

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 28, 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, Clifford Peterson, Melissa Maxwell, William Longmire

Councilmember Absent: Jared Iverson

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; Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Staff Absent: Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Matthew Taylor, Public Works Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Don Cline of Selah Bible Baptist

Announcement of Changes

Move 9A and 9B up ahead of Oral Comments

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Lisa Gordon – The SDA and Findry have moved into their new space on Naches Ave; there will be a free Cinco de Mayo event on 5/2 from 3pm-7pm at the Civic Center; Community Clean Up Day is on 5/9 beginning at 9am at Wixson Park; Paddle Battle registration is open!
- Barb Petrie – Selah Community Days events will soon be here! Overnight carnival workers will move into the green space across from RLELC on May 10th; carnival tickets are now on presale until May 13th at Sentinel, Wray's and Grocery Outlet.

Announcements/Proclamation

- A. Swearing-In of Police Officer, Anessa Cordova
- B. Swearing-In of Police Officer, Kevin Palomares

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 April 14, 2026 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Jennifer Leslie * Minutes from March 3, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting
- D. Ty Jones * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign “Amendment No. 1” to “Task Order No. 2024-09” with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Additional Professional Services Related to the City’s Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update Project

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.

Resolutions

- A. Ty Jones Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Task Order No. 26102” with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City’s East Naches Avenue Extension (Fruity Pebbles) – Traffic and Feasibility Studies Project

Ben Anon with HLA presented the two elements which will include a traffic study, and later a feasibility study. Councilmember Marquis inquired about how a traffic fail is quantified. Ben Anon provided the following response: the timing. Councilmember Longmire moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Maxwell 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

- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Marquis – Attended the RFA Committee meeting, where a first draft agreement is being prepared to bring to Councilmembers.
- Councilmember Maxwell – Attended the Selah School District meeting; tree top scholarships; the Viking Dance Team placed at state for performances as well as academics; the Graf family has generously donated a sign for the new turf football field at Selah High School; money available for cultural enrichment; cell phone policy update;; anti-bullying assembly; OSPI is set to update math and ELA standards for 2027; district budget cuts.
- Councilmember Peterson – Attended the SPRSA meeting and pool reservations for Selah residents will open on May 1st; additionally, pool shade installation is delayed until fall.
- Councilmember Longmire – Attended the RFA Committee meeting; attended the SPRSA meeting and Pool Cleanup Day will be May 2nd.

City Attorney's Report

No Report

City Administrator's Report

- Council Chamber cameras have been ordered. Once they arrive, Yakima IT will schedule their installation and training for Selah staff.
- After the City of Selah, Yakima IT and Lightcurve attended a joint virtual meeting to discuss the City's phone system, it was determined that before any system changes can move forward, many switches need to be replaced. We are currently awaiting an updated quote for this.
- The Hillcrest Project is moving along, and HLA is continuing to send regular updates which can be found on the City's website and social media page.
- The next Town Hall meetings will focus on upcoming changes to 1st Street.
- GYGSA is currently negotiating contract terms with the City.
- Attended a Town Hall meeting in Yakima on 4/27, where 14th District Reps. Gloria Mendoza and Deb Manjarrez and 15th Legislative District, Rep. Chris Corry and Rep. Jeremie Dufault presented information.
- Brief overview of TextMyGov; a platform that enables local governments to communicate with residents via automated text messaging for alerts, updates, and service requests.
- In discussions with YVCOG concerning Public Records Requests and tentatively planning a county-wide meeting in order to invest in joint operational problem-solving.

Mayor's Report

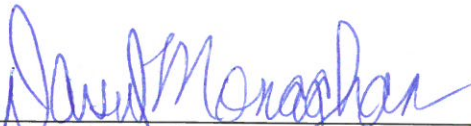
- The open Planning position has received 3 new applications this week and interviews will be scheduled soon.

- A Community Engagement Handout is currently being created, which will feature information on key city projects, taxes, utility billing and much more! Look for this at Selah Community Days at the City of Selah booth.
- Had the honor of participating as a judge for the Ellensburg Regional Civics Bee, which had 18 participants, 9 from Selah Middle School. The 1st place winner was a Selah student who will go on to participate in the State Finals this summer!
- There will be an upcoming study session with YVCOG for Climate Element on May 12th.

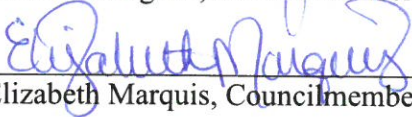
Adjournment

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

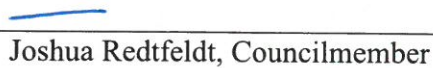
Meeting ended at 6:56 p.m.



David Monaghan, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember




Joshua Redtfeldt, Councilmember

ABSENT

Jared Iverson, Councilmember

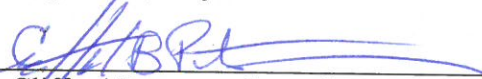
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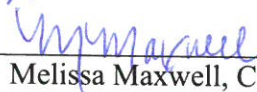
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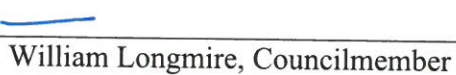
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Melissa Maxwell, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember