

City of Selah
City Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 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; and 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 the Harvest Church, Selah
- 6) Announcement of changes, if any, from previously-published agenda: None
- 7) Getting to know local businesses, agencies and/or people
 - A. Tim and Ivy Ausink from Ausink Family Medicine presented their newly opened medical clinic, located on 105 W. Orchard, in Selah.
- 8) Comments from the public
 - A. Pre-arranged oral comments
 - i. Chris Wickenhagen from YVCOG – summary of 2022 activities and programs available to the city, and update on local crime lab.

Councilmember Carlson how YVCOG was going to help cities fulfill state obligations? Mrs. Wickenhagen gave information about how YVCOG will fit housing action plans to a specific city. Mr. Peters added to the discussion, explaining how Beckwith Consulting Group was going to make sure the proposed housing action plan is properly researched and specific to Selah and what the Council wants and needs to stay compliant.

Mrs. Wickenhagen continued her presentation on different projects that YVCOG can help local municipalities with.

When presenting how YVCOG is helping local cities adhere to the new state housing mandates by producing a Housing Action Plan, Councilmember Carlson asked if the money used to cover

the cost of production was state money. Ms. Wickenhagen clarified that it was HUD money, which is federal but passes through Commerce, which allows YVCOG to help City's with their Housing Action Plan at no cost to the City.

Discussion continued, and Ms. Wickenhagen finished her presentation.

B. Reading of received written comments

i. Comment from Courtney Hernandez regarding the mural project

Mayor Raymond read Ms. Hernandez's comment and asked for more information from City Attorney, Rob Case. Mr. Case said he has not received an answer yet, but contacted the attorney representing the SAFE group on January 25th to confirm the completion of multiple requirements of the agreement. Mr. Case said he also called and left a voicemail as well but has not heard anything back.

Mayor Raymond asked if Ms. Hernandez was on the mural committee, but Mr. Case said he didn't know. Per the SAFE agreement, Mr. Case explained, Joseph Cutler is required to appoint two from the SAFE group.

Councilmember Carlson asked if the three member that were appointed by Mayor Raymond could start and the other two members from SAFE could join halfway through. Mr. Case explained that wouldn't work because, per the agreement, the SAFE group gets to decide on the artwork for the mural.

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 Wickenhagen made a motion to move Resolution #13-A to the consent agenda. Councilmember Peterson seconded. Roll was called. By unanimous yes vote, motion carried.

Councilmember Carlson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Costello 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: February 28, 2023 Council Meeting

- B. Dale Novobielski Approval of Claims and Payroll:
Payroll Checks No. 85438-85473 for a total of
\$601,184.30
Claim Checks No. 179518-179646 for a total of
\$829,929.84
- C. Jennifer Leslie Minutes from January 17, 2023 Planning Commission
Meeting
- D. Rocky Wallace Resolution 13-A. Resolution Declaring Pickup Truck as
Surplus and Authorizing its Sale

11) Public Hearings: None

12) General Business

- A. New Business - None
- B. Old Business - None

13) Resolutions

- A. ***Moved to Consent*** Resolution Declaring Pickup Truck as Surplus and
Authorizing its Sale Resolution passed upon approval of the consent agenda.

Resolution passed upon approval of the consent agenda

14) Ordinances - None

15) Reports/Announcements

- A. Departments

Fire: Chief Lange gave a department update and report.

Police: Chief Christman gave a department update and report.

Parks and Recreation: Recreation Director, Zack Schab gave a department update and report.

Planning Department: Jeff Peters provided department update.

Councilmember Carlson commented on his strong suggestion that local outreach should be excessive when Beckwith is working on the Housing Action Plan, and asked Mr. Peters what his plans were to involve the public. Mr. Peters listed all the ways he is working to notify and involve the public in the process.

Councilmember Wickenhagen suggested Mr. Peters has a booth at the Selah Community Days fair. Mr. Peters agreed, and said that would be a good idea.

Discussion continued with how to effectively notify the community for upcoming public meetings on state housing requirements.

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

Finance: Mr. Novobielski gave report on city finances

B. Councilmembers

Councilmember Carlson gave update on SDA

Councilmember Wickenhagen gave update on the mental health tax and funding a DCR for Selah

C. City Attorney – no report

D. City Administrator suggested to the council that the April 11th study session be focused on the options for a new Police Station and to discuss the Janitorial Contract.

E. Mayor Raymond reminded council to do their F-1 filing report.

R. Executive Session **None**

S. Adjournment

Councilmember Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Wickenhagen Seconded. Mayor Raymond asked for all those in favor, say “Aye.” By voice vote, motion was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.



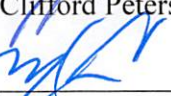
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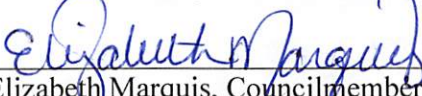
Michael Costello, Councilmember



Sherry Raymond, Mayor

Russell Carlson, Councilmember

Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer