Study Session Minutes
Selah City Council
July 28, 2020
4:00pm

Mayor Raymond opened the Study Session. She asked for clarification as to whether this code of conduct was for City employees or the City Administrator.

Council Member Carlson felt it should be all-encompassing, for the staff, council and Mayor.

City Attorney Case offered some clarification regarding respective roles, legal opinions, and warnings recodes of conduct, noting that Mr. Wayman's contract and the Union contracts would likely need to be renegotiated upon adoption of a code of conduct.

Discussion included standards for handling complaints and grievances for represented and unrepresented employees; how to ensure equal compliance at all levels; discipline variances for different departments; the current rules of decorum for Council Members; the need to be mindful of prior restraint; an individual's First Amendment rights, being responsible and careful when one speaks as a representative of the City; the perception or expectation of being held to a higher standard in representing the City as an employee; actions that appear to follow an acknowledged bias rather than applying the standard equally; the suspension of the City's main Facebook page; addressing personal matters and using inappropriate descriptions of citizens during a Council Meeting, which should be for the Council and the business of the City; the ability of the Council to makes a code of conduct for themselves and enforce said code by Resolution; trying to find a solution for a problem that doesn't exist; and citizens' expectations of employees and Council as being above reproach.

Mayor Raymond too a consensus of the Council with regard to a future study session on the topic. Consensus was unanimous.

Council Member Carlson recommended a committee of Council Members to work with the City Attorney and staff to come up with concepts and ideas to be presented at a study session.

Mayor Raymond asked for volunteers, saying that they need to keep it to three.

Council Members Bell, Peterson, Vargas, and Carlson volunteered. Seeing that there were four volunteers, Council Member Vargas withdrew.

Mayor Raymond advised the three Council Members to coordinate with City Attorney Case on a time to work on the project.

The Study Session ended at 5:26pm.

City of Selah
Council Minutes
July 28, 2020

Regular Meeting
Electronically Via Zoom
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order — Mayor Raymond called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Wickenhagen; Jacquie Matson; Clifford Peterson; Roger Bell; Christopher Lantz; Russell Carlson; Suzanne Vargas

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Rob Case, City Attorney; Gary Hanna, Fire Chief; Rick Hayes, Police Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Jeff Peters, Community Development Supervisor; Andrew Potter, Human Resources Manager; Monica Lake, Executive Assistant

C. Councilmember Absence – Motion to Excuse **None**

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Raymond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Invocation

Pastor Darin Brown gave the prayer.

F. Agenda Changes

ADD: Proclamation J – 2: Proclamation declaring August 2020 Mental Health Awareness Month

Mayor Raymond read aloud J - 2.

Mayor Raymond read aloud J – 1.

G. Public Appearances/Introductions/Presentations **None**

H. Getting To Know Our Businesses **None**

I. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Raymond opened the Public Meeting.

Executive Assistant Lake explained the procedure for public comment and research done regarding public comment in other municipalities, noting that no requests to speak aloud were submitted prior to the deadline of 4pm that day. She read aloud the following two statements provided via the online public comment submission form, both submitted by Taryn Franck.

Has there been any thought to hiring a social media consultant, or someone to give information on what is and what is not acceptable to say? Over the past two months it's apparent between Don waymans "apology" , Kevin's letter, and rob cases Facebook hunt that these members/ employee could use someone with knowledge of what is relevant. What is acceptable, and what is not embarrassing to our community.

I want to follow up with my question from the town hall meeting. I want to know who has input on the code of conduct that is being created for the city employees? Will the city council have input on the code of conduct, will it have to be approved by the council? Or will this be a document completely prepared by Rob case and the mayor?

Mayor Raymond closed the Meeting.

2. Written **None**

J. Proclamations/Announcements

1. Proclamation declaring July 29, 2020 as "Scout Me In Day"

Mayor Raymond read aloud the Proclamation as noted above.

2. Proclamation declaring August 2020 Mental Health Awareness Month

Mayor Raymond read aloud the Proclamation as noted above.

K. Consent Agenda

Council Member Peterson pointed out a Scribner error on page 4 that had been corrected.

Executive Assistant Lake read the Consent Agenda.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

* 1. Approval of Minutes: July 14, 2020 Council Meeting

* 2. Approval of Claims and Payroll:

Claim Checks Nos. 75142 – 75195 for a total of $178,052.94

* 3. Ordinance O – 2: Ordinance Amending the 2020 Budget for Resurfacing of Tennis Courts at Carlon Park

Council Member Peterson moved, and Council Member Wickenhagen seconded, approval of the Consent Agenda with the Scribner error correction. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

L. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the "Selah Transit Development Plan 2021-2026 and 2020 Annual Report"

Public Works Director Henne addressed L – 1. He said that every year they do an update to the Transit Development Plan and Annual report, which includes fees, route development and maps of the routes, a section on history, service characteristics, our contract with Medstar, future plans, a description of the monthly ridership and ADA service we provide, boardings on particular routes, general rules about boarding and loading bikes, and guidelines and behavior when riding the buses. He noted that it was published in the Yakima Herald and on the City's website to provide the information to the public.

Mayor Raymond asked if they were having a public hearing.

Public Works Director Henne replied in the affirmative, noting that they didn't receive any comments in the mail.

Mayor Raymond inquired if Council had anything to say.

Human Resources Manager Potter reminded her that they normally hold a public hearing then have discussion prior to a vote.

Mayor Raymond wondered if people could talk.

Andrew answered that it could be facilitated as was done at a previous meeting for the transportation improvement plan.

Mayor Raymond opened the public hearing.

Human Resources Manager Potter reminded the public that if they wish to speak at this point it would be solely regarding the Selah Transit Development Plan, and choosing to speak on another topic would result in them being muted. He identified Jose Rocha as having his virtual hand raised and asked that he speak if he had anything to say about the plan.

Jose Rocha chose not to provide comment.

Seeing no one else raise a hand to speak, Mayor Raymond closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Matson commented that in section 8 the first paragraph says that the "contractor will continue to work closely with the City of Selah and its residents to promote Selah Transit with an emphasis on increasing the fixed route ridership" and use surveys to improve routes. She wondered if that had happened.

Public Works Director Henne answered in the affirmative, saying that they have revised one of the routes, but haven't had any additional requests from the public.

Council Member Matson remarked that it also states that the contractor will work with the City to promote local businesses and asked how that was being done.

Public Works Director Henne replied that, while he doesn't know how they were doing currently, he had spoken with them a couple times about that issue but didn't receive much input back. He added that if they call in and ask for suggestions he would certainly look into it.

Council Member Matson inquired as to any adjustments made to create separation due to COVID-19.

Public Works Director Henne responded that they are requesting riders to wear masks and sanitize buses periodically throughout the day. He noted that Dial-A-Ride sanitizes after every rider transported to his or her selected destination.

City Administrator Wayman added that Medstar was asking for additional money with as additional hazard pay for drivers and to cover the additional time it takes to sanitize Dial-A-Ride vehicles between each ride, and that they were considering the request for a raise in their fees. He opined that the additional cost could be counted as expenditures for funds received from state, which would be accessed as necessary if they come to an agreement on an increase for Dial-A-Ride.

Council Member Bell commented that, while it probably wasn't their business to tell them the age of their buses, he noticed that one was twenty-seven years old and another was nineteen. He felt it appropriate to have a conversation regarding upgrading those buses, as they don't want to get hit with a huge increase to replace aging buses.

Public Works Director Henne answered that they supposedly have a standby bus if one should break down, and they've been looking into that.

Council Member Carlson requested that any funds to bump their fees be solely surrounded around the time frame of the coronavirus and not in perpetuity. He commented that, when Council first discussed and approved this, there was discussion about adding on location destination specific routes, and wondered what effort they have gone through to accomplish that and adapt these routes to the customers.

Public Works Director Henne replied that they have outlined the routes so they are going to the Fred Meyer/Bi-Mart area on 40th Avenue, then down to the Valley Mall across from the breezeway station, and to the Costco/WinCo area.

Council Member Carlson responded that they talked about creating a Walmart Wednesday or a YVC route, which was one of the items specifically mentioned as opportunity to do.

Public Works Director Henne reminded him that the City of Yakima nixed that. He went on to say that they allow buses to go on 40th Avenue down to Fruitvale Boulevard, then down 22nd Avenue and to 16th Avenue and up South 1st street past Miner's, but beyond that, their hands are tied.

Council Member Carlson did recall that, but countered that they have the right to drive on the roads, and the question was about using bus stops.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it would be using bus stops and operating a business in their city.

Council Member Carlson found it interesting that Selah buses weren't able to drop people off in the parking lot of a specific business.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that he was correct; they aren't able to at present.

Council Member Lantz brought the conversation back to aiding or helping Selah businesses in utilization of bus services, wondering if they could do some pro bono advertising to help smaller businesses struggling in Selah, possibly allocate a small amount of funds to work with a local graphics company to help businesses out.

City Administrator Wayman answered that they did contemplate allowing independent advertising from businesses on buses, but Council at the time opted to just keep Selah Transit signs on buses. He added that, if Council wishes it, they could revisit the matter, although he didn't feel they would need to supplement it with additional funds.

Council Member Lantz felt that would be good, and if it could help a few struggling businesses for a thirty- or sixty-day period it would be good to help them out.

Public Works Director Henne commented that the only cost would be a message board on the sides of the bus or a wrap on the back of the bus.

Council Member Carlson remarked that one concern was that they can't differentiate if it's opened up for advertising; the City can't dictate which businesses could or couldn't advertise on the buses. He asked City Attorney Case for his opinion.

City Attorney Case requested that he repeat his remark.

Council Member Carlson did so.

City Attorney Case opined that there might be ways to impose some restrictions but it would be difficult.

Council Member Carlson stated that was his concern.

Council Member Bell recalled that the other matter was that there would be no increased revenue to the City, as Medstar would be getting the advertising money.

Council Member Peterson inquired about a printed schedule or brochure of some sort available at Selah businesses to promote both Selah Transit and local businesses.

Public Works Director Henne replied that they have bus books done jointly with Yakima and Union Gap, currently at the Civic Center, City Hall, and Public Works, as well as online.

M. General Business

1. New Business **None**

2. Old Business **None**

N. Resolutions

1. Resolution authorizing the adoption of the "Selah Transit Development Plan 2021-2026 and 2020 Annual Report"

Public Works Director Henne addressed N – 1. He asked that Council approve the Resolution.

Council Member Bell moved, and Council Member Matson seconded, to Approve the Resolution authorizing the adoption of the "Selah Transit Development Plan 2021-2026 and 2020 Annual Report". Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Vargas – yes; Council Member Peterson – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Lantz – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

O. Ordinances

1. Ordinance Amending the Selah Municipal Code Chapter 9.02 relating to Water Connection Permit Fees, Meter Installation Charges, and Connection Fees; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date

Public Works Director Henne addressed O – 1. He said that this Ordinance amending Chapter 9.02 would combine the Water Connection Permit Fees, Meter Installation Charges, and Connection Fees into one and update the cost of those fees. He went on to say that costs for materials, water meters, and labor have all gone up, and after doing an estimate and determining an average they came up with the amounts listed on page one of the Ordinance, noting that anything over two inches would be a time and materials cost unless they opted to let the builder install them and pay an inspection fee. He asked that they approve the Ordinance.

Council Member Matson inquired as to the rate per hour on meter sizes larger than two inches.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it would be the established wages in effect at time of the meter request.

Council Member Matson wondered whose wages it would be established against.

Public Works Director Henne answered that it would be the City utility workers who install the meter.

Council Member Matson asked for confirmation that it would be utility works wages.

Public Works Director Henne confirmed that it would be.

Council Member Matson inquired if the installation charge included the cost of the meter, and if it was more work to install a larger meter.

Public Works Director Henne replied in the affirmative.

Council Member Matson requested further information on the additional work for a three-inch line versus a two-inch one.

Public Works Director Henne answered that the service pipe is larger and more difficult to install and the meters are heavier, adding that the fees are mostly based on cost of the meter, pipe, and fittings.

Council Member Matson commented that there was a substantial increase in fees and requested that he explain why they were such large increases.

Public Works Director Henne responded that they haven't increased fees for fifteen to twenty years, and the cost of items has gone way up.

Council Member Matson asked if the City had a water conservation program.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it's in the water system plan. They try to encourage people to go with dry land landscaping, and encourage them through the plumbing code to install things such as water conservation washers.

Council Member Matson wondered if there was any benefit when implemented.

Public Works Director Henne answered that a person's utility bill would be less, and that water conservation stretches out water rights.

Council Member Carlson inquired about a scenario where the City may elect not to do the install and why they would do so.

Public Works Director Henne gave an example of a right of way encroached upon with landscaping or retaining walls, which would exceed the cost in the Ordinance, although he added that normally they do the installation themselves.

Council Member Carlson commented that he had hoped see a comparison of what the fees were versus what they would be.

Public Works Director Henne referred him to the last page of the packet.

Council Member Bell asked if a contractor could choose to do their own install or if the decision was solely on the City.

Public Works Director Henne replied that they've had requests and have honored those requests, noting that there's a clause in the union contract that says only bargaining unit members will do bargaining unit work, but it hasn't been an issue for several years.

Council Member Bell wondered if the higher installation fee was an attempt to get contractors to do the installation themselves.

Public Works Director Henne responded in the negative, saying that they were simply trying to recoup costs. He added that this wasn't a revenue generating request, as their revenues come from other sources.

Council Member Vargas inquired if there was a comparison of their fees to other cities in the area.

Public Works Director Henne thought that Selah was on the lower side, adding that he based the fees on costs to the City.

Council Member Vargas moved, and Council Member Peterson seconded, to Approve the Ordinance Amending the Selah Municipal Code Chapter 9.02 relating to Water Connection Permit Fees, Meter Installation Charges, and Connection Fees; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date. Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Vargas – yes; Council Member Peterson – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Lantz – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

* 2. Ordinance Amending the 2020 Budget for the Redevelopment of Well No. 7

P. Public Appearances **None**

Q. Reports/Announcements

Mayor Raymond read aloud the following statement:

To the citizens of Selah,

It is time to set the record straight on multiple topics. These remarks will be strongly worded because my patience is all but gone. My resolve, however, is very strong.

First, I'm not interested in hearing any further attacks or spin about Don Wayman's time in Texas roughly nine years ago. Mr. Wayman has zero criminal convictions. He was not found guilty of anything. There wasn't even a civil case filed. Those are the facts.

Writing nasty messages about Mr. Wayman on the sidewalk, plastering flyers around town, following Mr. Wayman and myself to personally advance, and creating an attack website are not funny acts nor persuasive acts. Please, grow up, you guys, Your rants are falling on deaf ears. My ears are fully deaf to your rants about Texas.

Likewise, not a single Council Member has expressed any concern to me about Mr. Wayman's time in Texas. Please move on.

Secondly and similarly, people are now attacking our City Attorney. They're spreading hateful lies, creating fake Facebook accounts under his name, and even trying to get him disbarred, but our City Attorney has done nothing wrong. Quite the contrary. He has been a major asset to our government, and has done exactly what I have asked him to do. Each letter that he has issued was prepared by me, by our City Administrator, and by others as well.

It is truly sickening just how low so people have stooped. While falsely claiming that they are supposedly seeking justice or advocating for policy changes. I'm going to mention a few names here, so, just to be crystal clear.

Jose Rocha and Gabriel Fabian are vivid examples. These messages posted under your Facebook accounts are downright evil. You are accusing our City Attorney of stalking little girls. You are talking about his genitalia. And you are lying about our Police Department. And on and on.

Then there are additional people, including public school teachers and people who desperately want political power for themselves, who cheer on these evil posts, circulating them and even adding to them.

That includes you, Courtney Hernandez, and you, Damian Alvarez. And neither of you are voters of the City of Selah anyway.

Bill Callahan is a voter of the City of Selah, and he too has chosen to cheer on these attacks and to celebrate fictitious Facebook accounts that are slandering our City Attorney. You've certainly made your true colors known, Bill.

Many other names could be mentioned as well. You people know who you are. None of you will ever hold any sway on matters of policy as long as I'm Mayor. None of you know anything about justice. You are just spewing and spreading hate among our City's citizens.

Thirdly and relatedly, I want to address the constant harping about our City Attorney supposedly having a conflict of interest because he is also representing the City Administrator on a personal lawsuit. This is flatly untrue. Before our City Attorney was hired, the entire City Council was briefed on the City Administrator's personal lawsuit. Everyone agreed that no conflict of interest and a signed waiver contract was put in place and added as a precaution. That waiver is public record, available to anybody who wants to see it. But few people have ever asked to see it, choosing instead to press on with their false narrative because they don't like the actual facts.

Fourth, I want to once again address the City's stance on the Governor's Emergency Orders. Selah is really not doing anything different from what the City of Yakima and Yakima County are doing. Neither the Yakima Police Department nor the Yakima Sheriff's Department are out there writing tickets when someone does not adhere to the Governor's Emergency Orders, just like how Selah is not doing so. Moreover, the City Council unanimously backed my May 8 Proclamation, and the Governor's Office conceded that my Proclamation is lawful. The issue is over and done with.

Fifth and finally, I will briefly address the chalk issue. The City policy has been clearly explained. I refer everyone to our City Attorney's letter on July 16. Please do not be confused or misled by inaccurate media reports nor by certain activists who are outright lying. The City is not trying to punish people for drawing on their own driveways. We are

not trying to punish people for using traditional stick chalk on sidewalks. Rather, we are only punishing people who cause true property damage or who deface public streets or government buildings.

It is stupefying that some people think that this is an outrageous policy. It is stupefying that some people feel entitled to damage property or to deface public streets and buildings. That sort of nonsense might be tolerated or even celebrated in Seattle or Portland, but it will not be tolerated in Selah while I am Mayor. There is no First Amendment right to property damage. There is no First Amendment right to deface public streets and buildings. This is not all that complicated.

I hope these strong words resonate particularly with the bad actors who I've mentioned or described earlier. Selah is a great place with great people. We don't all have the same opinions, and that's okay. What is not okay are the personal attacks, slander, and outright hatred that some are engaging in. I want to emphasize the word *some*. It is a small group of people.

I call on everyone else to help improve the City. If you disagree on a policy, then please send a respectful email that advocates your preference. Or schedule a meeting. Or engage in a lawful protest if you choose. There are sensible people in every political party and on all sides of any issue if you need to get active. You need to help us restore sanity. You need to stand up for the rule of law. We can disagree without being monstrous. We owe it to ourselves, to our forefathers, and to our future generations.

And I was sitting here tonight thinking about the Council Meeting, I have a book on my desk. And if you're all bored tonight, read this book. (Mayor Raymond holds up a copy of The Selah Story.) This is what we are about. Read where we came from. Remember who we are and why we love our city.

Mayor Raymond thanked everyone for hearing her out and moved onto department reports.

1. Departments

Public Works Director Henne gave a brief update on current construction projects, and the improved status of the wastewater treatment plant. He noted that they were still reviewing plans for the John Campbell / Sunset School site, and that the Lince School project still needed to get some school crossing and school speed zone flashing lights up.

Deputy Fire Chief Lange said that the Fire Department was doing well, with their vehicle replacement program in full swing. He added that they were busy with Lince and some other inspections going on, and that the office is closed but feel free to give them a call as they're happy to assist people.

Council Member Peterson wondered whether they were keeping up with commercial inspections since a number of businesses are closed.

Deputy Fire Chief Lange replied that they have a backlog of those who are closed, but those operating or semi-operating they are keeping up with.

Council Member Bell expressed his thanks to the Fire Commission for changing their meeting time next month to a time when he could attend, as the most recent change in Council Meeting times conflicted with Fire Commission meetings, rendering him unable to attend as the Council representative.

Human Resources Manager Potter said that they've had one change of employment internally, to fill a position after letting go an employee who didn't pass the probationary period satisfactorily. He went on to say that they chose to advertise the position internally, which requires them to work for a year and then test to certify, and the one respondent, Mr. Andrew Lee, who had been reassigned to the wastewater treatment plant from his former job as a recreation coordinator, was appointed. He noted that they weren't currently advertising the Recreation Coordinator position as there is a heavy loss of revenue in that department and with the loss of functions at the Civic Center.

City Attorney Case wanted to forewarn the public that the City continues to suffer fictitious online accounts that purport to be from the City officially, which have now crossed over into fictitious accounts for humans. He advised people not to trust things posted online.

2. Council Members

Council Member Matson no report, noting that YVCOG hasn't had a meeting in quite a few months, although they hope to have one in September. She commented that the new kindergarten looks great.

Council Member Peterson had no report.

Council Member Bell had no report.

Council Member Wickenhagen had a brief report from Yakima Valley Tourism, saying that some hotel stuff has picked up a little bit. He added that there is a community at yvopenandsafe.com for businesses, which provides resources and avenues of assistance.

Council Member Vargas had no report.

Council Member Carlson echoed Council Member Matson's comment about Lince, which he feels is a great looking building. He gave kudos to Council Member Bell and the Harris family, and everyone who recognized a need for a Mental Health Awareness month. He recognized Brian Harris specifically for the money he raised for the YWCA, encouraging people to reach out to them. He asked for clarification on the public comments read aloud earlier in the meeting.

Mayor Raymond responded that they only had two prior to the cutoff time, noting that the one received late would have to resubmit for the next meeting.

Council Member Lantz commended Dan Peters, Kim Brewer, and others who were professional and polite when emailing concerns, expressing his disappointment in the vulgarity used by those professing to be educators in this town. He stated that was his idea for people to sit outside and eat, spurred by seeing people eating at picnic tables, and he suggested that they allow people to utilize their own parking lots once the County has progressed forward to maximize space. He didn't understand those saying it was for personal gain on the Mayor's part, adding that as far as Jeremy Burke's involvement, he's had contacts from Mr. Burke's current county contact him to ask what his agenda was and express their lack of appreciation for Mr. Burke's remarks, and that he personally did not appreciate the pretty personal attack. He said that, with regard to those people who did write in tonight they are working diligently to find something that's legal and in their best interest. He ended by saying that this would his last City

Council meeting, and that while he would stay involved in the City via other groups, COVID has impacted his household. He tendered his resignation effective at midnight that night, thanking everyone for their support. He spoke directly to Council Member Vargas, saying that he's had some people tell him the decision to nominate her was wrong but he stands by it. He advised her to be wary of what she pursues, as emotions are running high right now.

Mayor Raymond responded that he would be missed.

3. City Administrator

City Administrator Wayman read aloud the following post from the Selah Police Department page:

There is a post circulating on social media that states the Selah Police Department has "Confirmed" that the city's attorney is/was following women and 'Staking Out' people's homes. This post/story is totally made up and not true.

There was/is a report that was taken on Monday (July 27th) about what was reported as a suspicious circumstance, and it has been cleared as not being suspicious or illegal. There is also a fake satirical city of Selah Facebook page that is also spreading false information that some may believe is true or real. The City of Selah has temporarily suspended it's Facebook page.

City Administrator Wayman said that they had suspended the City's Facebook page to avoid entanglements with the ACLU or any other organization looking to trap us, per recommendation by the City Attorney. He explained that there are rules for comments and certain settings for lewd or inappropriate language that puts people in a timeout on Facebook, or the administrator, Executive Assistant Lake, would have to suspend them for a period of time. He went on to say that Executive Assistant Lake was spending an inordinate amount of time trying to parse out who was saying what and how egregious it was, putting her in the position of splitting hairs and trying to make a judgment on one or the other, which was politically very difficult and legally untenable. He stated that the City is not required under any statute or code to have a Facebook page; it's a convenience, and in this circumstance, it was a hindrance and a liability, which was why he and the City Attorney recommended to the Mayor that they suspend it for an undetermined period of time. He opined that the premise of the entire editorial by a former Council Member was false, saying that he had a particular political viewpoint that bled into policy decisions, specifically as pertains to political propaganda in chalk graffiti and art, which was far from the truth. He stated that those policies are crafted at his level as well as the City Attorney, and the Mayor has the final decision. He told Council that they were welcome to give him a call if they had any questions, but Mr. Burke was entirely incorrect in his editorial.

4. Boards **None**

5. Mayor

Mayor Raymond said that there would be a rally against sex trafficking and human life trafficking in front of the Civic Center Thursday night from 5-7pm, and that she would like to dedicate July 30th as a day against human trafficking in Selah. She wished everyone a great evening, and asked that they remember where they come from, as they are Selah strong.

R. Executive Session **None**

S. Adjournment

Council Member Bell moved, and Council Member Wickenhagen seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

Sherry Raymond, Mayor

Roger Bell, Council Member

Russell Carlson, Council Member

Jacquie Matson, Council Member

Kevin Wickenhagen, Council Member

Clifford Peterson, Council Member

Christopher Lantz, Council Member

Suzanne Vargas, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer