

City of Selah
City Council Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2023

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

Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: Elizabeth Marquis, Michael Costello, Roger Bell, 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 Treesa Morales, Executive Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Pastor Mark Williams from United Methodist Church provided prayer

Comments from the public

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

Audience member Jeni Rice, owner of Explore Your Wild, gave council an update on the past year and their projections and plans for the upcoming year. Ms. Rice provided a handout to council. After two minutes, the timer sounded and Councilmember Bell made a motion to allow two more minutes to Ms. Rice to complete her presentation. Councilmember Carlson seconded. Mayor Raymond called for a voice vote. All members agreed. Motion granted. Ms. Rice finished her presentation.

Audience member Katrina Henkle from the Selah Downtown Association approached the podium and provided an update on the upcoming SDA events.

Announcement of changes, if any, from previously-published Agenda

Mayor Raymond announced to Council that though there were not changes to the agenda, she noted that the Resolution listed on the consent agenda was noted as 14-A when it should be listed as 13-A.

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 Carlson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Costello seconded. Mayor

Raymond restated the motion and asked council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Raymond requested a voice vote to approve the motion. By voice vote motion carries.

Mrs. Morales read the Consent Agenda:

- A. Treesa Morales Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2023 Study Session and Council Meeting
- B. Dale Novobielski Approval of Claims and Payroll:
Payroll Checks No. 85859-85936 for a total of \$761,200.69
Claim Checks No. 180709-180840 for a total of \$617,484.89
- 13-A. Rocky Wallace *13-A. Resolution Authorizing Public Works to Surplus Used Water Service Meters Related to the City's Water Service Meter Project

Councilmember Carlson moved to add an executive session to the end of the meeting, under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) regarding the acquisition of real estate. Councilmember Costello seconded. Mayor Raymond asked for any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Raymond asked for a voice vote. All members agreed. Motion carries.

Mayor Raymond returned to the agenda and introduced the Resolution 13-B.

Resolutions

13-B. Resolution Directing City Staff to Publish an Underlying Proposed Resolution in the City's Designated Official Newspaper as Notice of the City's Intent to Grant a Nonexclusive Franchise for Telecommunications Facilities to Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, on December 12, 2023

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

Council Member Wickenhagen moved to approve the Resolution. Council Member Peterson Seconded. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion.

Councilmember Carlson asked if there was a limit as to how much could be installed on one pole? Mr. Case responded that entities are allowed to locate or co-locate and that there can be multiple units as long as they don't interfere with each other.

Councilmember Wickenhagen told Mr. Carlson that Pacific Power has strict guidelines as to what and who can add items to their poles. Mr. Carlson asked if the City could adopt something similar? Mr. Case asked in what way? Mr. Carlson said with regards to spacing on limiting the number of items on one pole. Mr. Case said he was not sure and he would have to look into it, but that currently the standard is for successful operability.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Raymond requested roll call. Mrs. Morales 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.

Ordinances

14-A. Ordinance to Establish the Amount of Taxes to be Levied Upon Real & Personal Property in the City of Selah, Yakima County, Washington, and Fixing the Tax Levy for the Year 2024

Council Member Peterson moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Council Member Wickenhagen seconded the motion. Mayor Raymond restated the motion and asked Council for discussion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Raymond requested roll call. Mrs. Morales 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.

Reports/Announcements

Departments

- Fire Department – Deputy Chief Willis gave a department report
- Police Department – Chief Christman gave a department report
- Planning Department – Jeff Peters gave a department report
- Public Works – Rocky Wallace gave a department report
- Finance – Dale Novobielski gave a department report

Councilmembers

- Councilmember Bell announced the Selah High School is having a DECCA competition on January 8th and encouraged everyone to attend.
- Councilmember Wickenhagen discussed his attendance at the Yakima Valley Tourism meeting, stating that they are seeing a slight increase in tourism revenue, and they made an excellent video highlighting the Yakima Valley to hopefully promote more tourism next year.

Mayor Raymond referenced her recent attendance at the Valley Mayor’s Meeting, explaining a representative from Washington State Department of Transportation was there, and reminded all in attendance that the Vantage bridge project was set to start next spring and would be going on for three years.

Mayor Raymond announced that the Council would take a 5-minute break and then go into an Executive Session according to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) - Regarding the acquisition of real estate. Mayor Raymond stated that Council would return to the record at 7:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m. Council went into the Executive Session

7:00 p.m. Council returned to the regular meeting. Mayor Raymond stated that no vote was taken and no decisions were made in the Executive Session.

Mayor Raymond announced that the council would return to executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) regarding the acquisition of real estate for 20 minutes and return to the record at 7:20 p.m.

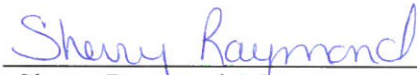
7:02 p.m. Council went into the Executive Session

7:20 p.m. Council returned to the record.

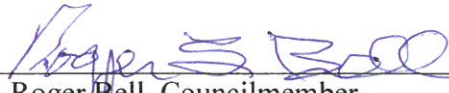
Adjournment

Councilmember Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Marquis seconded. By voice vote, motion carries.


Meeting ended at 7:21 p.m.



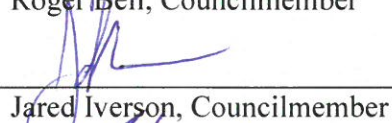
Sherry Raymond, Mayor



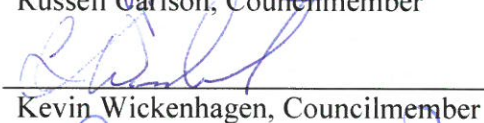
Roger Bell, Councilmember



Russell Carlson, Councilmember



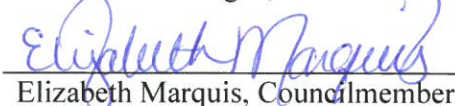
Jared Iverson, Councilmember



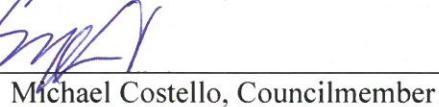
Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember

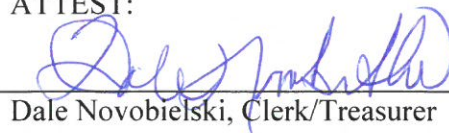


Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer