm a few times per week, keep it mixed up so that people don't get used to it just being one certain day, etc. Recommends to take 30-60 days and look at the numbers prior as compared to the 30 days and look at what to do next. Peter Nielsen explained that growing up in North Rupert, Idaho he was driving the truck to get hay as a small 8/9 year old child and the deputy had his mom come pick him up, definitely a learning experience. Asked how they would handle and OHV with an underage driver. Josh Probst confirmed a parent would be called, can't take criminal action on a child- but definitely speak to the parents. Miscellaneous discussion, don't want to punish kids following the rules, taking care of animals, changing water- etc. Want to educate the ones that are not following the rules/causing trouble. Dan Wardle commented that being here long enough, knowing the folklore/legends from when he was younger, when the cop lights come on you run. Those days are over, they are getting really good. There needs to be social media from the Town, there is going to be an added presence- parents have a conversation with your kids. If they run, there is going to be a problem. Safe to let people know what they have been asked to target. Talking about the idea if kids are going to go change water, etc we've got younger drivers acting cautiously, the individuals that are not- are being targeted. This is not a kid problem, it's a parent problem. There's going to be two parts in this. Celeni Richins commented that it is a good thing we're taking 30/60 days to try it out. Dan Wardle, the other thing that is tough for us is the grapevine when officers are in Town. The texts go out and the side by sides get parked. Something to be aware of, that is not going to be helpful. Josh Probst confirmed that increasing patrols will make a difference, but not to go over the top. Don't want to upset people or cause problems. Focus on education and awareness, slowing people down. Peter Nielsen commented to add it to social media, Alisha O'Driscoll will work on it. Explain that we have received complaints, we value the safety of the valley, etc. Increased presence to help education/awareness, safety. Josh Probst emphasized that they are happy to have a conversation with anyone that is unhappy. Dan Wardle commented that the e-bikes there is a lot of good information that can be shared for issues with insurance- licensing/registration, etc. can turn into a big deal really quick when they are in an accident. All motor vehicles that are not pedal assisted- are required to be registered/licensed and especially insured. Outside of an accident, there is some discretion that can be used and education given. With an accident, it comes out of their hands. Thanked everyone for their time. Will reconvene in 30/60 days to review.

b. 2026 24th of July Fundraiser – Information and Discussion Only

i. Discuss ideas/plans for 24th of July Fundraiser and funds with the Wallsburg LDS Bishops

Talk about the 24th Fundraiser. No auction this year. Community Dinner and Raffle to raise funds for Community Park Restroom Improvements. Year Round, ADA, Electrical, ETC.

3. Department Reports

- a. To discuss continued agenda items, assignments
 - i. Buildings (Peter Nielsen)
 - ii. Roads (Peter Nielsen)
 - iii. Cemetery (Mary Piscitelli)
 - iv. Park (Terri Eisel)
 - v. Water (Rohn Hortin)
 - vi. Mayor (Celeni Richins)
 - vii. Clerk (Alisha O'Driscoll)

4. Call For Agenda Items:

- a. Call for Agenda items for May Town Council Meeting (Expected May 7, 2026)

- b. Call for Agenda items for May Town Council Work Meeting (Expected May 21, 2026)

5. Adjourn

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