

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025



Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Roger Bell, Mayor; Rob Case, City Attorney; Jim Lange, Fire Chief; Dustin Soptich, Police Chief; Mick Gause, Police Lt; Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director; Steve Zetz, Community Development Supervisor; Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager; Ron Anderson, Facilities Coordinator; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Josiah Sherk of Harvest Community Church provided prayer.

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments from the Public

- Pattie Graffe – Provided updates from Selah Downtown Association

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Russ Carlson – Spoke on new hires, position reclassifications, salary increases, continued program payouts and finance department issues

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 August 26, 2025 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll

- C. Jennifer Leslie * Minutes from June 17, 2025 & July 1, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting
- D. Rob Case * Resolution Authorizing Payment to Selah Alliance for Equality (SAFE) for Creation and Installation of Mural
- E. Kimberly Grimm ~~* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Three-Page Order Form/Agreement with Springbrook Express~~

Councilmember Marquis requested item 10E be removed from the Consent Agenda, to become 13B. Councilmember Costello 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.

Public Hearings & Meetings

- A. Public Information Meeting to Receive a Presentation by HLA Pertaining to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant

Proclamations/Announcements

- A. Proclamation by the Mayor of Selah Regarding Mental Health Awareness

Resolutions

- A. Kimberly Grimm Resolution Reclassifying the Part-Time Office Assistant Position to a New Position of Financial Specialist, Approving a New Job Description, and Setting a Wage Range for the Position
 - B. Kimberly Grimm Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Three-Page Order Form/Agreement with Springbrook Express
- A. Councilmember Longmire made a motion to amend the description of supervision on the new job description. Councilmember Iverson seconded. Following a roll call vote by Courtney McGarity, City Clerk, all are in favor. The motion is passed. Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Resolution as amended. Councilmember Monaghan seconded. Following a roll call vote by Courtney McGarity, City Clerk, all are in favor. The motion is passed.
- B. Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Monaghan seconded. Following a roll call vote by Courtney McGarity, City Clerk, Councilmembers Iverson, Peterson and Marquis are opposed; Councilmembers Longmire, Maxwell, Costello and Monaghan are in favor. The motion is passed.

Staff Reports/Announcements

The following staff members provided a department report:

- Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager
- Dustin Soptich, Police Chief
- Mick Gause, Police Lt.
- Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director
- Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director
- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Longmire – Attended Steering Committee meeting
- Councilmember Iverson – Attended Steering Committee meeting; Selah Chamber meetings will resume at the end of September
- Councilmember Peterson – Fire Commissioners meeting tonight to discuss the draft for the new joint agreement
- Councilmember Maxwell – Yakima Valley Tourism meetings will resume at the end of September
- Councilmember Costello – Yakima County Emergency Management Systems executive board on 9/11
- Councilmember Monaghan – YVCOG scheduled for next week

City Attorney Report

No Report.

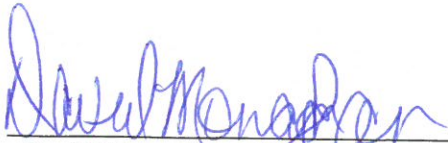
Mayor's Report

A conditional offer has been made to an internal candidate for the position of Assistant Fire Chief; Congratulations to the Police Department on their win at the annual Police vs Fire Softball Game; we met with WCIA today for an accuracy audit on City vehicles; as the City looks at the options for new computer purchases we believe the total cost of devices should be well under the \$45K approved at the previous Council meeting and a decision will be brought to Council on 9/23; there will be a ribbon cutting and dedication of the Wind Phone of Selah tomorrow evening at 6pm at Playland Park and all are invited; a Study Session will take place for BDI on 9/23 at 4:30pm.

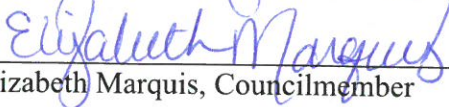
Adjournment

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

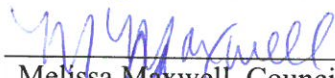
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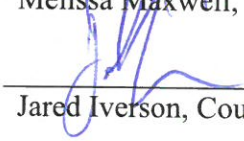
David Monaghan, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

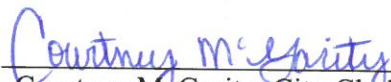


Melissa Maxwell, Councilmember

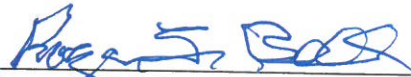


Jared Iverson, Councilmember

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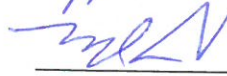
Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



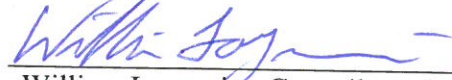
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember