

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2025

Call to Order

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 5:31 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; Jim Lange, Fire Chief; Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director; Steve Zetz, Community Development Supervisor; Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Aaron Crumrine of Selah Covenant Church provided prayer.

Announcement of Changes

Addition of 9B under Proclamations/Announcements; addition of an Executive Session to follow after 9B; addition of two informational items under 12A.

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments from the Public

- Lisa Gordon — Update from Selah Downtown Association

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

- Russell Carlson – Spoke on The Findery
- David Zanolli – Spoke on his water bill issues

Proclamations/Announcements

- A. Community Pride Award – Selah School District – Daphne Templet
- B. Community Pride Award – Norma Smith

Executive Session – RCW 42.30.110(i); RE: Potential Litigation

Entering into Executive Session at 5:52 p.m. to end at 6:22 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:22 p.m. with no decisions made/no votes taken.

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 January 11, 2025 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Jennifer Leslie * Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting
- D. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor or Public Works Director to Sign and Submit a Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) 2025 Funding Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, for a Suite of Transportation Studies Focusing on State Route 823 and Southern Avenue and also a Possible Extension of Naches Avenue to Interstate 82

Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Costello 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.

New Business

- 12.1 Rob Case Ordinance Repealing Preexisting Selah Municipal Code Chapter 9.06 and Enacting a New Selah Municipal Coded Chapter 12.03
- 12.2 Rob Case Ordinance Enacting a New Selah Municipal Coded Chapter 12.04
- 12.3 Rob Case Ordinance Enacting a New Selah Municipal Coded Chapter 12.05
- 12.4 Rob Case Ordinance Repealing Preexisting Version of Selah Municipal Code Section 9.02.140 and Enacting a New Version Thereof
- 12.5 Rob Case Ordinance Repealing Preexisting Selah Municipal Code Chapter 1.41 and Recodifying those Topics within a new Selah Municipal Coded Chapter 20.03

Mr. Case presented each item for Council's information only, and these items will be presented for action at the February 11 meeting.

Ordinances

- A. Steve Zetz Hilltop Investment Group Annexation - Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Property by the City of Selah, Washington; Incorporating the Same Within the City's Corporal Limits; and Zoning the Same as Residential Low Density (R1)

Councilmember Iverson made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Peterson. Following a roll call vote by Courtney McGarity, all are in favor; the motion is passed.

Staff Reports/Announcements

The following staff members provided a department report:

- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk
- Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager
- Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director
- Steve Zetz, Community Development Supervisor
- Fire Chief, Jim Lange
- Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director
- Police Chief, Dustin Soptich

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Longmire – SPRSA – 5/3 is scheduled for Pool Cleanup Day
- Councilmember Iverson – Visited the Woodland, WA Police Department for a building tour; attended the Selah School Board Meeting and received updates on enrollment, financials, 2025/2026 school calendar, safety issues and district boundaries; Selah Chamber of Commerce will meet again in February; Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife will meet again on 1/29.
- Councilmember Wickenhagen – The Legislative Committee met with YVCOG to discuss the Fruity Pebbles project; Yakima Valley Tourism Board updates; Sports Commission received a grant; provided information on Digital Destination Uplift and State Tourism Legislative Funding; LTAC meeting updates from 1/27.

City Attorney Report

No Report

City Administrator Report

We are considering 3/27 or 3/28 for the annual City Council Workshop, pending a response from Councilmembers; LTAC held a meeting on 1/27; Civic Center update was provided and we are continuing to stay on schedule with building renovations; Civic Plus update was provided on the City's new website design as well as the agenda and meeting management system; attended the board meeting for WA State Insurance Authority; met with senior leadership of YVCOG to discuss the Fruity Pebbles project; City Action Days are 2/19 and 2/20 in Olympia and we are

scheduled to meet with all three of our legislators, Senator Torres, Representative Corry, Representative Dufault and well as Senator King.

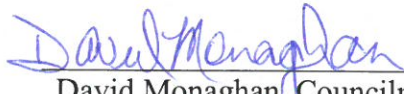
Mayor's Report

Potential for Selah to be represented in Washington DC; Attended the Mayor's Exchange to meet with Representative Corry and discuss some of Selah's project challenges; accepting requests for discussion topics for the upcoming Council Workshop.

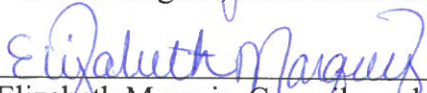
Adjournment

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

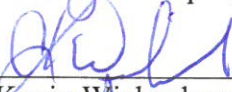
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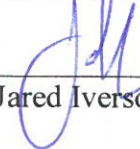
David Monaghan, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

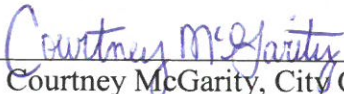


Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember



Jared Iverson, Councilmember

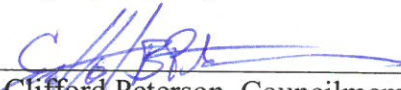
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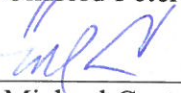
Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



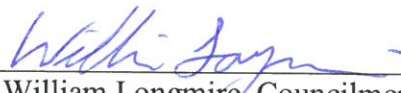
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember