

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2026



Call to Order

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Roger Bell, Mayor; Mike Costello, City Administrator; Rob Case, City Attorney; Cory Worrell, Acting Police Chief; Jim Lange, Fire Chief; Carlos Hernandez, Finance Director; Ty Jones, Public Work Director; Laura Wilson, Community Development Supervisor; Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Staff Absent: Mick Gause, Police Chief

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Aaron Crumrine of Selah Covenant Church

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Lisa Gordon – SDA

Reading of Received Written Comments

- Chris Hutt – Feedback to maintenance department

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 from July 14, 2026 Council Meeting
- B. Carlos Hernandez * Approval of Claims & Payroll

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| C. | Ty Jones | * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Six-Page Contract with Fisher Construction, LLC, for the East Orchard Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project |
| D. | Ty Jones | * Resolution Authorizing the Signing and Submission of a Washington State Public Works Board Funding Application and an Applicant Certification Related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project |

Councilmember Marquis requested item 10D be removed from the Consent Agenda, to become 13A. Councilmember Marquis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Longmire 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

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| A. | Ty Jones | Resolution Authorizing the Signing and Submission of a Washington State Public Works Board Funding Application and an Applicant Certification Related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project |
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Councilmember Marquis clarified the possibility of approval and amount of forgiveness if approved. Ty Jones responded that the amount may be approximate or case-specific. Councilmember Marquis requested the SEPA checklist be emailed to her. Mayor Bell expressed that this is a necessary step towards receiving a loan for any amount in the future.

Councilmember Marquis moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Peterson 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:

- Carlos Hernandez, Finance Director
- Jim Lange, Fire Chief
- Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager
- Cory Worrell, Acting Police Chief
- Ty Jones, Public Work Director
- Laura Wilson, Community Development Supervisor
- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Marquis

- RFA – Continuing to work on the agreement and are going over final edits to prepare for presentation to Council.

Councilmember Maxwell

- Yakima Valley Tourism – Attended the Yakima Valley Tourism meeting on 7/22; discussion on launching a new AI concierge on visityakima.com; Yakima Valley Sports Commission has secured the valley as the 2027/2028 High School State Cheer Championship location; the US Tennis Association is currently in discussions with Yakima to host events; GEO Targeting is being utilized by YVT to determine where visitors go in the area; the Bar Association will be hosting approximately 700 bar examinees at the Yakima Valley Convention Center in August; beginning August 8th Legends Casino will start hosting a monthly Native American Art Market.
- Selah School District – Attended the School Board meeting on 7/23; 9 students from FCCCLA were in DC early July to represent Selah High School and placed very well, some nationally; the district has started providing information to the community around the new cell phone policy; the district has received a full certification by the State Board of Education; the new turf field at Selah High School is continuing on budget and on time.

Councilmember Iverson

- RFA – Continuing to attend the meetings.
- Selah Chamber of Commerce – Currently on summer break and will resume in September.
- Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board – Attending the annual retreat on 8/5.

Councilmember Peterson

- SPRSA – Attended the meeting on 7/20; there was a chlorine leak in the chlorinator room last month which led to a discussion about a new chlorinator system, which would be going in during the off season.

Councilmember Longmire

- SPRSA – There is an AED now installed outside of the Selah Aquatic Center and available to anyone in that area who may be in need.

City Administrator's Report

- A state archivist came to City Hall from the central branch in Ellensburg and met with staff to provide informal training before providing hands-on guidance on what can be kept, shredded and archived to the Ellensburg site. There is now a plan in place for moving forward with records retention.
- Continuing work on electronic timesheets for City of Selah staff and have interviewed three companies so far with Linda Calderon (PR and AP Specialist); we are considering cost, ease of use for all departments, mobile accessibility, system upgrades and integration with Springbrook

Mayor's Report

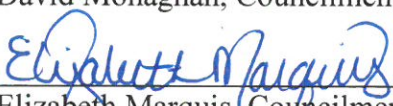
- Yakima County Solid Waste Division has proposed to the County Commissioners to have a significant increase in tipping fees; they are proposing a minimum of \$18; if approved by the commissioners, BDI can immediately pass cost increases on to City of Selah; we estimate a 10-15 percent increase in our solid waste rates; this would initiate a mid-year increase; these changes with BDI would equate to a 35% increase in 2026, 10% increase in 2027, and 4% increase each year following through 2035; the cost of closing the Terrace Heights Landfill and expanding the Cheyne Landfill to handle all of Yakima County would be approximately 37 million.
- We will have a Study Session on 8/11 at 4:30pm to go over the Comp Plan.
- Attended Summer Fest at the Yakima Training Center with a City of Selah booth, football toss game and prizes to giveaway; provided many visitors with our 2026 Selah Community Engagement brochures; connected with Executive Director of the Central WA State Fair who provided an opportunity for the America 250 Art Contest winners to display their artwork.

Adjournment

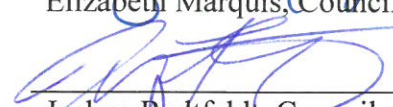
Councilmember Monaghan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Maxwell seconded. Mayor Bell adjourned.

Meeting ended at 6:20 p.m.

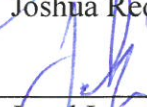
David Monaghan, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

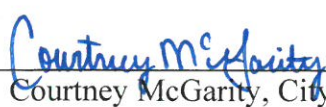


Joshua Redtfeldt, Councilmember

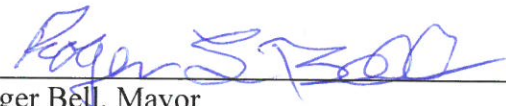


Jared Iverson, Councilmember

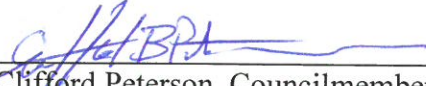
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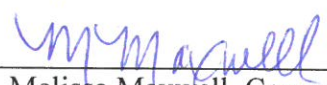
Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



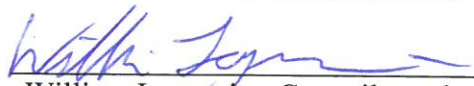
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Melissa Maxwell, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember