

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2025

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Roger Bell, Mayor; Rob Case, City Attorney; Jim Lange, Fire Chief; Dustin Soptich, Police Chief; Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk; Taryn Franck, Recreation Coordinator

Staff Absent: Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director; Steve Zetz, Community Development Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Russ Carlson of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints provided prayer.

Announcement of Changes

Move 9 to become 7.

Proclamations/Announcements

- Community Pride Award – Parker Casey

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments from the Public

- Lisa Gordon – Provided updates from Selah Downtown Association
- Barb Petrie – Provided updates from Selah Community Days Association

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 May 13, 2025 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Rob Case * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Behavioral Health and Habitation Administration, and the Yakima Valley School
- D. Rob Case * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement for City Park Concession Services

Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Peterson seconded. Mayor Bell asked Council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Bell requested a voice vote to approve the motion and approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries by voice vote.

General Business

- New Business – Yakima Valley Trolley Corridor Preservation
Councilmember Longmire asked the Council to allow Ken Johnson, President of Yakima Valley Trolley, to speak on the Corridor Preservation. Council agrees. Councilmember Longmire formally requested Councilmembers to allow for YVCOG to present at a study session; seconded by Councilmember Monaghan. Following a roll call vote by Taryn Franck, Councilmembers Iverson, Peterson, Costello, Monaghan and Marquis are opposed; Councilmembers Longmire, and Maxwell are in favor. The motion fails.

Resolutions

- A. Rob Case Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Staff to Commence the Process to Seek an Architect for the City's Plan to Construct a Modular Building for its Police Department and Also Potentially for its City Hall
- A. Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Monaghan seconded. Following a roll call vote by Taryn Franck, all are in favor and the motion is passed.

Presentations

- Keelan Naasz – YVCOG – Climate Resilience Element

Staff Reports/Announcements

The following staff members provided a department report:

- Dustin Soptich, Police Chief
- Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager
- Jim Lange, Fire Chief
- Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director
- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk
- Taryn Franck, Recreation Coordinator

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Longmire – Attended Steering Committee; SPRSA is looking at options for shade coverage
- Councilmember Iverson – Attending the Selah Chamber meeting tomorrow; Yakima Fish & Wildlife annual board meeting will take place in August
- Councilmember Peterson – SPRSA is navigating vent issues
- Councilmember Costello – Attended the Emergency Management Executive board meeting where the fees for 2026 were approved by the board, resulting in participation fees rising 20%
- Councilmember Marquis – Attended Steering Committee; will be attending Selah School board meeting this week

City Attorney Report

Attended a virtual training through WCIA for Cyber Security; provided a brief update on Supreme Court Indigenous court case standards.

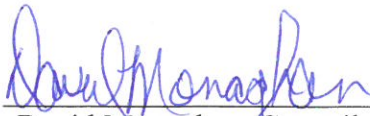
Mayor's Report

Councilmember Marquis has been appointed to the Selah Downtown Association board.

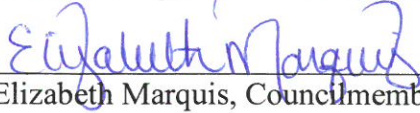
Adjournment

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

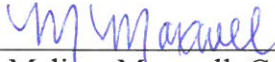
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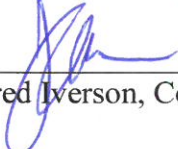
David Monaghan, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

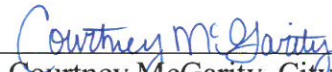


Melissa Maxwell, Councilmember

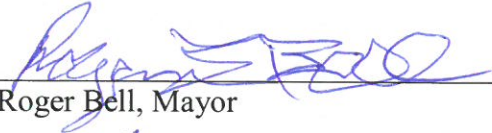


Jared Iverson, Councilmember

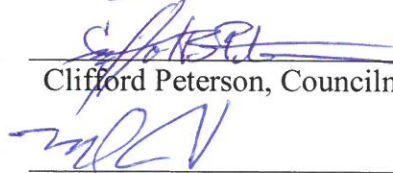
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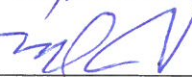
Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



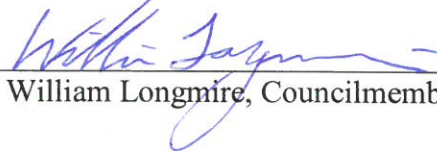
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember