

City of Selah
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023
Regular Meeting

- 1) Call to Order: Mayor Raymond called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- 2) Roll Call
 - A. Members Present: Elizabeth Marquis, Roger Bell, Michael Costello, Russell Carlson, Jared Iverson, Kevin Wickenhagen, Clifford Peterson
 - B. Staff Present: Joe Henne, City Administrator; Rob Case, City Attorney; Dan Christman, Chief of Police; James Lange, Fire Chief; Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director; Dale Novobielski, City Clerk/Treasurer; Jeff Peters, Community Development Supervisor; Zack Schab, Recreation Director, Treesa Morales, Public Records Manager.
- 3) Registering in record of Councilmember absence(s) as excused absence(s), per SMC 1.06.070: NONE
- 4) Pledge of Allegiance
- 5) Invocation with Darin Brown from Selah Harvest Church
- 6) Announcement of changes, if any, from previously-published agenda: NONE
- 7) Getting to know local businesses, agencies and/or people: NONE
- 8) Comments from the public: NONE
 - A. Pre-arranged oral comments: none
 - B. Reading of received written comments: none
 - C. Oral comments by people in attendance: none
- 9) Proclamations/Announcements: NONE
- 10) Consent Agenda (all items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered part of the consent agenda and are enacted in one motion).

Councilmember Carlson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Peterson seconded. Roll was called: Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. By voice vote, motion passes.

Executive Secretary, Treesa Morales, read the Consent Agenda:

- A. Treesa Morales Approval of Minutes: December 13, 2022 Study Session and Council Meeting
- B. Dale Novobielski Approval of Claims and Payroll:
Payroll Checks No. 85306-85324 for a total of \$615,560.98
Claim Checks No. 179226-179358 for a total of \$1,283,826.31
- C. Rocky Wallace * Resolution #13-A: Resolution Declaring the Fremont Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project as Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials
- D. Joe Henne * Resolution #13-B: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign, on Behalf of the City, a Contract with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for Technical Assistant Services to be Provided During the Calendar Year of 2023
- E. Jeff Peters * Resolution #13-C: Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Yakima and City of Selah for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services

11) Public Hearings: None

12) General Business

A. New Business

i. Selection of the 2023 Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Raymond initiated the discussion regarding when and how the Mayor Pro Tempore is selection. After recognizing Councilmember Carlson was the Mayor Pro Tempore in 2022, she asked Council if there was any other nominations or members who would like to serve as the Mayor Pro Tempore in 2023. There were no nominations or requests. Mayor Raymond stated that Councilmember Carlson would continue as the Mayor Pro Tempore for 2023.

ii. 2023 Councilmember Board and Committee Assignments

Mayor Raymond stated that she spoke with all councilmembers regarding their time on their assigned boards and committees in 2022, and that all are happy continuing to serve on their same boards. Then Mayor Raymond restated which boards each were assigned to, which are stated as follows:

- Finance Committee: Councilmember Carlson, Councilmember Costello, and Councilmember Marquis
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC): Councilmember Wickenhagen

- Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG): Councilmember Peterson and Mayor Raymond
- Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau (YVVCB): Councilmember Wickenhagen
- Selah Parks and Recreation Service Area Board (SPRSA): Councilmember Bell
- Valley Mayors Association: Mayor Raymond
- Fire Commissioners Board: Councilmember Bell
- Volunteer Fire Fighters Board: Mayor Raymond, Councilmember Bell
- Selah Chamber of Commerce: Councilmember Iverson
- Selah Downtown Association: Councilmember Carlson
- Selah School District: Councilmember Iverson
- Naches-Selah Irrigation Voting Member: Mayor Raymond

City Attorney Case requested the Council go back to agenda item 12-A regarding the Mayor Pro Tempore. Mr. Cases stated that it is required that the council provide a motion, second, and official vote to approve the 2023 Mayor Pro Tempore.

Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to nominate Councilmember Carlson for the position of 2023 Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Iverson seconded. Mayor Raymond asked all those in favor to say "I", all those again, say "no." All council responded with "I." Motion passes.

