

City of Selah City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2026



**Call to Order**

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Councilmembers Present: David Monaghan, Joshua Redtfeldt, Elizabeth Marquis, Mike Costello, Jared Iverson, Clifford Peterson, William Longmire

**Staff Present:** Roger Bell, Mayor; Rob Case, City Attorney; Mick Gause, Police Chief; Ty Jones, Public Works Supervisor; Joe Henne, Public Works Consultant; Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

**Staff Absent:** Jim Lange, Fire Chief

**Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance**

**Invocation**

Jason Williams of Harvest Community Church

**Pre-Arranged Oral Comments**

- Pattie Graffe – Provided updates from Selah Downtown Association

**Written Comments**

- David Zanotelli – Wrote on street name changes

**Oral Comments by People in Attendance**

- Russ Carlson – Spoke on letters sent to community members from City of Selah regarding reimbursed late fees on utility billing

**Proclamations and Announcements**

- Swearing-In of Police Chief, Michael Gause by City Clerk, Courtney McGarity

**Consent Agenda (all items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered part of the consent agenda and are enacted in one motion).**

Mayor Bell presented the stipulations of the Consent Agenda.

## Approved Consent Agenda

- A. Courtney McGarity \* Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2025 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm \* Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Ty Jones \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Additional Two-Page Transportation Improvement Board Updated Cost Estimate and a Two-Page Project Accounting History Form, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Resurfacing Project
- ~~D. Ty Jones \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Docusign "Amendment A" to "Contract Number PC25-96103-037" between the City and the Washington State Public Works Board, for Additional Funding Related to the Hillcrest Water Main Replacement Project~~
- E. Ty Jones \* Resolution Declaring the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Overlay and Orchard Avenue Water Main Improvements Project to be Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials
- F. Ty Jones \* Resolution Declaring the City's 2025 Crack Seal Project to be Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials
- G. Ty Jones \* Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Payment to SWS Equipment, LLC, for a Recently-Acquired Street Sweeper
- H. Ty Jones \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Local Agency Consultant Agreement No. 25184E with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City's First Street Resurfacing (Yakima Ave to Fremont Ave) Project
- I. Ty Jones \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Four-Page Interlocal Agency Agreement with the City of Yakima for the Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter Service
- J. Ty Jones \* Resolution Ratifying Signatures by the then-Public Works Director, via Docusign, on the Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the City to Receive Grant Funds for the City's Stormwater Management Plan
- ~~K. Ty Jones \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Six-Page Contract with Current Electrical NW, LLC, for the City's Volunteer Park Shade Structures Project~~

- L. Ty Jones \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Contract No. DWL31520-0 for the City's Well No. 9 Equipping Project
- M. Roger Bell \* Resolution Adopting the City's 2026 Legislative Agenda
- N. Roger Bell \* Resolution Appointing Members of Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) for Year of 2026
- O. Roger Bell \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Six-Page Police Chief Employment Contract
- P. Roger Bell \* Resolution Directing City Staff to Publish an Underlying Proposed Resolution in the City's Designated Official Newspaper as Notice of the City's Intent to Grant Nonexclusive Franchises for Telecommunications Facilities to Zippy Fiber Pacific, LLC, and its affiliate NFC Northwest, LLC, on January 27, 2026

Councilmember Iverson requested item 10D be removed from the Consent Agenda, to become 13A. Councilmember Marquis requested item 10K be removed from the Consent Agenda, to become 13B. Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Monaghan seconded. Mayor Bell asked Council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Bell requested a voice vote to approve the motions and approve the Consent Agenda as amended. All are in favor. Motion carries by voice vote.

**Public Hearings/Forums**

- A. Ty Jones [Conduct a] Public Meeting Regarding WSDOT's Proposed Installation of a New Crosswalk and Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB/HAWK) Across North Wenas Road

Presented by Bruce Peart, WSDOT

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Pattie Graffe – Spoke in support of adding a crosswalk
- Russ Carlson – Spoke in opposition of adding a crosswalk
- Barb Petrie – Spoke in support of adding a crosswalk

**Resolutions**

- A. Ty Jones Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Docusign "Amendment A" to "Contract Number PC25-96103-037" between the City and the Washington State Public Works Board, for Additional Funding Related to the Hillcrest Water Main Replacement Project

- B. Ty Jones Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Six-Page Contract with Current Electrical NW, LLC, for the City's Volunteer Park Shade Structures Project
- A. Councilmember Iverson moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Costello seconded. Following a roll call vote by Courtney McGarity, City Clerk, all are in favor. The motion is passed.
- B. Councilmember Marquis moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Iverson seconded. Following a roll call vote by Courtney McGarity, City Clerk, all are in favor. The motion is passed.

### **Staff Reports/Announcements**

The following staff members provided a department report:

- Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager
- Mick Gause, Police Chief
- Ty Jones, Public Works Supervisor
- Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director
- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

### **Councilmember Reports**

- Councilmember Redtfeldt – Volunteered for the recent Selah Chamber of Commerce potluck; will be serving on the interview panel for the open position of Lieutenant Shift Officer with the Fire Department
- Councilmember Marquis – Will be attending the Selah School District Board meeting on 1/22; the Selah Downtown Association finalized their 2026 budget including their grants and other opportunities for local businesses; encourages the community to visit The Findery; inquired on updates for open city positions
- Councilmember Costello – Finishing up F-1 councilmember filing; attended the DECA Conference at the Yakima Convention Center as a judge; will be attending City Action Days on January 21-22 for AWC
- Councilmember Iverson – Will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting on 1/14
- Councilmember Peterson – SPRSA audit is complete; there is a Fire Commissioners meeting tonight; will be attending SPRSA meeting on 1/19
- Councilmember Longmire – Continuing to stay in contact with Department of Ecology concerning old orchard lands for a possible presentation on the SEPA process

### **City Attorney Report**

Will be attending City Action Days on January 21-22 for AWC; City offices will be closed on Monday in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr Day

**Mayor's Report**

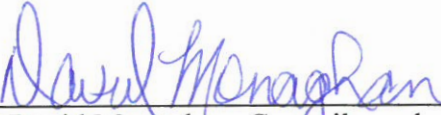
Chief Lange has begun annual evaluations with the Fire Department; there is an opening on the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board for those interested; will be attending City Action Days on January 21-22 for AWC with Rob Case, Councilmember Costello and Matthew Taylor for legislative meetings; there will be a workshop for Selah City Councilmembers on March 3<sup>rd</sup> this year with more information to come; the graffiti discovered on the SAFE mural has been dealt with by the Public Works department; we currently have 5 applicants each for the positions of City Administrator, Public Works Director and City Planner/Community Development Supervisor.

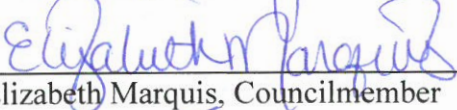
Councilmember Marquis nominated Councilmember Costello as Mayor Pro Tempore, seconded by Councilmember Iverson. Mayor Bell asked council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Bell requested a voice vote to approve the motion. Motion carries by voice vote.

**Adjournment**

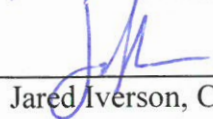
Councilmember Costello moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Monaghan seconded. Mayor Bell adjourned.

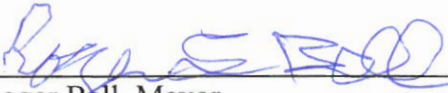
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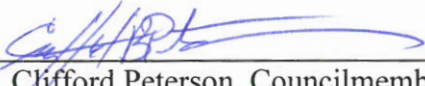
  
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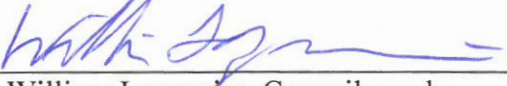
  
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Michael Costello, Councilmember

  
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William Longmire, Councilmember

ATTEST:

  
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Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

From: David Zanotelli <zman4454@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2026 5:34 AM

To: Bell, Roger <roger.bell@selahwa.gov>

Subject: Concil meeting

I am unable to attend due to circumstances out of my control. I would like this letter placed in the agenda please.

Dear Members of the Selah City Council,

I am writing to formally express my frustration and concern regarding the ongoing mishandling of the recent street name change and the errors made by the City of Selah—errors for which residents are repeatedly forced to pay the price. You were told by the residents to wait on this issue. They brought petitions signed by the people this was going to affect, but you continued on with a disregard for what the residents were asking.

The street name change has been a mess. The confusion, inconvenience, and possible financial burden placed on residents could have been avoided with proper planning, oversight, and accountability. Instead, what we continue to see is mistake after mistake, followed by excuses and blame shifted onto individuals who are no longer employed by the city. That is not accountability—it is deflection. You are supposed to be leaders of the community, leaders don't deflect they take responsibility for the actions of their subordinates.

At some point, the responsibility rests with current leadership. Decisions were approved, processes were overseen, and failures occurred under this council's watch. Residents should not be expected to absorb the consequences of poor decision—making while no one in authority is held responsible.

I would like to remind the Council that you work for the citizens of Selah—not the other way around. When city actions repeatedly create problems, it is reasonable for residents to expect corrective action, transparency, and accountability. That includes identifying who was responsible for this failure and what will be done to ensure it does not happen again.

If the City is unable or unwilling to hold anyone accountable, then it raises a serious question about their leadership. At some point, accountability may require more than an apology—it may require someone to step down.

The residents of Selah deserve better. We deserve competent, responsible decision-making, and leadership that owns its mistakes rather than passing the blame. I urge the Council to address this issue publicly, take responsibility, and demonstrate that poor decisions will no longer be tolerated without consequence.

I am requesting that each council member provide a written statement as to how this will not happen in the future. These letters should be sent to all residents of our city. If you are unwilling to comply with such a small request then we will know that you should not be sitting where you are right now.

Sincerely,  
David Zanotelli