

City of Selah
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Mayor Raymond called the study session to order at 4:28 p.m.

Rob Scott from HLA Engineering presented the materials on the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Design and Construction Financing.

During the presentation, Councilmember Bell commented on the projection of 2% growth. Mr. Scott answered that the 2% growth is what is projected in the City's planning documents. Mr. Bell responded that the City is not growing at 2%, so why are we using the 2% growth number. Councilmember Wickenhagen answered that it is what is in our comprehensive plan. Mr. Bell stated he understands that, but that is not the number the City is growing at, so why is it being used for projection? Community Development Supervisor, Jeff Peters stated that it is a historical growth rate that the City chose when it went through the planning contractors and that the Council of Governments and the County established that number. Mr. Peters said that if we are undergrowing, or the number is below the 2%, then we are good because what we are saying is we have to provide services over the next 10 years as if we are growing at a 2% growth rate. Mr. Bell countered that the City hasn't been growing at a 2% rate, and if you look back at the last 10 years, we haven't grown at 2% each year over the last 10 years. Mr. Peters provided an answer, and explained that HLA is just using the numbers that the 2017 comprehensive plan established. Mr. Scott agreed, explaining you do not want to under plan and then you cannot serve.

Mr. Scott continued with the presentation.

Public Works Director, Rocky Wallace, provided some explanation for the purpose of the different funding amounts and the benefits to a loan for the City's contribution. Councilmember Wickenhagen asked if the money would cover the full design. Mr. Wallace confirm yes, it would cover the environmental, permitting, and design, and would not use the City's reserves, rather the City would pay for it with a loan. Mr. Wickenhagen asked if going this route would move the City anywhere if they wanted to move towards the MBR updates, because one discussion included the MBR. Mr. Wallace provided information on the different options, and that this design is for an MBR option in the new facility. Mr. Scott also explained that the NBR would be necessary if the City planned to stay in the current footprint, but there is enough room at the site that it might not be necessary.

Mr. Wallace then explained that the City needs to increase rates a lot. Mr. Wallace explained that last year, the rate increase was only 10%, and asked Council what the plan is for 2024? Mr. Wallace reminded Council that our rates are the lowest in the valley and Council will need to decide what rate they want to increase to in order to pay for this project.

Councilmember Peterson asked for the project construction start date. Mr. Scott stated the current plan is to finish design in 2026 and begin construction that same year. Mr. Wallace said we need to work on funding before that. Councilmember Carlson asked if the City has enough in reserves to pay the \$1.4 million that we are responsible for if the City does not give us money, correct? Mr. Wallace said he believes it is at \$1.3 million right now, but yes, the City would be able to cover our portion. Mr. Scott explained that by going with the higher rate number, the City is eligible for the 50% grant. Councilmember Costello, agreed that it would be better for the City to work towards the higher number to make us eligible for the grant. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Scott agreed.

Councilmember Carlson asked if we raise rates more and the City is able to build the reserves, could the City scale back later? Mr. Wallace said we would have to see what the revenue is. Mr. Bell worries that selling the rate increase to the City will be tough. Mr. Wallace said we are in a predicament that we new what we needed to raise rates to, but it did not get done, and now we are in a position where we must increase them, you just have to decide how you want to space it out.

Councilmember Marquis asked if the rates would have to stay high until the loan is paid off, or how long would they have to stay high before they go back down? Mr. Wallace said he has never seen them go back down. City Attorney, Rob Case, explained that part of the purpose in raising rates is to increase the number of payors since the City will have room for growth. Mr. Costello asked the number would be based on 2% growth, or would this be the number regardless of the growth rate? Mr. Scott gave answer, but explained that the projected number is based on the actual number of customers. Mr. Case suggested the Council could also raise rates once a year or more than once a year, if they wanted to do a partial raise in January and a second raise in July of next year.

Councilmember Marquis asked about the new treatment plant on the Army Base. Ms. Marquis asked if they would be able to share services? Mr. Neumeyer, the Wastewater Treatment Facility Supervisor, said when they asked about that possibility before, the Base was not in favor of it. Mr. Scott also explained that could be a benefit of building a new plant, as well, because if the Base decided it would be better to share services in the future, there would be room to do so. Mrs. Marquis asked if the Base would consider collaborating to share the cost of the new build? Mr. Wallace said yes. Mr. Bell said they would consider it, but it would depend hugely on our legislative effort, but we still need to build a reserve because we're already going to deplete it in what we are currently committed to and if we do not raise rates, we will be in a worse position in 2028. Discussion was held on the need for fresh drinking water in East Selah.

Discussion returned to rate amounts. Councilmember Carlson expressed his desire to increase to 35% in an effort to not have to increase later. Mr. Peters weighed in on the discussion. Councilmember Costello also stated his desire to increase rates at 35%. Councilmember Wickenhagen agreed. Councilmember Iverson asked what the schedule would look like from there if the rates were increased by 35%. Mr. Wallace said he would have to go back and look at the schedule for the next 4 years. Mr. Wallace said we would be close, but still chasing it a little. Mr. Scott said the goal is to get the grant.

Councilmember Bell said it would be really useful if the City could show rates from other cities in the valley to show how we compare, at least to show we are not way out of line and that the change is just putting us closer but not fully to where everyone else is. Mr. Wallace said ok.

Mr. Wallace told Council that during budget talks with Council, there will be a task order to study the rates since they were previously done pre-Covid, and they need to be evaluated in order to stay current.

Study session ended. Mayor Raymond said they would take a 10-minute break before the regular meeting began.

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Raymond called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: Elizabeth Marquis, Roger Bell, Michael Costello, Russell Carlson, Jared Iverson, Kevin Wickenhagen, Clifford Peterson

Staff Present: Joe Henne, City Administrator; Rob Case, City Attorney; Daniel Christman, Police Chief; James Lange, Fire Chief; Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director; Dale Novobielski, City Clerk/Treasurer; Jeff Peters, Community Development Supervisor; Zack Schab, Recreation Director, and Angela Dean, Substitute Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Pastor Cline from Bible Baptist Church provided prayer

Comments from the public

Mayor Raymond read the stipulations of the rules for public comments.

Audience Member Bruce Henkle approached the podium to introduce himself in person, stating that he is running for Council position No. 7 as a write-in candidate.

Audience Member Katrina Henkle came to the podium to provide an update on the SDA to the Council. Mrs. Henkle reminded the Council of the Corn Hole tournament on October 20th. Mrs. Henkle also let Council know of the Children's Market on November 17th from 5:30-7:30. Mayor Raymond asked if there were plans to expand the Civic Center to accommodate all the people. Mrs. Henkle said no, and that tables were limited. Mrs. Henkle also announced the Lighted Parade in December.

Public Comment, submitted by William Longmire, was read to the record by Angela Dean. The comment is as follows: approached the podium to provide comment regarding the September 12, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Longmire stated that the minutes as written were incorrect and should be amended as follows:

My 09/12/2023 comments were exactly this not what is in the current meeting minutes: "Agenda item 14-C is not a new chapter, it is the rewriting of an existing chapter that pertains to building code violations and enforcement. The "new chapter" negates the intended purpose of the current chapter as it is currently written, as well as ordinance

1631. There are no provisions in this new ordinance to address new construction as it only addresses existing structures. How are new building code violations going to be handled if this resolution is passed? This ordinance only enables the city to continue to allow builders to construct new buildings that don't meet current building code standards without any consequence to the builder. Where are the strike throughs for the current chapter 6.75 and this new proposed chapter 6.75? Why is this being hidden? Title 11 "BUILDING CODES" Chapter 11.04.050 "Enforcement" specifically references Chapter 6.75 and is the true purpose of the current Chapter 6.75. Why is new building code enforcement being intentionally left out of this new ordinance? Where are the new development regulations? Selah is going to keep growing and we need to grow responsibly and not allow contractors to break the laws and build homes that don't meet current building code standards. I know from experience the city is allowing contractors to break the current building code laws and this will make it somewhat okay to do so. This is immoral and not what is best for our community! These new provisions should be in addition to, not the overwriting of what is currently in chapter 6.75 for development within Selah! This is overwriting a whole chapter on building code enforcement and staff presenting this under the guise of a graffiti and nuisance update appears dishonest and reflects negatively on staff and the city. Agenda items 14-A and 14-C do not comprehensively address the current codes they are replacing and should not be adopted in the form presented."

City Attorney, Rob Case, stated for the record that that comment was submitted by William Longmire, via the webmaster portal, yesterday, September 25th, 2023 at 1:59 a.m

Consent Agenda (all items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered part of the consent agenda and are enacted in one motion).

Mayor Raymond presented the stipulations of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Peterson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Wickenhagen seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Raymond called for Roll Call. By voice vote, motion carries.

Ms. Dean read the Consent Agenda:

- A. Treesa Morales Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2023 Council Meeting
- B. Dale Novobielski Approval of Claims and Payroll:
Payroll Checks No. 85766-85776 for a total of \$277,886.04
Claim Checks No. 180516-180573 for a total of \$394,809.98
- 14-A Dale Novobielski * Ordinance Amending the 2023 Budget for Well No. 3 Pump Replacement

Resolutions

13-A. Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to sign a Software and Services Agreement, contract number 00007835.0, with ImageTrend, LLC for records management system software and data tracking for the Selah Fire Department.

Introduced by Mayor Raymond and presented by Fire Chief, James Lange. After presentation,

Councilmember Carlson asked a clarifying question if the presented fiscal impact was above and beyond what we are already paying or if what is shown on the AIS is the new rate. Chief Lange confirmed that is the new rate.

Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Carlson seconded. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion.

Councilmember Wickenhagen noted the two different options for licensing and asked Chief Lange if their current system is hosted by the vendor or if it is hosted locally. Chief Lange said it was hosted locally. Mr. Wickenhagen asked if they are going cloud based or put a server in the office? Mr. Lange said it would be cloud based, and that it would be with the County.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Raymond restated the motion and called for a roll-call vote. Ms. Dean called roll: Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. Vote passes unanimously. Motion carries.

13-B. Inter-Local Agreement for the Yakima Valley Crisis Response Unit (CRU).

Introduced by Mayor Raymond and presented by Police Chief Dan Christman. After presentation,

Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Peterson seconded. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion.

Councilmember Wickenhagen stated his concerns over No. 9, that the board will appoint a finance department of the jurisdiction to manage the finances of this and history on that proves that is not always the best decision because once that decision is made, their council has jurisdiction over how that is handled, and that a concern with using a participating entity to run the finances, such as SunComm and YakCorp, and there have been many issues in the past with operation and delegation of money. Chief said the ILA has been vetted by WCIA and AWC and is used as a state-wide template. Chief also explained that Union Gap has agreed assume the financial responsibility of the money and that they are just going to be the stewards of the money and then based on the budget the board puts together, money will be dispersed based on the recommendations of the board. Chief said he does not know if they would run into similar problems, but Union Gap would be fiscally responsible for this budget.

Councilmember Peterson if there is a ballpark figure of additional hours or equipment would be needed for this? Chief Christman explained that the SWAT has to train two days per month and one week a year as a team, but that he can adjust schedules to not incur any additional overtime for training. SWAT basic training school costs \$500, but Chief explained that he's been told by the SWAT commanders that they do not want us sending our people to SWAT basic right now, rather they want them to get their equipment and get used to it before going to SWAT basic; so, the school will not be needed until the following year. Regarding equipment, Chief explained that Yakima PD has surplus equipment and they are happy to repurpose most of that stuff. Chief said that it would cost about \$1,700 per officer if the repurposed items are used, and the class would come next year. Councilmember Peterson confirmed there would be two officers assigned. Chief confirmed, yes. Mr. Peterson asked if Chief knew how many times, historically, a SWAT team was needed in the area of coverage. Chief stated that in a 5-year study, they logged 72 call outs, approximately 14 call outs per year.

Councilmember Bell asked how many times has Selah needed a SWAT response in the last five years? Chief said two times in the last five years, most recently this year.

Councilmember Costello commented that the training they receive as SWAT members helps them in their regular patrol work. Mr. Costello also explained that it helps the current officers to do something different, other than their regular daily duties. Chief Christman agreed, and provided an example of how having an on-board SWAT member helped an agency.

Councilmember Iverson asked Chief if using the surplus equipment really would cut the cost by 90%. Chief agreed, we don't know for sure, but explained that the most expensive part is a SWAT-heavy vest and last year, on a grant, the Department was able to get Kevlar helmets, and it appears that the radio they currently carry on patrol, with the addition of a small component, will allow it to be encrypted and SWAT ready, so it won't be a huge investment in that either. Mr. Iverson asked how much the SWAT call cost earlier this year. Chief said he didn't know.

Councilmember Bell said by this agreement, it is shared liability, so if another community does something grossly negligent, we are going to pay for it along with everyone in the group, and Mr. Bell asked how Chief would respond to that. Chief Christman explained that there have been many discussions about this specifically with WCIA, and the City of Yakima's legal team pushed back on that and they wanted to move away from shared responsibility, and only those involved in the call would be responsible. Chief explained that WCIA pushed back and said no, the template is the template, and WCIA believes that shared responsibly is the best practice. Chief explained why WCIA believes that and that yes, the City will assume some responsibility. Chief stated that without this resource, officers or community members have a greater chance of being hurt and the liability would be high for litigation on a wrongful death lawsuit if we don't have this skill set and resource available.

Councilmember Costello asked if there would one negotiator and one operator? Chief said he has been thinking there will be two operators.

Councilmember Iverson asked if the City participates, is it something that will be revisited every year? Chief confirmed, yes. Mr. Iverson asked if Chief knew if the other Cities listed in the agreement are on board? Chief said at the last board meeting, that they received a verbal approval, not all of them have voted, but that Chief explained that something like 6 or 8 of the Cities have signed the ILA at this point. Mr. Iverson asked if the County and Yakima are on board? Chief said County has signed the document, Yakima has agreed to sign, but they haven't officially done so yet.

Councilmember Carlson said he doesn't love the agreement, primarily, because the amount is guaranteed to go up, but also because he believes that there have been only two call out in the last 10-20 years, and asked Chief if that was correct. Chief said there were three call outs in that amount of time, the third was just outside the City limits. Chief said Selah benefited from SWAT three times in the last "however many years." Chief also said he wanted to be completely transparent, a lot of these calls in or around us are generated by Yakima PD because they are looking for someone outside City limits, and that would count as a county call out. Mr. Carlson said his concern is that the City is subsidizing other jurisdiction that would be using it the most, and what we're paying over the 5-30 years at this amount with the increased rates, versus what we'd pay for just a call out. Mr. Carlson also expressed concern that if we have a regionalized SWAT team, the willingness to call SWAT increases which will accelerate the cost increase even more. Mr. Carlson said this seems more beneficial to those community who use this on a regular basis, as opposed to us who rarely use it, especially since we have a fully staffed department. Mr. Carlson also expressed his concern over liability, and he would rather self-insure in case a call out took place. Chief said this is like an insurance policy to provide safety for the officers and community members if needed. Chief said he understands Mr. Carlson's point of view and concern over the dollars. Mr. Carlson asked if we could just send an officer out for training? Chief said no, you have to be part of SWAT. Mr. Carlson said if we don't join, we're still going to get a response if we call out, correct? Chief said, maybe, maybe not; he heard in the last meeting that if someone who is not a member calls for SWAT, the call will be reviewed and maybe they will respond, maybe not, it depends on what the situation is. Councilmember Costello addressed the concern of higher call outs. Mr. Costello said there is a very strict risk assessment the team must go through to show that it is actually, by law, a SWAT team won't be using too much force for the threat, so it must be qualified.

Mayor Raymond asked Chief that with the Flock Cameras, would the task force would be used more? Chief said, certainly.

Councilmember Bell recognized the value of a SWAT resource, but stated his concerned of the financials and the overall responsibility that the City is spending on the Police Department, and explained that this becomes one more thing that is a nice tool to have, but there is a continuing cost to do so. Mr. Bell said the City needs to be cognizant of continued spending especially when Selah has one of the lowest, if not the lowest, crime rates in Yakima County. Mr. Bell said it does become a financial consideration at some point, and then the PD is saying that vehicles need to be replaced too. Mr. Bell stated his concerns of spending overall, in all departments.

Chief Chirstman thanked Mr. Bell for his comment. Chief explained that he sees himself as a risk manager and reminded council of all the high risks that he has worked to mitigate. And, Chief, explained, that this is a resource that he views is a necessary resource to keep the community safe. Councilmember Carlson commented on how he believes that perhaps the amount should have been calculated on usage rather than population. Councilmember Costello said you can't predict when things might happen, and to be part of this, in his opinion, seems like a very cheap insurance policy. Councilmember Wickenhagen believes that if we aren't a part of this, the cost to call on the team would easily be double the annual amount, if the City was to need a SWAT call out.

Councilmember Marquis asked Chief to explain what the purpose of the funds that all the Cities pay, if we are outfitting the officers and paying for the training. Chief explained that the funds are used for supplies, fuel, small tools and equipment, professional services such as a doctor and DCR, travel, insurance, repairs and maintenance, miscellaneous costs, training supplies, machinery equipment, and vehicle purchase to act as a negotiator work room. Chief explained that they believe the fiscal need would decrease after the first year.

Councilmember Carlson asked about the vehicle purchase, and said, what if this whole thing doesn't work out and it all dissolves, who owns the vehicle? Chief explained there is a mechanism in place, and whoever the original owner was would take it back. Councilmember Carlson explained his concern of subsidizing others who don't make safety a priority in their community.

Councilmember Marquis stated her concerns over the spending as well, and said that its hard when to know when to draw the line. Mrs. Marquis said that law enforcement feels very collaborative where the cutoffs are not clear and that a bad man could come from everywhere, so it doesn't really matter where SWAT gets called because there is bad people and it affects all of us. Mrs. Marquis said she doesn't see much of a problem in sharing crime enforcement, and asked Chief if he would agree with that. Chief responded that he agrees, just as the Local Crime Lab is collaborative, this is collaborative. Chief also said that he was told that "per capita, there is more crime in Yakima than there is in Chicago" so Chief said we have to do something as a group which is the direction we are headed, throughout the state is to address crime collaboratively.

Councilmember Carlson stated he feels the difference between the Regional Crime Lab and this is that the Crime Lab did not previously exist, where this does, the City of Selah was already getting SWAT service, and the one community that needed to use the Crime Lab chose not to. Mr. Carlson asked how many open positions there are at Yakima PD. Chief responded, 23. Mr. Carlson stated he felt they should prioritize that more.

Councilmember Iverson asked about the training, stating that Chief said the training would not be required in the first year, and at what point does the training become mandatory? Chief responded that the Commanders of the Team said that for the first year, they won't be on an entry team, the Selah guys would be on a perimeter. Mr. Iverson asked who is covering it right now, are there enough people who are certified to cover right now? Chief replied, yes, there are

14 certified operators now. Mr. Iverson asked how many Yakima would be on it? Chief responded he believes that everyone who is currently on the team will transfer over to the new team. Mr. Iverson said the lack of detail in the financial scope in this is the most concerning, such as if there isn't actually surplus available and then your back here asking for \$17,000 worth of equipment times two, essentially, because they have stuff that is out of date. Mr. Iverson said he would like to see more pinned down numbers.

Councilmember Peterson asked if there could be more Selah cops on the team, if desired. Chief Christman said, yes, that would be the best-case scenario. Mr. Peterson then asked about the training, would the City pay for just their time, and the unit is paying for the training supplies? Chief responded, no, it is about \$2,800 per year for training ammunition, the ammunition in the budget is going to be used when the team is deployed, such as in a hostage situation. Mr. Iverson said we would have \$5,000 in ammunition stock, how long will that available before rotating through? Mr. Costello said they would use it for training.

Councilmember Carlson referenced section nine (9), paragraph 3, which reads, each jurisdiction will be expected to contribute a minimum of 10% of their commission staff to YYCRU; board approval must be obtained for the jurisdiction to assign less than staffing requirement. Mr. Carlson asked, if there is a police department who decides to fill positions, now they can send less people, what's the board going to say? Chief Christman reminded Mr. Carlson that many of those departments are covered by the Sheriff. Mr. Carlson said, what about Yakima, they are down officers because they do not prioritize staffing levels. Councilmember Costello stated the board would have to approve those lower levels.

Mayor Raymond asked council if there was any more discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Raymond called for a roll-call vote. Ms. Dean called roll: Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – no; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. Motion carries.

13-C. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Task Order No. 2023-09” with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project.

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

Councilmember Bell moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Wickenhagen seconded. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Raymond called for a roll-call vote. Ms. Dean called roll: Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. Motion carries.

13-D. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of Selah to Sign a Seven-Page Telecommunications Franchise Agreement with Zayo Group, LLC, that Grants a Nonexclusive Franchise for Fiber Optic Cable Systems.

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

Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Bell seconded. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion.

Councilmember Wickenhagen asked if the City follows the same attachment procedures as PPL for distance between lines and cables and height, on our own poles. Mr. Wallace said we don't have any power poles, we have light poles, and these ones are going on PPL poles and they have to keep their minimum in between.

Councilmember Carlson mentioned his desire to eventually go underground and asked Mr. Wallace when is a good time to draw the line and start making everyone go underground? Mr. Wallace responded that he conducted a risk assessment on boring underneath South First Street, Mr. Wallace said we do allow it and we believe the risk is low for the City but so it really depends on what is in the ground.

Hearing no more discussion, Mayor Raymond called for a roll-call vote. Ms. Dean called roll: Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. Motion carries.

Reports/Announcements

Departments

- Police Department – Chief Christman provided a department update.
- Fire Department – Chief Lange provided a department update.
- Planning Department – Jeff Peters provided a department update.
- Public Works – Rocky Wallace provided a department update on projects.

Councilmembers

Councilmember Peterson provided information on his attendance to the YVCOG meeting.

City Attorney Case provided an update to the Council regarding the ongoing Union Negotiations.

City Administrator Joe Henne announced that the Auditor will be back next week after determining a full scale audit would be necessary.

Mayor Raymond asked Chief Lange about the Ambulance. Chief Lange said they are paying the bill, but not in City full time. Chief Lange said the contract hit a snag, the City of Yakima has an ordinance that is more strict than the state rule for ground ambulance service timlines, so Chief Lange explained that he told Chief Marco that this is not a City of Yakima RFP, this is a Yakima County RFP, so Chief Marco needed to take his ordinance to his City to get it changed.

Hearing no further reports, Mayor Raymond stated it is 7:09 p.m and that the Council would take a 4-minute break. Councilmember Carlson requested that the Police Chief stay for the executive session. Mayor Raymond told council to be back at 7:15 p.m.

7:15 p.m.: Mayor Raymond called the meeting back to order and announced that they would go into an Executive Session for RCW 42.30.110(10)(b) regarding the acquisition of real estate, for a period of 30-minutes.

7:45 p.m.: Mayor Raymond called the meeting back to order, no decisions were made, no votes were taken. Mayor Raymond then stated that the Council would go back into executive session for the same reason and would return at 8:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.: Executive Session started.

8:00 p.m.: Executive Session ended. Mayor announced Council was back on the record and that no votes were held and no decisions were made.

Councilmember Wickenhagen made a motion that the City make an offer purchase the building where the current police station is located for \$850,000. Councilmember Bell suggested an amendment to the motion to be the property we discussed during the executive session? Councilmember Carlson said it is already on the record. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council a second. Councilmember Bell seconded. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion.

Councilmember Marquis asked Councilmember Wickenhagen if he would be willing to amend his motion to a lower number to start with to perhaps \$800,000? Councilmember Wickenhagen said, yes, he would. Councilmember Marquis said she would prefer the number to start at \$800,000. Councilmember Wickenhagen announced to Mayor Raymond that he would like to amend his motion to offer \$800,000 for the property in question, and asked Councilmember Bell if he would agree to second at that amount. Councilmember Bell agreed, yes, he would second that motion as a good number for a starting point to get something going. Mayor Raymond restated the amended motion and asked Council again for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Raymond called for a roll-call vote. Ms. Dean called roll: Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes. Motion carries.

Councilmember Carlson spoke to make a motion on the other piece of property discussed during the executive session and make an offer to purchase at the price that was proposed assuming buildings would be torn down. Councilmember Peterson seconded. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion. Councilmember Carlson clarified that the building would be gone and the price is for the land, no structures. Mayor Raymond called for a roll-call vote. Ms. Dean called roll: Councilmember Marquis – no; Councilmember Bell – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Carlson – yes; Councilmember Iverson – no; Councilmember Wickenhagen – no; Councilmember Peterson – yes. Vote results in 4-yes votes

and 3-no votes. Motion carries. City Administrator Henne said that we will contact McKenzie tomorrow to see what their timeframe, a whether or not their existing contract with them is still good since the footprint is going to change and then the City can get an idea of how much building we can get on there.

Adjournment

Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Iverson seconded. By voice vote, motion carries.

Meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.




Roger Bell, Councilmember

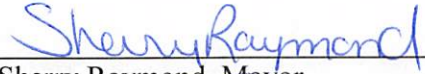
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Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



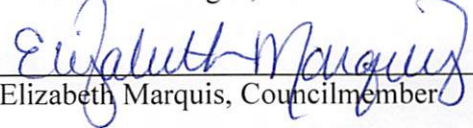
Sherry Raymond, Mayor



Russell Carlson, Councilmember



Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer