

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2026



Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: David Monaghan, Elizabeth Marquis, Jared Iverson, Clifford Peterson, Melissa Maxwell, William Longmire

Councilmembers Absent: Joshua Redtfeldt

Staff Present: Roger Bell, Mayor; Mike Costello, City Administrator; 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

Aaron Crumrine of Selah Covenant Church

Announcement of Changes

Addition of 9A under Announcements/Proclamations

Reading of Received Written Comments

- Kathy Pratt – Recognition and appreciation of City employee, Taryn Franck, Recreation Coordinator

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Mary Schuler – Spoke on recording/live streaming of City Council meetings

Announcements/Proclamation

- AWC Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership to Mike Costello

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 March 10, 2026 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll

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

Ordinances

- A. Roger Bell Ordinance Amending Selah Municipal Code Chapter Sections 9.02.140 and 20.03.040

Councilmember Peterson moved to approve the Ordinance. Councilmember Longmire 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:

- Mick Gause, Police Chief
- Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager
- Jim Lange, Fire Chief
- Ty Jones, Public Works Director

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Monaghan – Attended the YVCOG meeting on 3/18 to hear updates on regulations around flock cameras after the passing of SB 6002.
- Councilmember Marquis – Attended the Steering Committee on 3/23, which has formally become an RFA Planning Committee, and work on the first draft of an RFA was begun, with the next meeting set for April.
- Councilmember Iverson – Will be attending the Selah Chamber meeting tomorrow where Mayor Bell will be guest speaking.
- Councilmember Peterson – Attended the Fire Commissioners meeting on 3/10; attended SPRSA on 3/16, CWU donated a timer and sign to the swim team, and USA Swim is in discussions with SPRSA about the potential for hosting meets in Selah this coming year.
- Councilmember Longmire – Attended the Steering Committee on 3/23, now RFA Planning Committee; attended SPRSA on 3/16 and USA Swim hosting an event in Selah could be a great opportunity for the community.

City Attorney's Report

No Report

City Administrator's Report

- Continuing to feel very lucky in this position with many employees that are not afraid to take on the necessary work to continue moving forward.
- We are meeting regularly with the Yakima IT Director in order to mend historical communication issues; moving forward with our priority of getting a camera system integrated into the Council Chambers for the recording and live streaming of Council meetings which included a site survey last week with two Yakima IT staff members; we are now awaiting those results and recommendations, which will include meeting the following requirements: Live audio content in synchronized media must include real-time captions and all recorded videos with audio must include closed-captions.
- Tomorrow we will be hosting our first town hall meeting at 5:30pm at the Civic Center. This will be focused on the Hillcrest Water Main Replacement Project and attended by City staff. HLA will be present to answer questions.
- Department leaders have been asked to begin working on a "go-by" manual for their positions. This is sometimes known as an SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) and is a set of step-by-step instructions for carrying out routine operations within an organization. These will be especially important for our positions that don't have regular backup or a second in command in their absence, so that anyone who steps into that position will be able to navigate tasks and processes.

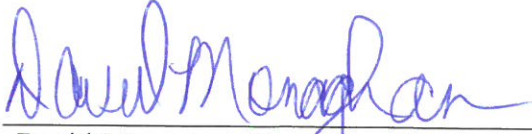
Mayor's Report

- Councilmember Marquis will be stepping down from her position on the School Board Committee, and Councilmember Maxwell will be appointed to the position as well as Yakima Valley Tourism.
- Thank you to Pattie Graffe for her work on the easily accessible online registration for the America 250 Art Contest as well as the promotional artwork and marketing.
- There will be a continuation of the 2026 Council Workshop on 4/28 at 4pm where Councilmembers will discuss their ideas and provide input for an informational handout that the City is currently working on for public provision.

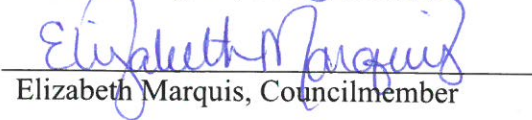
Adjournment

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

Meeting ended at 6:36 p.m.



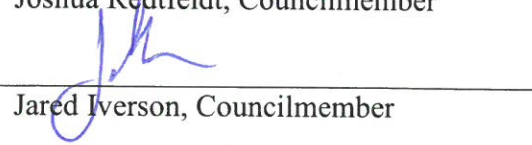
David Monaghan, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

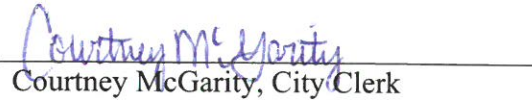
ABSENT

Joshua Redtfeldt, Councilmember

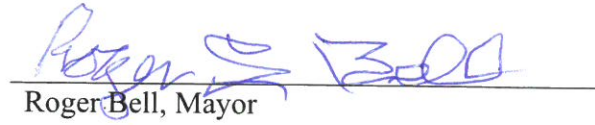


Jared Iverson, Councilmember

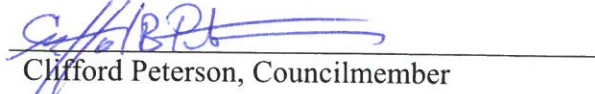
ATTEST:



Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



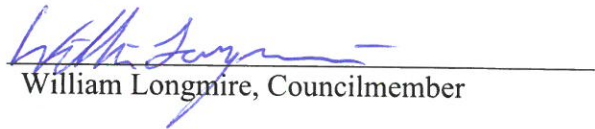
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Melissa Maxwell, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember