

City of Selah City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2026



**Call to Order**

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Councilmember Absent:** Joshua Redtfeldt, William Longmire

**Staff Present:** Roger Bell, Mayor; Mike Costello, City Administrator; Rob Case, City Attorney; Cory Baird, Police Sergeant; Jim Lange, Fire Chief; Ty Jones, Public Works Director; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

**Staff Absent:** Mick Gause, Police Chief; Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager

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

**Invocation**

Mayor Bell

**Announcement of Changes**

- Removal of 13B
- Addition of an Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(i); RE: Potential Litigation for 30 minutes

**Special Presentation by Selah Community Days 2026 Royalty**

Miss Selah: Makayla Hitchcock, 1st Princess: Anastasia Couch, 2nd Princess: Destiny McKee, Jr.  
Miss Selah: Ryleigh Hayes, Jr. Princess: Alayna Applegate

**Oral Comments by People in Attendance**

- Pattie Graffe – SDA – Thank you to everyone who came out to help during our Annual Clean Up Day; Registration is still open for the Selah Paddle Battle Pickleball Tournament until June 12<sup>th</sup>; The Findry has two new vendors Swan Seeds & Graphics and Wild Roots Tallow as well as a new store manager; come see the America 250 Art Contest entries and winners at Selah Community Days this weekend

- A.J. Keagle – Selah Springs Brewing Co's Saturday Markets have started and will take place on 5/2, 6/6, 7/4, 8/1, 9/5 and 10/3; new vendors welcome at \$20 booth fee; live music and food.
- Barb Petrie – Thank you to Selah Public Works department for all of their hard work in helping to prepare for Community Days weekend

**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 28, 2026 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm \* Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Mick Gause \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Three-Page Services Assistance Agreement, Whereby Selah Will Receive Dispatch Services from the Yakima County Sheriff's Office during 2027 and 2028

Councilmember Peterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Iverson 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 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign "Task Order No. 26092" with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City's Brader Hill Water Storage Reservoir Project
- ~~B. Ty Jones Authorizing the Mayor to Sign "Task Order No. 26071" with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City's Yakima Valley School Meter Replacement Project~~

Councilmember Marquis asked for clarification that this was a previously budgeted item, and funds had been set aside. Ty Jones responded that was correct and \$182,000 was in the budget specifically for this project.

Councilmember Iverson 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:

- Jim Lange, Fire Chief
- Cory Baird, Police Sergeant
- Ty Jones, Public Works Director
- Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director
- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

### **Councilmember Reports**

- Councilmember Monaghan – Will be attending YVCOG next week
- Councilmember Marquis – Attended the SDA Board meeting on 5/11; the RFA Committee is continuing to actively work on drafting an agreement and their next meeting is scheduled for 6/2; Thank you to Ty Jones for helping with a flooding incident; Howard's Drug hopes to move into their new location over Memorial Day weekend.
- Councilmember Maxwell – Attending the Yakima Valley Tourism meeting at the end of the month.
- Councilmember Iverson – Attending the Selah Chamber Board meeting on 5/14; Reminder to everyone for the Selah Chamber of Commerce Potato Feed this Friday at 5pm.
- Councilmember Peterson – Attending Selah Fire Commissioners tonight; the annual SPRSA Pool Clean Up Day was successful.

### **City Attorney's Report**

- Attended the annual WCIA Risk Pool training.

### **City Administrator's Report**

- On May 2<sup>nd</sup> Selah's first Cinco de Mayo event was hosted by My Little Restaurant at the Civic Center with nearly 300 attendees, and multiple volunteers, vendors and sponsors.
- We have provided available dates, and the Council Chamber camera should be installed soon.
- Department Shoutout: Public Works
- On May 6<sup>th</sup> the City held a public meeting at the Civic Center for the upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> Street project to discuss how local businesses may be affected. Attendance was low, but this is only one way we will continue getting information out to the community. Flyers are posted to the City website and Facebook page.
- Staff Shoutout: Matthew Taylor

### **Mayor's Report**

- Climate Financing – we were awarded \$134K per year; we have one more year which will begin July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year; we have received notice from commerce that the legislature has made cuts, however we still need to meet the requirements of the Climate Element by June 30, 2027. We can expect at least a 15% reduction in the total state-wide budget cut.

- The American Legion will be doing a flag dedication at the Civic Center on 5/16.
- Tomorrow Mike Costello and I will be at Selah Middle School to recognize each of the students who participated in the National Civic Bee with a Community Pride Award.
- America 250 Art Contest had 24 submitted entries and judges made their selections yesterday. You can view all the entries during Selah Community Days on the fence surrounding the pool.
- The arsonist responsible for setting fires around our area in 2023 and 2024 has been sentenced to the maximum of 20 years in federal prison.

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

Executive Session began at 6:35 p.m. to end at 7:05 p.m.

Executive Session paused at 7:05 p.m. with no decisions made/no votes taken

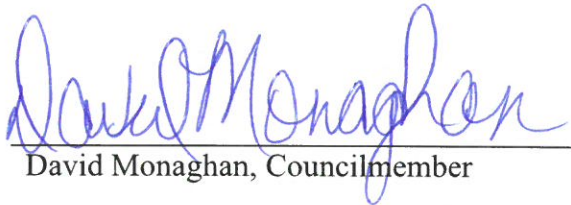
Executive Session resumed at 7:07 p.m. to end at 7:22 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:22 p.m. with no decisions made/no votes taken

**Adjournment**

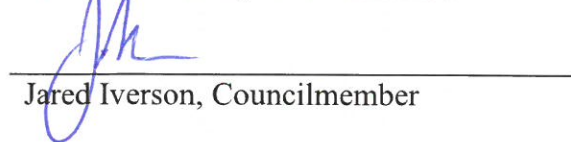
Councilmember Monaghan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Maxwell seconded. Mayor Bell adjourned.

Meeting ended at 7:23 p.m.

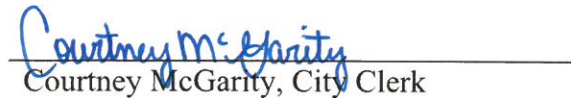
  
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 David Monaghan, Councilmember

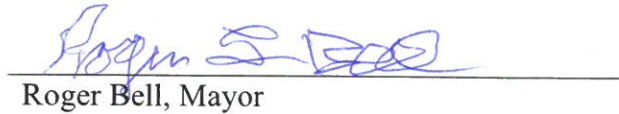
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 Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

**ABSENT**  
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 Joshua Redtfeldt, Councilmember

  
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 Jared Iverson, Councilmember

ATTEST:

  
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 Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

  
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 Roger Bell, Mayor

  
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 Clifford Peterson, Councilmember

  
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 Melissa Maxwell, Councilmember

**ABSENT**  
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 William Longmire, Councilmember