

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 27, 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; Jim Lange, Fire Chief; Ty Jones, Public Works Supervisor; Joe Henne, Public Works Consultant; Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Don Cline of Selah Bible Baptist

Announcement of Changes

- Addition of 11B – Fire Department

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments

- Barb Petrea – Provided updates from Selah Downtown Association

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Russ Carlson – Spoke on reimbursed late fees on utility billing, finance department errors and the cost to the City – Rob Case, City Attorney, provided a brief response with included numerical data

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 January 13, 2026 Council Meeting

- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Rob Case * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of Selah to Sign Telecommunications Franchise Agreements with Ziply Fiber Pacific, LLC, and NFC Northwest, LLC, that Grant Nonexclusive Franchises for Telecommunication Facilities

Councilmember Iverson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Redtfeldt seconded. Mayor Bell asked Council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Bell requested a voice vote to approve the motion and approve the Consent Agenda. All are in favor. Motion carries by voice vote.

General Business

- Old Business – Fire Department – This is a continuation of the discussion around the Selah Fire Department and Fire District #2

Staff Reports/Announcements

The following staff members provided a department report:

- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk
- Mick Gause, Police Chief
- Jim Lange, Fire Chief
- Ty Jones, Public Works Supervisor
- Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Redtfeldt – Have been asked to serve as a timekeeper for swim districts next week at Lion’s Pool
- Councilmember Marquis – Attended the Selah School District Board meeting on 1/22 which included a closed executive session for the performance evaluation of Superintendent Kevin McKay
- Councilmember Costello – Attended the LTAC (Lodging Tax Advisory Committee) on 1/26 as new Chairman; Attended AWC City Action Days in Olympia last week to advocate for Selah’s needs and engage with legislators
- Councilmember Iverson – Will be attending the Selah Chamber of Commerce meeting on 1/28 and Brian Rafferty from Edward Jones Investments will be guest speaking
- Councilmember Peterson – Attended the SPRSA meeting last week and new sunshades should arrive for the pool in time for opening day
- Councilmember Longmire – Attended the SPRSA meeting last week and fabric choices for the new sunshades will be chosen soon

City Attorney Report – No Report


Mayor’s Report

City staff are currently researching possibilities for increasing future public parking options in the downtown area of Selah; On the morning of 1/23 a vehicle drove through the Legion Room at the Selah Civic Center due to the driver experiencing a medical emergency. It is our understanding that the driver involved is recovering and we are thankful to report that there was no one inside the Legion Room at the time of the incident; Attended AWC City Action Days in Olympia last week to advocate for Selah’s needs and engage with legislators. Invited to serve on a special committee providing input and recommendations to AWC leaders throughout the year; In an attempt to increase our pool of applicants for City Administrator we have placed ads in new additional locations; Due to the low quality of experience we have seen on the applications for the open City Planner position, we are continuing to utilize HLA and may look at options for increasing those services pending fiscal discussions; We are preparing to extend an offer to fill the position of Public Works Director and hope to make that announcement at the upcoming City Council meeting on 2/10.

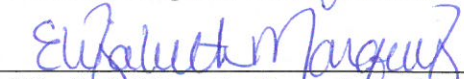
Adjournment

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

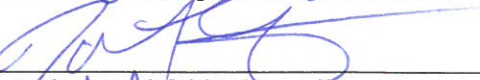
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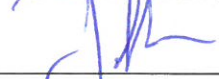
David Monaghan, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

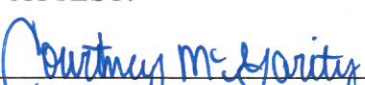


Joshua Redtfeldt, Councilmember




Jared Iverson, Councilmember

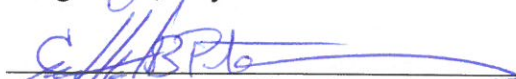
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Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



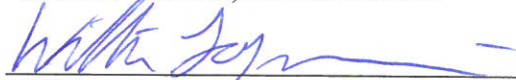
Roger Bell, Mayor



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William Longmire, Councilmember