

City of Selah City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 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, Clifford Peterson, William Longmire

**Councilmembers Absent:** Jared Iverson

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

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

**Invocation**

Russ Carlson of the LDS

**Pre-Arranged Oral Comments**

- Pattie Graffe – Provided updates from Selah Downtown Association  
Facade Grant Applications will be accepted until 2/27; 4<sup>th</sup> of July event planning is underway; negative experience with a community citizen

**Oral Comments by People in Attendance**

- Russ Carlson – Spoke on dissatisfaction with the process of hiring a City Administrator
- Eden Scott Hutt – Spoke in regard to a tort claim he previously filed with the City

**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 February 10, 2026 Council Meeting

- B. Kimberly Grimm \* Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Michael Gause \* Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Five-Page Purchase Agreement, Whereby Selah will Begin Receiving Permitium Services for CPL Applications

Councilmember Redtfeldt moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Peterson 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.

**Resolutions**

- A. Roger Bell Resolution Confirming the Mayor’s Selection of Michael Costello as City Administrator

Councilmember Monaghan moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Marquis seconded. Following a roll call vote by Courtney McGarity, City Clerk, Councilmembers Monaghan, Redtfeldt, Marquis and Peterson are in favor; Councilmember Longmire is opposed; Councilmember Costello is abstained; Councilmember Iverson is absent. The motion carries, 4-1.

Councilmember Costello formally announces resignation from position as Councilmember, effective February 24, 2026, at 11:59pm, to accept the appointment as City Administrator to begin February 25, 2026.

**Staff Reports/Announcements**

The following staff members provided a department report:

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

**Councilmember Reports**

- Councilmember Monaghan – Attended the YVCOG meeting on 2/18 which focused on legislation concerning water rights in WA state.
- Councilmember Marquis – Attended the Selah School District Board meeting on 2/12; will be following up with the Fire Commissioners and Steering Committee to plan next steps.

- Councilmember Costello – Attended the Yakima County Homeless Coalition meeting where grant discussions were a focus, as well as selection of officers; attended the Office of Emergency Management Executive Board meeting and most funding is currently on hold due to the connection to Homeland Security and FEMA; in April there will be a mass casualty exercise at PNWU, and there are discussions around combining OEM and EMS in an effort to minimize duplicate services
- Councilmember Peterson – Swim lesson registration is expected to open around mid-March followed by pool rental openings to Selah District residents on 5/1-5/10.
- Councilmember Longmire – The new pool shades should be up by mid-May.

**City Attorney’s Report**

Provided an update on OUA 2026-001 from City Council meeting on 2/10 which included a change to the language within Section 4.1

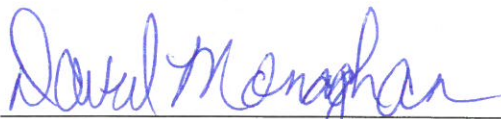
**Mayor’s Report**

In celebration of America’s 250<sup>th</sup> the City of Selah will be helping to host an art contest and more information will be coming soon; Flock cameras for City of Selah will not be turned on again unless WA state legislature moves forward with new bills, and we receive a complete analysis that sets clear rules governing how the data is collected, stored and accessed; There will be a Study Session on 3/10 at 4:30pm focusing on the Utility Billing Cycle; the open position for Council will be posted tomorrow for those who are interested in applying; a Mayor Pro Temp will need to be elected at the next City Council meeting; there may be a few changes to committee assignments for Councilmembers in the coming weeks.

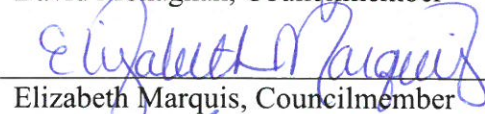
**Adjournment**

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

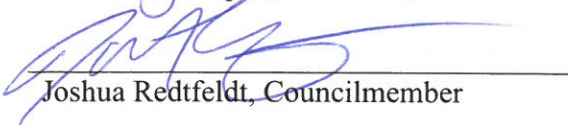
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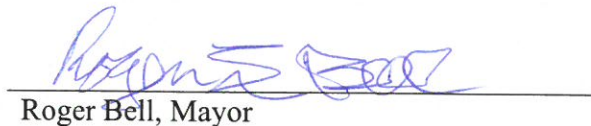
David Monaghan, Councilmember



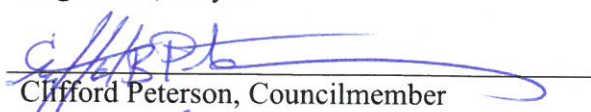
Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember



Joshua Redtfeldt, Councilmember



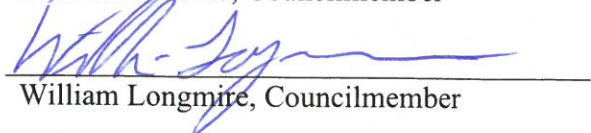
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember

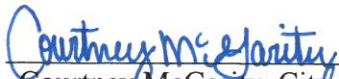


William Longmire, Councilmember

**ABSENT**

Jared Iverson, Councilmember

ATTEST:

  
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Courtney McGarity, City Clerk