

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 14, 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, Jared Iverson, Clifford Peterson, Melissa Maxwell, William Longmire

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; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Staff Absent: Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager; Matthew Taylor, Public Works Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Jason Williams of Harvest Community Church

Announcement of Changes

Addition of an Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(i); RE: Potential Litigation for 15 minutes

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Pattie Graffe – Provided updates from Selah Downtown Association and Selah Community Days

Announcements/Proclamation

- A. Community Pride Award – Janette Espana – Selah High School

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 24, 2026 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Ty Jones * Resolution Amending the Purchase Price for the New Ford Maverick Pickup Truck
- D. Ty Jones * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to “Amendment No. 1” to “Task Order No. 2024-08” with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Additional Professional Services Related to the City’s Hillcrest Water Main Replacement Project
- E. ~~Ty Jones * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Change Order No. 1” with Eadon Prairie Construction, LLC, Pertaining to the City’s Hillcrest Water Main Replacement Project~~
- F. Ty Jones * Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Task Order No. 26039” with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Required to Amend the City’s February 2021 Water System Plan
- G. Roger Bell * Resolution Authorizing: (1) the Mayor to Sign a “Release of Property Damage Claim” Pertaining to an Incident Where Physical Damages Were Caused to the Civic Center and its Contents, and Resultant Lost Rental Revenues Were Also Suffered; (2) the Mayor or City Staff to Accept the Sum of \$50,363.90 as a Full Settlement for Such Incident; and (3) the Mayor or City Staff to Engage One or More Contractors to Perform Repairs at the Civic Center for No More than Such Sum

Councilmember Longmire requested item 10E be removed from the Consent Agenda, to become 13A. Councilmember Peterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Maxwell seconded. Mayor Bell asked Council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Bell requested a voice vote to approve the motion and approve the Consent Agenda as amended. All are in favor. Motion carries by voice vote.

Resolutions

- A. Ty Jones Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Change Order No. 1” with Eadon Prairie Construction, LLC, Pertaining to the City’s Hillcrest Water Main Replacement Project

Councilmember Longmire inquired about what specific areas will be paved. Ty Jones provided the following response: all of Hillcrest Drive, W 5th Ave, Sherlyn Drive,

Anchor Loop and Anchor Place. Additionally, W 7th Ave, Riverview Ave, and Ridgeview Ave will be patched.

Councilmember Iverson moved to approve the Resolution. 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
- Jim Lange, Fire Chief
- Ty Jones, Public Works Director
- Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director
- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Redtfeldt – Attended a Financial Committee meeting.
- Councilmember Marquis – Attended her last Selah School District Board meeting where the hot topic was further discussion on potential cell phone policy changes and a survey was provided to parents and students.
- Councilmember Longmire – Attended the Hillcrest Town Hall meeting, enjoyed the community engagement and looking forward to more of these in the future; attended the SDA meeting and was impressed by how streamlined they run the organization, and excited about all the ideas and opportunities they discussed.

City Attorney's Report

No Report

City Administrator's Report

- Happy Birthday to Councilmember Iverson!
- Handouts provided for Councilmembers from the Town Hall meetings for the Hillcrest Water Main Project and the Home Ave and Orchard Ave Sidewalk Projects to show what was discussed.
- Work is continuing with Yakima IT on the cameras for Council Chambers, which have been ordered, and came in under budget. Additionally, we are working together to organize many shared digital files and drives to move towards best practices at the City of Selah and provide better services to our citizens. Our next upcoming project in alignment with Yakima IT will be moving towards an improved internal phone system with Lightcurve.
- GYGSA is preparing to negotiate upcoming contract changes.
- The Civic Center is working to develop better processes and contracts for event rentals that will provide a safer environment to renters, staff and our first responders.

Mayor's Report

- The AWC Annual Conference will take place on June 23-26 in Spokane and will be attended by Mayor Bell, Mike Costello and Councilmember Peterson.
- The Washington Collaborative Elected Leaders Institute (WA-CELI) will be accepting applications again and any interested Councilmembers are encouraged to apply.
- The America 250 Art Contest now has 43 registered participants!
- Attended a film industry delegation hosted by Yakima Valley Tourism and Washington Filmworks to promote the region as a premier filming location and met filmmakers who are interested in small communities.
- The planning position is currently still open with Public Works. We have expanded to additional job post sites for further exposure and have been in contact with a headhunter.

Executive Session – RCW 42.30.110(i); RE: Potential Litigation

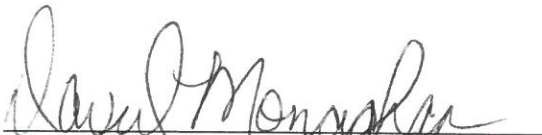
Executive Session began at 6:33 p.m. to end at 6:48 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:48 p.m. with no decisions made/no votes taken

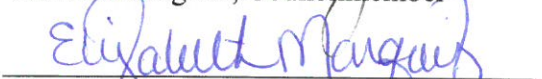
Adjournment

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

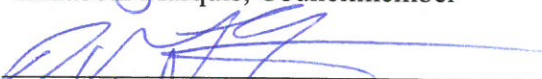
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David Monaghan, Councilmember



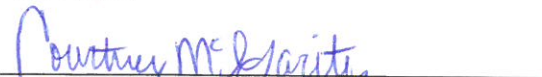
Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember




Joshua Redtfeldt, Councilmember

Jared Iverson, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



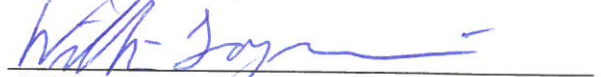
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Melissa Maxwell, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember