

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 14, 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, 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; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Bishop Hershel Corbin of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provided prayer.

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments

- Pattie Graffe – Provided updates from Selah Downtown Association
- Byron Gumz – YVCOG

Received Written Comments

- Brad Helms – Wrote on Mobile Vendors and Portable Businesses operating within City of Selah

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Russ Carlson – Go Mariners!
- Jennifer Rodgers – Spoke on Police Department/City Hall building and requested City Council meetings be recorded

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 of September 23, 2025 Council Meeting |
| B. | Kimberly Grimm | * Approval of Claims & Payroll |
| C. | Rocky Wallace | * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Municipal Engineering Services for the Years of 2026 through 2028 |
| D. | Rocky Wallace | * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Three-Page Interlocal Agency Agreement for Yakima Transit – Paratransit Dial-A-Ride Service |
| E. | Rob Case | * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Three-Page Quit Claim Deed Conveying Land that Was Formerly Used for the Taylor Ditch |
| F. | Rocky Wallace | * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Amendment No. 1” to “Task Order No. 2024-07” with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Additional Professional Services Related to the Well No. 5 Drilling and Equipping Project |
| G. | Rocky Wallace | * Resolution Declaring the Civic Center Remodel Project to be Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials |

Councilmember Iverson 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. All are in favor. Motion carries by voice vote.

Public Forum

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| A. | Steve Zetz | [Conducting a] Public Forum to Receive Comments Regarding the Current Version of a Draft Ordinance, and to Generally Review the Draft Ordinance, that if Adopted Would Enact Changes to the Permitting Process for Mobile Vendors and Peddlers |
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Mayor Bell opened the floor for Public Comments.

- Sherry Raymond – Spoke on Mobile Vendors and Portable Businesses operating within City of Selah
- Rich Goodall – Spoke on Mobile Vendors and Portable Businesses operating within City of Selah

- Lisa Gordon – Spoke on Mobile Vendors and Portable Businesses operating within City of Selah
 - Melissa Larson – Spoke on Mobile Vendors and Portable Businesses operating within City of Selah
 - Johnny Raymond – Spoke on Mobile Vendors and Portable Businesses operating within City of Selah
 - Russ Carlson – Spoke on Mobile Vendors and Portable Businesses operating within City of Selah
- Mayor Bell closed Public Comments.

Ordinances

- A. Rob Case [Amendment of] Ordinance Establishing the 2025 Base Salary and Wage Schedule for Unrepresented (a/k/a Non-Union) Positions [so as to Increase the Salary Range for the City Administrator Position]

Councilmember Peterson moved to approve the Ordinance. Councilmember Iverson 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:

- Jim Lange, Fire Chief
- Steve Zetz, Community Development Supervisor
- Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director
- Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director
- Mick Gause, Police Lt.
- Dustin Soptich, Police Chief
- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Longmire – Provided a letter to Councilmembers and made a motion to move to Executive Session following the Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Iverson, however after some discussion, Councilmember Longmire withdrew his motion for an Executive Session.
- Councilmember Iverson – Attended the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting; the annual Wine, Dine & Beyond event took place on 10/11.
- Councilmember Peterson – Will be attending the SPRSA meeting on 10/20; Last month there was a Joint Agreement discussion with the Fire Commissioners of District #2, and it may be in the best interest to have an Executive Session with Councilmembers from the Steering Committee to have a joint discussion.
- Councilmember Marquis – Would like to set up small groups to discuss Steering Committee, followed by a potential Study Session with the Fire Commissioners of District #2.

- Councilmember Maxwell – Attended the recent Yakima Valley Tourism meeting; discussions are happening around the potential use of the Yakima Visitor's Center located in front of Target; scheduled to do Ambassador training.
- Councilmember Costello – Will be absent at the next City Council meeting on 10/28.
- Councilmember Monaghan – Will be attending Veterans Stand Down and Benefit Fair on 10/18 at State Fair Park. This is the 26th annual Stand Down that provides free services to all veterans, hosted by The Yakima Valley Veterans Coalition; Starting school at Liberty University next week.

City Attorney Report

Budget work is currently underway, and Councilmembers are encouraged to ask questions throughout the process; parking penalties will be drafted and brought forth at the City Council meeting on 10/28, thus if there are specific locations or languages Councilmembers would prefer used, please submit them no later than 10/21.

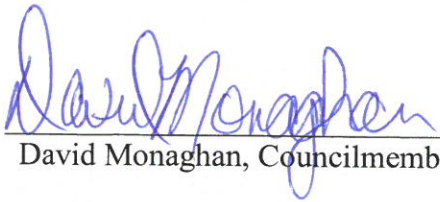
Mayor's Report

Preliminary utility rate projections have been provided to Council; BDI has proposed a 9% increase in year one, an 8% increase in year two and a 7% increase in year three in order to breakeven, as well as adding two additional yard waste pick up days per year; The position for City Administrator will be posted this week, with the first review of applications to be held on 11/3.

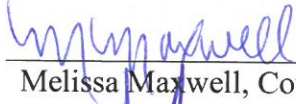
Adjournment

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

Meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

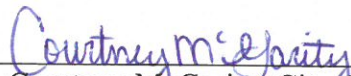

David Monaghan, Councilmember

Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

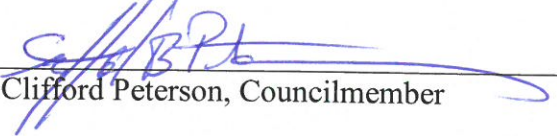

Melissa Maxwell, Councilmember

Jared Iverson, Councilmember

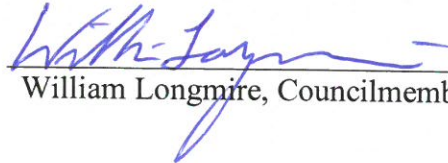
ATTEST:


Courtney McGarity, City Clerk


Roger Bell, Mayor


Clifford Peterson, Councilmember

Michael Costello, Councilmember


William Longmire, Councilmember