B. Old Business: NONE

13) Resolutions

- A. ****On Consent Agenda**** Resolution Declaring the Fremont Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project as Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials

Resolution was moved to the consent agenda and passed as part of the approved consent agenda.

- B. ****On Consent Agenda**** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign, on Behalf of the City, a Contract with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for Technical Assistant Services to be Provided During the Calendar Year of 2023

Resolution was moved to the consent agenda and passed as part of the approved consent agenda.

- C. ****On Consent Agenda**** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Yakima and City of Selah for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services

Resolution was on the consent agenda and passed as part of the approved consent agenda.

- D. Resolution the Mayor to Sign a Housing Action Plan Consulting Contract with Beckwith Consulting Group

Introduced by Mayor Raymond and presented by Community Development Supervisor Jeff Peters. After presentation,

Councilmember Costello moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Bell seconded. Mayor Raymond asked council for discussion.

Councilmember Wickenhagen asked Mr. Peters if he or the City new about the grant from YVCOG for Cities to pay for a Housing Action Plan. Mr. Peters said he was not aware of it at first, so he didn't have an opportunity to get on board at that time. Mr. Peters also said he was waiting on the State to decide on House Bill 1220, but until then, cities under 10,000 did not have to follow development regulations that require things like duplex housing and accessory dwelling units and all those types of selective housing was up to the City to determine if they wanted to include them in their housing regulations and that previous councils had decided they did not want to include them in the City's development requirements; so the City wanted to wait and make sure that it was a requirement rather than be selective. Councilmember Carlson asked what would have been the cost to the city if they would have been on board with the grant from YVCOG? Mr. Peters said he couldn't remember the number, but it would have cost the city the same amount of money because the \$75,000 is a little higher than what he was told when he talked to the Department of Commerce, and that YVCOG was giving out grants for \$65,000, but because we are a smaller city and because we did not have a strong housing action plan in place, that the City would be better to budget for the higher amount. Mr. Peters said it was recommended to him to request a higher amount and the consulting contract has a \$5000 contingency built in, but that the Beckwith says they've never run in to needing it in all of the housing action plans they have done for other cities. Councilmember Carlson asked what YVCOG was offering. Mr. Peters said it was through the Department of Commerce and that YVCOG was accepting the money on behalf of all the Cities and it would have been around \$60,000-\$65,000. Councilmember Carlson said, so the city would have saved the city several thousand dollars? Mr. Peters said yes, but if the state would not have changed their minds in the first place, we would not have had to do anything, and that the Senior Staff was very in tune to what the council in the past had told us, which was we don't want the regulations until they are being forced on us, so Staff decided to go down that path and wait and see what happen, and when House Bill 1220 did require it, we got busy and decided to use ARPA funds instead of the general fund. Councilmember Carlson asked if there was an RFP for the Beckwith Consulting Group? Mr. Peters said yes, and that initially they thought they would get one or two proposals, but the one consulting group Mr. Peters knew had to drop out because they said they didn't have the staff to satisfactorily care for the City, and that after reading through Beckwith's abilities he reached out to his contact who said they are a good consulting group, they do a lot with smaller cities and they are very sensitive to the needs and desires of smaller cities. Councilmember Bell said he has a question on the expenses that it's a little confusing that the contract says they are limited to \$75,000 but then lists all the charges they can include in addition to the \$75,000, are they included in the 75 but it doesn't specify in the contract itself. Mr. Peters responded that yes, it says in the contract and in the resolution that they are limited to the \$75,000 and also the contract says if at any time the City feels Beckwith is not performing or providing the level of service we need for a particular part of the document, that the City can withhold payment on it until the City is satisfied that it has been completed. Councilmember Bell asked Mr. Peters if he was fairly confident that they will not exceed the \$75,000? Mr. Peters said yes, and that when he put the RFP together, the \$75,000 he put in an additional \$10,000 so that he only had to come to the Council once and didn't have to go over, and also at the recommendation of the Department

of Commerce. Councilmember Costello said there are going to be many changes in the affordable housing bill coming up, and asked if Beckwith is going to be incorporating all that within the year or if they are just going to start. Mr. Peters said this is a two step process, the RFP includes requesting the consultant to help with the comprehensive plan update which starts in 2024, so the hope is that the City will be happy with Beckwith and come out of the process with a plan that identifies all of the goals and policies and updates the housing plan within the comp plan as well as creates the housing action plan and that the City will be able to roll all the goals and policies and everything we've learned into the comprehensive plan updates including of the new development regulations in 2024. Mr. Peters also said between 2024 -2026 is when the Planning Commission will be heavily involved in the process where the City will be taking development regulations, updates to the comp plan – similarly like the parks plan that we will have adopted and included in the comp plan update. Councilmember Peterson asked about the ARPA funding and what complications might come up if it doesn't qualify for ARPA funds. Mr. Peters said it does qualify for ARPA, but said he knows there have been some difficulties getting the ARPA funds, but that it is expected that the project will be covered by APRA, but can't say that for certain because it has to go through the process. Mr. Peters then asked for Mr. Henne's opinion. Mr. Henne said it appears to be an eligible expense and he doesn't think it will be a problem.

Mayor Raymond restated the original motion to approve by Councilmember Costello, and a second by Councilmember Bell. Seeing no other discussion, Mayor Raymond asked Mrs. Morales for a roll call vote.

Mrs. Morales did roll call. Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. By voice vote, motion passes.

E. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Task Order No. 2023-01” Between with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City's Fremont Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project

Introduced by Mayor Raymond and presented by Public Works Director, Rocky Wallace. After presentation,

Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Peterson seconded. Mayor Raymond opened the floor for questions or comments.

Councilmember Peterson gave information on past issues with sewage and plumbing at the Yakima Valley School and asked if this project involves improving that and where YVS ties into the City sewer lines. Mr. Wallace said yes and no, that this project does not include a new link directly servicing the YVS, but it will reduce the amount of waste in that area and include a new tie into the main line on 4th street. Mr. Wallace said he cannot speak to issues in the past but he believes reducing the flow near the school will help. City Administrator Henne provided some details on what was causing previous issues including clients flushing garments and clogging the pipes, it was not a problem with the City lines. Councilmember Peterson agreed, saying he knew

that to be the issue as well, but still wondered. Councilmember Bell asked if the project was going to involve redirecting a current line. Mr. Wallace said yes. Mr. Bell asked where, Mr. Wallace said 10th and Fremont. Mr. Bell confirmed this project would not disrupt the new asphalt just laid in the project area last year. Mr. Wallace confirmed, no.

Seeing no other discussion, Mayor Raymond restated the original motion and second and asked Mrs. Morales for a roll call vote.

Roll was called. Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. By voice vote, motion passes.

F. Resolution Appointing Members of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) for Year of 2023.

Introduced and presented by Mayor Raymond. After discussion, Mayor Raymond nominated the following members and asked for a voice vote on each:

- Councilmember Wickenhagen as Chair of the Committee. All council voted yes. No ‘no’ votes.
- Bill Harris as committee member. All council voted yes. No ‘no’ votes.
- Mike Frausto as committee member. All council voted yes. No ‘no’ votes.
- Jean Brown as committee member. All council voted yes. No ‘no’ votes.

Mayor Raymond pointed out that the fifth position still needs to be filled and requested all Councilmembers help think of a good fit. Councilmember Carlson asked if it would be worth having a second councilmember on the board to fill the last opening? Mr. Case responded to say that the Selah Municipal Code only speaks to one position being filled by an elected councilmember, but perhaps a second councilmember could be on the board as a representative of a local business. Mr. Case explained the lack of clarity in the state statues and said he wasn’t sure if there were other rules. Mr. Case said he believes the board can function just fine with a 4-member board as they are an advisory board and a gate keeper to provide council recommendation for use of funds. Mr. Case also said that since the code states members must be appointed in January, this discussion could continue at the next council meeting. Mr. Case also pointed out that a 4-member board sill makes a quorum, as long as there is no tie in voting, a recommendation can be passed along. Mr. Case suggested leaving the 5th spot open and discussing further at the next meeting. Councilmember Carlson agreed and stated he knows it’s been hard to get everyone at the meetings. After more discussion, Mr. Case reminded Mayor Raymond that the resolution still needs a motion and a second to approve the resolution.

Councilmember Carlson moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Costello seconded. Seeing no other discussion, Mayor Raymond asked Mrs. Morales for a roll call vote.

Roll was called. Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. By voice vote, motion passes.

G. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Two Updated Rate Sheets with Operation Omni for Janitorial Services

Introduced by Mayor Raymond and presented by City Administrator Henne. After presentation,

Councilmember Peterson moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Wickenhagen seconded. Mayor Raymond asked council for discussion and questions.

Councilmember Wickenhagen asked if there are any hours included in the work that is being done. Mr. Henne said the Civic Center gets cleaned 7-days per week and times vary; he said the city hall facilities are typically done after 5pm, and public works takes 1-2 hours. Then rotate around to the different buildings. Mr. Henne said she cleans twice a week at the other facilities and 7 days a week at the civic center. Councilmember Carlson also expressed concern over the number of hours being put in. Mr. Henne said when he did the calculations with the hours she said it takes her, she is barely making minimum wage. Councilmember Carlson said by his calculations, if she is working approximately 32 hours a week the proposed amount would be \$30/hour, or more if she is working less hours per week. Mr. Carlson said he is curious if enough hours are being put in and feels that it should go out to bid. Mr. Henne said Chief Christman is going out to bid on his facility, so they can compare the number when he gets bids in. Mr. Henne also said he spoke to another city and they pay close to \$50,000 per year for a cleaning service. Mr. Henne pointed out that the proposed contract with Omni includes a 30-day cancellation term in the contract; he knows the service is what it is, but the cost is a good deal. Councilmember Iverson asked Chief Christman how likely they are to look into other alternatives. Mr. Henne said if the police station selects another company, the Omni contract can be revised down. Councilmember Iverson agreed, but said that it's hard to approve the resolution based on hypotheticals. Mr. Henne said Omni asked for a raise before and it was just ignored. Mayor Raymond said she hasn't had a raise in all these years. Councilmember Iverson said the civic center was added on in 2016, so she was getting more money then. Mr. Henne said no, and Mr. Case clarified that the total compensation increased because the overall workload increased. Councilmember Iverson said she hasn't had a raise since 2018, but took on more work in 2016, and understands the price is good. Mr. Peters added that staff has been given cost of living increases. Councilmember Carlson said there are no cost-of-living increases to my business, and the City doesn't owe them to private contractors. Mr. Carlson said he would be interested to see actual hours worked, but doesn't agree with owing cost of living to Omni. Councilmember Iverson asked Rocky if he felt she does a good job or if the City should go out to bid. Mr. Henne said if they go out to bid, the bid will be more. Mr. Iverson said, maybe that's worth paying for if more service is provided. Mr. Henne pointed out there are proposals in the packet and can be changed if needed. Councilmember Carlson asked what the square footage was of the other building. Mr. Henne said around 9,000 square feet. Mr. Wallace said, yes, he is happy with the service and if an issue comes up, he can leave a note and the job gets done. Councilmember Wickenhagen said having someone on call 7-days a week and a good deal and he sees that as a positive. Councilmember Peterson said he worked as a janitor before, and knows the work includes an hour at least at each stop, regardless. Mr. Peterson said he would be interested in knowing how many hours she puts in as well. Mr. Henne acknowledged that performance could be better, but that the City can re-evaluate later when other numbers come in, and if needed the City can go out to bid later. Councilmember Carlson said this resolution is still

missing information, and also heard from other departments on their satisfaction with the service. Mr. Carlson said he was curious of the service was at the civic center. Recreation Director Schab said they are not pleased with the service and they are getting what they are paying for. Mr. Schab said items are not getting cleaned and he has had potential renters come through the facility and comment on the cleanliness of the facility. Mr. Schab said he is not getting what is supposed to be done; that he has been there on weeknights and its mostly garbage and dry mop then leave. Mr. Schab said he is in the same boat at the PD. Councilmember Iverson asked if she does the fire station. Mr. Henne said no; Chief Christman said yes that Chief Lange said she used to; City Clerk/Treasurer, Dale Novobielski, said no, not to his recollection.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Raymond re-stated the original motion and second and asked Mrs. Morales for a roll call vote.

Roll was called. Councilmember Marquis – no; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – no; Councilmember Carlson – no; Councilmember Iverson – no; Councilmember Wickenhagen – no; Councilmember Peterson – no. By voice vote, motion fails.

H. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Addendum III to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunnyside Regarding Housing of Inmates

Introduced by Mayor Raymond and presented by City Attorney, Rob Case. After presentation,

Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mayor Raymond asked council for discussion and questions.

Councilmember Iverson asked if there was another option. Mr. Case said no, and provided information on Yakima County Corrections. Chief Christman came to the podium and provided information on how the Police Department balances housing inmates at Yakima County Jail versus trying to get them down to Sunnyside to save money. Councilmember Peterson asked what the City has to pay the County. Chief Christman said \$127/day to county as they are still charging “COVID” rates, and that the City pays less to have inmates at Sunnyside. Chief Christman said they are watching this daily and trying to reduce overages. Mr. Case added that there are two aspects, the post-conviction, but also the pre-adjudication when an inmate might need to be held in jail until their hearing. Mr. Case said he talked to City Prosecutor Margita Dornay and to both the current and future public defenders regarding pre-adjudication, to ensure, as best as possible, they are working to get inmates out of jail as soon as possible instead of letting them sit there when not needed in an effort to mitigate costs. Mr. Case recognized that some can't be prevented, but some can and the Sunnyside rates are still better even with the increase in the contract.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Raymond re-stated the original motion and second and asked Mrs. Morales for a roll call vote.

Roll was called. Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. By voice vote, motion passes.

I. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a “No-Charge Facility Use Agreement with Independent Contractor” for Operation of After School Programs at the Civic Center by Explore Your Wild

Introduced by Mayor Raymond and presented by Recreation Director, Zack Schab. After presentation, Councilmember Marquis asked if the part of the contract the independent contractor didn't like was item 10. Mr. Case said yes, Jeni Rice, the independent contractor, didn't like the personal guarantee. Mr. Case said he looked at historical agreements from before and didn't like them, so he changed to this one. Mr. Case explained the biggest point was the personal guarantee, and gave reasoning behind including the three-part personal guarantee in this and all future facility-use agreements. Councilmember Bell asked about the insurance liability, and asked Mr. Case and Mr. Schab if the amount listed was a per-incident payout? And when a problem does arise, it usually causes other issues previously withheld to come out as well. Mr. Case said it was his understanding that the amount listed is total limits, not per incident, but said he would check. Mr. Case also pointed out that this facility use agreement is only through June, and also includes a termination clause.

Councilmember Bell moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Costello seconded. Hearing no other discussion, Mayor Raymond restated the original motion and asked Mrs. Morales for a roll call vote.

Roll was called. Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. By voice vote, motion passes.

14) Ordinances

A. Ordinance Amending the 2023 Budget for Miscellaneous Adjustments

Introduced by Mayor Raymond, and presented by City Clerk/Treasurer, Dale Novobielski. After presentation,

Councilmember Carlson moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Wickenhagen seconded. Hearing no other discussion, Mayor Raymond restated the original motion and asked Mrs. Morales for a roll call vote.

Roll was called. Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. By voice vote, motion passes.

B. Ordinance Amending Selah Municipal Code (SMC) Section 8.70.040(k) Regarding the Maximum Vehicle Speed Limit on Portions of South Third Street

Introduced by Mayor Raymond, and presented by Public Works Director, Rocky Wallace. After presentation,

Councilmember Peterson moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Costello seconded.

Councilmember Carlson questioned the ability to enforce the speed in this area, and noted that people regularly speed on this road in town. Chief Christman gave information on how the Police Department is putting emphasis on traffic and would suggest, as done before, an education period to notify the public of the change in signs, and then begin an enforcement period after community members have a chance to learn the new laws. Mr. Wallace also stated the new speed signs would include flags on pole to alert drivers.

Hearing no other discussion, Mayor Raymond restated the original motion and asked Mrs. Morales for a roll call vote.

Roll was called. Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. By voice vote, motion passes.

15) Reports/Announcements

A. Departments

Police: Chief Christman gave report. Mayor Raymond asked about the academy. Chief Christman said they're scheduled to go in 8-months. Mayor Raymond clarified; she meant the citizen's academy. Chief provided answer, said they have been getting a lot of interest and they've barely advertised for it.

Parks and Recreation: Recreation Director Zack Schab gave department report. Councilmember Carlson said he could help teach a Spanish class if parks and rec wanted to offer it to the community. Mr. Carlson also said the SDA plans to have bingo in the civic center soon.

Planning Department: Jeff Peters provide department update. Councilmember Carlson asked about the plan reviews that are going to Yakima, and if the City is waiting to get repaid or if the City was charging any overhead. Mr. Peters said no, they are able to charge for the permit itself and the plan review cost is totally recouped by the City of Yakima. Councilmember Carlson clarified if the payment went directly to Yakima. Mr. Peters explained how the process works. Councilmember Carlson clarified he didn't want to put City money out unless it's guaranteed the contractor will or must pay. Mr. Novobielski said there is little risk because if the contractor does not pay, the city would legally pursue them if they didn't pay. Mr. Peters says in the 6-years he's been here, he's only ever had one developer who didn't pay.

Public Works: Rocky Wallace gave update on the department and current projects.

Councilmember Carlson asked Rocky to define a rural convention road versus an urban road for the purposes of wayfinding signs the SDA is getting. Mr. Wallace said wayfinding signs can be within City Limits to Goodlander and on Traffic Signal Poles, but that they are still working on the details.

Finance: Mr. Novobielski gave report on city finances, said the City received a clean audit from the recently closed audit, and they stayed within budget.

B. Councilmembers

Councilmember Carlson gave report on the Selah Downtown Association (SDA), stated they are doing lots of projects such as the light-the-way project, replacing the mural on top of the ODF building in the spring, other public art projects, and stated the B&O is open.

Councilmember Iverson said he'd be going to the Chamber Committee Meeting tomorrow, and that the school board has not had a 2023 meeting yet.

Councilmember Peterson said the December YVCOG meeting reviewed the 2022 programs and what to look for in 2023. Mr. Peterson said the meeting included a discussion on the crime lab without the City of Yakima and stated YVCOG is going to tweek the budget, but that they don't suspect an assessment change for participating jurisdictions. Mr. Peterson also announced that YCVOG awarded the "Outstanding Service Award" to Chief Christman.


- C. City Attorney – no report
- D. City Administrator – gave report, told Council that the civic center report will be passed out to concil members by the next meeting. Mr. Henne also discussed the upcoming study session topics, and the recycling flyer and information on what Basin Disposal is collecting at this time.
- E. Mayor – gave report

R. Executive Session **None**

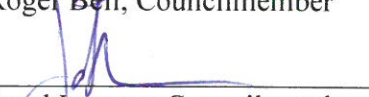
S. Adjournment

Councilmember Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Costello seconded. By voice vote, motion was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.



Roger Bell, Councilmember



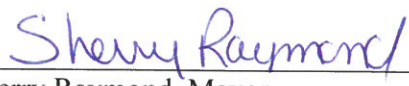
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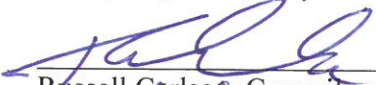
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Michael Costello, Councilmember



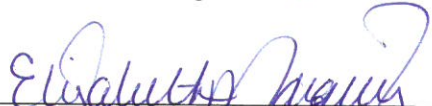
Sherry Raymond, Mayor




Russell Carlson, Councilmember



Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer