

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 14, 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, Kevin Wickenhagen, Michael Costello, David Monaghan, Elizabeth Marquis

Staff Present: Rich Huebner, City Administrator; 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

Mark Williams of Selah United Methodist Church provided prayer.

Announcement of Changes

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments from the Public

- Pattie Graffe — Update from Selah Downtown Association

Oral Comments by People in Attendance (up to 2 minutes each)

- Terry Keenman – Spoke on the seasonal closure of Selah High School tennis courts
- Tony Courcy– Spoke on his water right claims
- David Zanolli – Spoke on his water bill issues
- Barb Petrea – Provided an update on Selah Community Days

Proclamations/Announcements

- A. Introduction of Steve Zetz, Community Development Supervisor
- B. Introduction of Danae Merritt, Court Clerk

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

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| A. | Courtney McGarity | * Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2024 Council Meeting |
| B. | Kimberly Grimm | * Approval of Claims & Payroll |
| C. | Roger Bell | * Resolution Appointing Members of Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) for Year of 2025 |
| D. | Rocky Wallace | * Resolution Declaring the City's 2024 Crack Seal Project to be Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials |
| E. | Rocky Wallace | * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign "Task Order No. 2025-01" with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City's 3 rd Street Resurfacing Project |
| F. | Rocky Wallace | * Resolution Declaring the Lyle Avenue Water Main and PRV Improvements Project to be Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials |
| G. | Rocky Wallace | * Resolution Authorizing Public Works to Purchase One Snow Plow and One Sander |

Councilmember Peterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Monaghan 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.

Resolutions – None

Ordinances – None

Staff Reports/Announcements

The following staff members provided a department report:

- Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director
- Police Chief, Dustin Soptich
- Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Peterson – Report from SPRSA December 2024 meeting; Selah Aquatic Center will open pool rental reservations for Selah Residents on 5/1/2025 under the 2024 rates; pool rental reservations for those who live outside of Selah will open Memorial Day under new 2025 rates; registration for swim lessons will open in mid-March.

City Attorney Report

No Report

City Administrator Report

Recreation + Tourism Report

Basketball season games have started; Civic Center renovations are underway and staff are appreciative of the community support in providing temporary spaces to groups who typically meet at the Civic Center; Hot Rods planning is in full swing; Baby Schab #3 is due to make her appearance in June 2025.

Fire Department Report

Multiple Fire Department staff are out sick; the department has begun gathering information and preparing to submit annual grant applications; beginning to work on the 2025 Capital Projects list; Annual Report will be provided soon.

City Council Annual Workshop is tentatively scheduled for 3/4/2025 with a plan and agenda to be provided soon. The City hosted a Staff Appreciation Holiday Breakfast on 12/18/2024 during work hours which had a great turnout. Steve Zetz was hosted for a City tour upon his acceptance of employment, and later met with HLA staff to download multiple planning projects. LTAC applications are open. We have submitted Capital Budget Requests to the City in alignment with the legislative priorities passed at the previous City Council meeting; requests include a new Police Station/City Hall and Phase II of the Civic Center renovation. Rocky Wallace and our consultant at HLA are working to finalize the application for the new wastewater treatment plant. Courtney McGarity is scheduling legislative appointments in February for City Action Days in Olympia

Mayor's Report

Announcement of Committee Assignments

Councilmember Costello nominated Councilmember Wickenhagen as Mayor Pro Tempore, seconded by Councilmember Monaghan. Mayor Bell asked council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Bell requested a voice vote to approve the motion. Motion carries by voice vote.

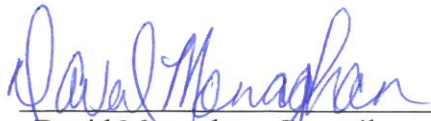
Members from the SDA, Chamber of Commerce and City of Selah were judges for Christmas lights around town and the six winning homes/business were included on the Selah Christmas Light Tours. Snacks and beverages were provided for the tours, and the response was positive with hopes to continue in the coming years.

Executive Session – None

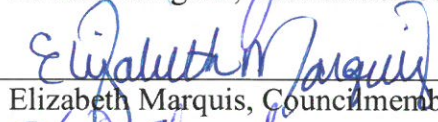
Adjournment

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

Meeting ended at 6:29 p.m.



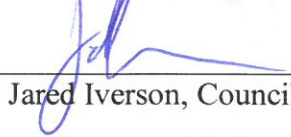
David Monaghan, Councilmember



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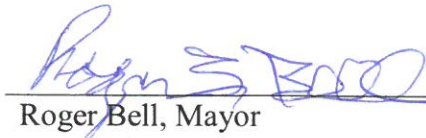


Jared Iverson, Councilmember

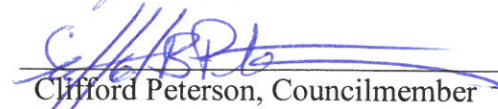
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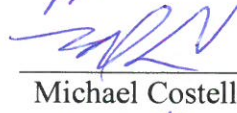
Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



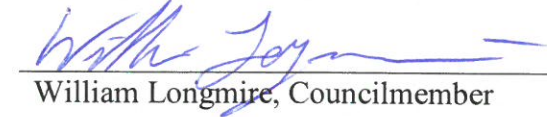
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember