

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 23, 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

Don Cline of Selah Bible Baptist Church provided prayer.

Announcement of Changes

- Keelan Naasz of YVCOG has been moved to present at the City Council meeting on October 14th

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments from the Public

- Pattie Graffe – Provided updates from Selah Downtown Association

Proclamations/Announcements

- Community Pride Awards – Selah High School – Brian Rockenbach, Geoff Anderson, Alex Huard, Nick Huard, Kacey Pollard, David Pollard, Lawrence Burmaster and Joe Gavica

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 September 9, 2025 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Rob Case * Resolution Amending the City's and Wage Ordinance, to Reflect the Reclassification of the Part-Time Office Assistant Position to Part-Time Financial Specialist
- D. Rob Case * Ordinance Amending Selah Municipal Code Subsection 4.32.030(13)
- E. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Staff to Sign a Supporting Investments in Economic Diversity (SIED) Contract with Yakima County for WSDOT-Required Traffic Studies Related to the City's Fruity Pebbles Project
- F. Steve Zetz * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor or His Designee to Sign an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for the City to Receive Funding to be Applied Toward Completing a Periodic Update of its Comprehensive Plan

Councilmember Iverson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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. All are in favor. Motion carries by voice vote.

Staff Reports/Announcements

The following staff members provided a department report:

- Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager
- Jim Lange, Fire Chief
- 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 the SPRSA meeting on 9/15; scheduled to attend a budget meeting with Kimberly Grimm on 9/26

- Councilmember Iverson – Scheduled to attend the Selah Chamber meeting on 9/24; Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board meetings will resume at the end of September; made an inquiry on video recordings for Selah City Council meetings.
- Councilmember Peterson – Attended the Wind Phone ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony on 9/10; attended the SPRSA meeting on 9/15; the last swim meet of the season is scheduled for 9/30.
- Councilmember Maxwell – Scheduled to attend the Yakima Valley Tourism meeting on 9/24.
- Councilmember Costello – Scheduled to meet with Kimberly Grimm for a budget meeting sometime this week; attended the Emergency Management System Executive Board meeting on 9/11
- Councilmember Monaghan – Attended the YVCOG meeting to hear discussions on unfinished projects due to a lack of funding and Senator King was present to discuss updates on current legislation.
- Councilmember Marquis – Attended the Selah Downtown Association Board Retreat and participated in a high-level planning session for the upcoming year; scheduled to meet with Kimberly Grimm for a budget meeting sometime this week.

City Attorney Report

No Report.

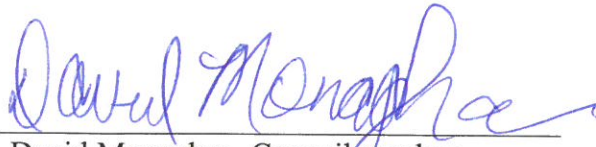
Mayor's Report

A local resident met with the Mayor to voice concerns on Selah's police vehicle markings and graphics being less visible to the public than their previous high-contrast designs, posing potential safety concerns such as community members (children and elderly) having a difficult time locating assistance and feels this gives the police department an outward appearance of not wanting to be engaged with the community; attended a YVCOG meeting in Grandview with many legislators reporting; the initial floorplan drawings for the City Hall/Police Department have been returned from the architects and changes are being presented.

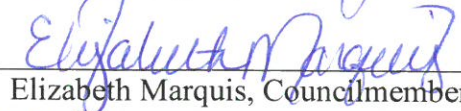
Adjournment

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

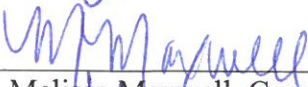
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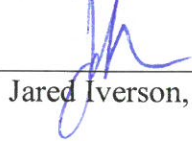
David Monaghan, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

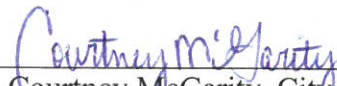


Melissa Maxwell, Councilmember



Jared Iverson, Councilmember

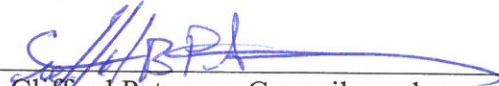
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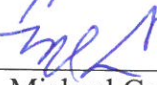
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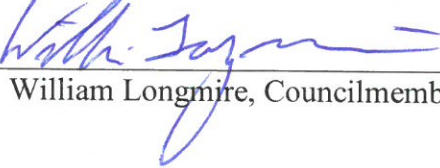
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember