

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12, 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; Dustin Soptich, Police Chief; Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director; Steve Zetz, Community Development Supervisor; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Staff Absent: Jim Lange, Fire Chief; Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager

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

Addition of 30-minute Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(g); RE: Employee Performance

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments from the Public

- Pattie Graffe – Provided updates from Selah Downtown Association

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Kenton Gartrell – Spoke on City Council ethics
- Mary Schular – Spoke on City Council meeting procedures and the City Administrator position

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 22, 2025 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. ~~Dustin Septich~~ * ~~Resolution Declaring Three Police Vehicles as Surplus and Authorizing their Sale~~
- D. Rob Case Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Six-Page No-Charge Facility Use Agreement with Independent Contractor
- E. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor or Public Works Director to Sign and Submit a Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Arterial Preservation Program Funding Application (APP) and 2025 APP Application Certification Form, for a South 1st Street Resurfacing Project from Valleyview Avenue to Yakima Avenue
- F. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Declaring the Water Service Meter Improvements – Equipment Only Project to be Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials
- G. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Washington State Department of Transportation Transit Support Certification Form
- H. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Declaring the Well No. 6 and Zone 3 Booster Pump Station Generator Project to be Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials

Councilmember Marquis requested item 10C be removed from the Consent Agenda, to become 13C; and add item 13A to become 10H; seconded by Councilmember Iverson; all are in favor. Councilmember Marquis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Maxwell 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.

General Business

1) General Business

A. New Business

The following Informational Items are First Presentations. Final action will be sought at a later date.

- 1. Rob Case [First Presentation of] Ordinance Updating Provisions of Selah Municipal Code with Regard to Unlawful Parking

Public Hearing

- A. Rocky Wallace Open-Record Public Hearing to Receive Public Input Regarding the Potential Adoption of the "Selah Transit Development Plan 2025-2031 and 2024 Annual Report"

Public Hearing was opened. No public comments received. Public Hearing was closed.

Resolution

- A. Rocky Wallace ~~Resolution Declaring the Well No. 6 and Zone 3 Booster Pump Station Generator Project to be Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials~~
- B. Rocky Wallace Resolution Authorizing Public Works to Purchase Two Sail Shade Structures for Volunteer Park (a/k/a Delores Huerta Park)
- C. Dustin Soptich Resolution Declaring Three Police Vehicles as Surplus and Authorizing their Sale
- B. Councilmember Marquis 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.
- C. Councilmember Marquis moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Costello seconded. Following a roll call vote by Courtney McGarity, City Clerk, all are in favor. The motion is passed.

Ordinance

- A. Rob Case Ordinance Adopting, on an Emergency Basis, Changes to the Selah Municipal Code: Adopting a New Chapter 3.01; Amending Section 4.32.100; and Adopting a New Section 6.14.005
- A. Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Ordinance. 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:

- Dustin Soptich, Police Chief
- Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director
- Kimberley Grimm, Finance Director
- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Iverson - Attended the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board 2025 Annual Meeting and site tour which included a field tour in the Upper Yakima River Watershed including the Gold Creek Valley Restoration Project with Kittitas Conservation Trust and the Keechelus Reservoir; Inquired into Council email groups; asked for the hiring process to begin for the position of City Administrator; Proposed the visual recording of City Council meetings become a priority.

Councilmember Iverson made a formal motion to visually record City Council meetings. Councilmember Longmire seconded. Following a roll call vote by Courtney McGarity, City Clerk, all are in favor. The motion is passed.

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Peterson – Attended the neighborhood Fire Department meeting for the Wixson/Hillcrest Fire with approximately 25 attendees; attended National Night Out; SPRSA meeting to take place next Monday with continued discussions for sail shade structures.
- Councilmember Maxwell – Attended National Night Out; Asked for the hiring process to begin for the position of City Administrator to be prioritized.
- Councilmember Costello – Attended the Homeless Coalition meeting yesterday; the next one will be in November; Attended the neighborhood Fire Department meeting for the Wixson/Hillcrest Fire which provided great information to attendees; National Night Out was a positive experience with a great turn out; Emergency Medical Service Admin meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
- Councilmember Marquis – Attended Steering Committee; Attended the SDA board meeting yesterday where The Findery was discussed as well as it's evolving revenue, and two new board members, Danielle Redtfeldt and Mary Schular, were introduced; Asked for the hiring process of City Administrator to be prioritized.

City Attorney Report

Met with Selah's current public defender today to continue discussions around indigenous standards; WCIA (Washington Cities Insurance Authority) is working with the Origami program to determine what the numbers may project for the upcoming year; thank you to Council for this evening's discussions and decisions around Selah's parking regulations and vendor changes.

Mayor's Report

Thank you to all who volunteered and attended National Night Out; Mayor Bell met with Basin Disposal of Yakima LLC this past week to discuss options for rate increases per their contract which will be discussed moving forward; Chief Soptich and Rocky Wallace accompanied the Mayor to Seattle to meet with Studio Meng Strazzara, Inc., the chosen architect for the potential future City Hall/Police Department building which provided an impressive experience and City Council can anticipate a collective contract to be provided at the next Council meeting.

Executive Session – 30 minutes

RCW 42.30.110(g); RE: Employee Performance

Entering Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to end at 7:50 p.m.

Executive Session paused at 7:51 p.m. with no decisions made/no votes taken.

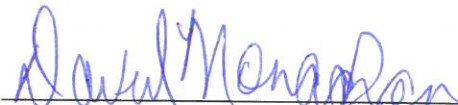
Executive Session resumed for 15 minutes to end at 8:06 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 8:07 p.m. with no decisions made/no votes taken.

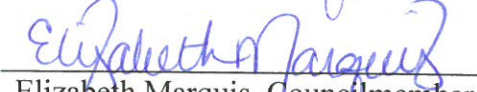
Adjournment

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

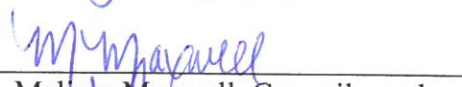
Meeting ended at 8:08 p.m.



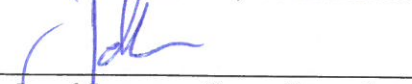
David Monaghan, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

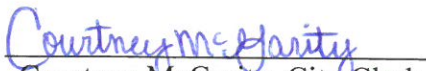


Melissa Maxwell, Councilmember

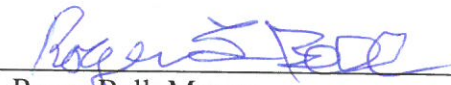


Jared Iverson, Councilmember

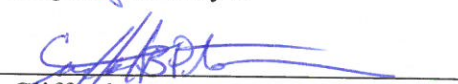
ATTEST:



Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



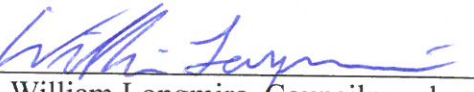
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember