

City of Selah
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 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 Tom Morris from Calvary Selah**
- 6) **Announcement of changes, if any, from previously-published agenda:**
- 7) **Getting to know local businesses, agencies and/or people**
- 8) **Comments from the public**
 - A. Pre-arranged oral comments – None
 - B. Reading of received written comments – None
 - C. Oral comments by people in attendance
- Katrina Henkle from the Selah Downtown Association presented information on the Selah Community Days event and the Selah Downtown Association. She explained that the Selah Community Days will have a shuttle from Selah Middle School to the Selah High School lower lot for attendees. Ms. Henkle notified council of some of the upcoming events hosted by the Selah Downtown Association and that B&O applications are still being accepted.
- 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 made a motion to move agenda item 13-A and 13-D off the consent agenda and discuss them jointly as has been done in the past since they are both considering ARPA Funds.

Councilmember Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Wickenhagen seconded. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Raymond called for Roll Call. Executive Secretary Morales called roll: Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes.

Executive Secretary, Treesa Morales, read the Consent Agenda:

- A. Treesa Morales Approval of Minutes: April 25, 2023 Study Session and Council Meeting
- B. Dale Novobielski Approval of Claims and Payroll:
Payroll Checks No. 85545-85573 for a total of \$359,229.00
Claim Checks No. 179865-179934 for a total of \$967,663.00
- C. Rocky Wallace Resolution 13-B. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Change Order No. 1” with Midway Underground, LLC, Relative to the City’s Valleyview Avenue, South Third Street and Southern Avenue Improvements Project
- D. Rocky Wallace Resolution 13-C. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Task Order No. 2023-05” with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City’s Naches Avenue and City Hall Sidewalk Improvements Project
- E. Rocky Wallace Resolution 13-F. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign A Seven-Page Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County

11) Public Hearings: None

12) General Business

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

13) Resolutions

- A. **Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Director to Engage Intec Services, Inc., to Test the Eight Wood Poles on which the Wood Field Lights are Located, and to Potentially Thereafter Apply a Fumigant and External Treatment to the Poles**

After approaching the podium Public Works Director, Rocky Wallace asked Councilmember Carlson for his questions. Mr. Carlson asked Mr. Wallace how much money has been received from ARPA? Mr. Carlson expressed concerns over being able to afford it all. Mr. Wallace explained where matching money would come from. Discussion continued over council's desire to place repairs to the tennis courts higher on the list. Mr. Henne reminded council the resolution only allows the City to have the light poles at Carlon park tested. Once the City knows if the poles are sound or not, the Council can decide what to do regarding the lights. Mr. Carlson expressed his desire not to short the tennis courts funding after all the high school team has had to do this year by having to pay rent and play off site in Yakima. Councilmember Bell stated his request for City Staff to get a quote for just changing bulbs and ballasts, rather than replacing everything. Mr. Wallace said he would be happy to. Councilmember Marquis and Councilmember Wickenhagen agreed that repairs to the tennis courts were a higher priority to them, especially since the school is providing funds to help with repair costs to the tennis courts. Councilmember Iverson confirmed the project bid was for the north courts only. Mr. Wallace confirmed, yes.

After presentation, Councilmember Carlson moved to approved Resolution 13-A as presented. Councilmember Wickenhagen seconded. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion. Seeing no further discussion, Mayor Raymond requested Roll Call.

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, Resolution 13-A was approved.

B. *Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Change Order No. 1” with Midway Underground, LLC, Relative to the City’s Valleyview Avenue, South Third Street and Southern Avenue Improvements Project

On consent agenda Resolution was passed upon approval of the consent agenda.

C. * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Task Order No. 2023-05” with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City’s Naches Avenue and City Hall Sidewalk Improvements Project

On consent agenda Resolution was passed upon approval of the consent agenda.

D. *Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Task Order No. 2023-04” with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City’s Carlon Park Tennis Courts Reconstruction Project

Continuing the discussion from Resolution 13-A, Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approved the resolution as presented. Councilmember Carlson seconded. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion. Seeing no further discussion, Mayor Raymond requested Roll Call.

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, Resolution 13-D was approved.

E. *Resolution Adopting the 2023 Yakima County Solid and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan, Dated April 2023

After presentation, Councilmember Costello moved to approved the resolution as presented. Councilmember Bell seconded. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion.

Councilmember Wickenhagen asked Mr. Wallace what would happen if the council decided not to pass resolution 13-E. Mr. Henne answered, the City would have to develop and adopt our own plan.

Councilmember Bell requested large documents such as this plan be provided to Councilmembers electronically and only the AIS, Resolution, and Summary Sheet be printed for the packet. Mr. Henne asked Council if they all agreed. Although no one voiced their approval, let the record show that all councilmembers nodded their head in agreement.

Seeing no further discussion, Mayor Raymond requested Roll Call.

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, Resolution 13-E was approved.

F. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign A Seven-Page Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County

On consent agenda Resolution was passed upon approval of the consent agenda.

14) Ordinances - None

15) Reports/Announcements

A. Departments

- Fire: Chief Lange notified the council of some budget spending, which included a lower-than-expected cost to replace the carpet as council previously approved. Therefore, Chief Lange is planning to take the savings from the carpet project and purchase a new stove for the station, and he just wanted to let council know. Chief provided a department update and information on recently attended county-wide meetings, including the recent county-wide meeting where the DCR program was discussed. Chief Lange stated he

believed it went well and the current request is for 7 DCR's for the county, which Chief Lange says he believes is not quite enough and the Chief's throughout the valley are asking for 9 and vehicles for the DCR staff to get around.

Councilmember Carlson asked how many DCR's are currently in the county. Chief Lange stated there are 3 for the City of Yakima and 2 in the county. Councilmember Costello clarified that if the hope is for 7, that would mean two more would need to be hired? Chief Lange confirmed, yes, but the currently plan is that not all of them will be master's level DCR's, some will be peer support staff.

Mayor Raymond asked if the "True Blood" money is used for this DCR program, what happens to the programs that the "True Blood" money is currently funding? Chief Lange explained that the County Commissioners said they would fill the gap with the mental health tax.

Chief Lange concluded this department report.

- Police: Chief Christman gave a department update on the two new officers and their recent departure to Burien to complete their Academy. Chief Christman stated that the regional swat team is progressing quickly and involved parties are hoping to have the program up and running by January 1st. Chief Christman also provided feedback on the DCR Program, and also stated that he has been working on a regional radio system where the police departments are hoping to integrate police departments and fire departments and improve communications. Chief Christman stated that the fire departments are happy with their current system, which has been better maintained and kept up today, whereas Yakima as one of the oldest systems in the state; Chief expressed concerns that, currently, fire and police cannot talk to each other, making it dangerous in more ways than one. Chief also updated the council on the Yakima County Coordinated Response team for Domestic Violence.

Councilmember Carlson asked about the radio program. And asked if the police department could communicate with the Fire Department. Chief Lange explained it is possible, but in order to do so, channels must be changed which can be dangerous when the officers are hurrying to a call. Mr. Carlson asked what the solution is, if the Fire department is happy with their system, but the PD wants a new one, but they can't communicate. Mr. Carlson asked why the City should spend money on a new one, if the FD one is good? Chief Lange explained that the fire department (FD) system is not big enough to hold the police department (PD) also, especially with their large data files such as those from their body cameras. Chief Christman gave thoughts on the subject as well.

- Planning Department: Jeff Peters stated he had no report. Councilmember Iverson asked if surveys were still being turned in. Mr. Peters confirmed, yes, the City is getting approximately five (5) to six (6) a week. Mr. Peters also explained the planning department plans to have a booth at the community days event where they will encourage people to take the survey and provide feedback on housing options they prefer. Mr. Peters also said there will be a second survey starting in June, which will be hosted by The Beckwith Consulting Group.

- Public Works: Rocky Wallace gave update on the department and current projects.
- Finance: Dale Novobielski gave report on city finances.

B. Councilmembers

- Councilmember Marquis gave update on Selah Community Days Association meeting she recently attended, also commented on the parade.
- Councilmember Bell shared on his recent work with SPRSA and their annual clean up day.
- Councilmember Carlson notified the Mayor that he plans to submit paperwork to run for council again.

C. **City Attorney** – Mr. Case informed the council that he had a recent phone conversation with the Attorney from the SAFE group. Mr. Case said they talked about the City’s effort to comply with the settlement agreement and the upcoming elections. Mr. Case said he also relayed the two names for the mural commission, and that he received an email from the Attorney’s associates regarding their mural commission members which include two teachers from the Yakima School District. Mr. Case says that they expect work on the mural project to start soon.

D. **City Administrator** – Mr. Henne notified council that Union negotiations regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement are starting.

E. **Mayor Raymond** – Mayor Raymond asked Mr. Wallace if Public Works is keeping an eye on the surface at Volunteer Park. Mr. Wallace confirmed, yes. Mayor Raymond reminded council of the AWC at the end of June and requested councilmembers contact Ms. Morales if they would like to attend.

Mayor Raymond stated the Council would take a five-minute break and then go into executive session. City Attorney Case stated there needs to be a two-part announcement for the executive session, which he would be happy to provide to the Council on behalf of the Mayor. After Mayor Raymond agreed, Mr. Case, stating that the following must be publicly announced, read from RCW 42.30.110(2), “...the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place, and the time when the executive session will be concluded.” Mr. Case then stated the reason for the meeting was in RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), “to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price,” and that the executive session would start after the five (5) minute break at 6:36pm and end at 7:06pm.

16) Executive Session: RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

Council started the executive session at 6:36pm under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The amount of time scheduled for the executive session is 30 minutes.

Council went back on the record at 7:06pm.

Councilmember Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Iverson seconded. Mayor Raymond asked for all those in favor, say "Aye." By voice vote, motion was unanimous.

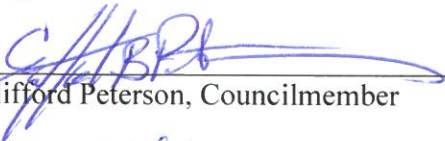
The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.



Roger Bell, Councilmember




Jared Iverson, Councilmember




Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



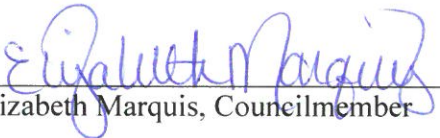
Sherry Raymond, Mayor



Russell Carlson, Councilmember

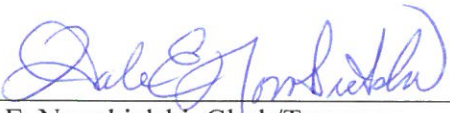


Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer