

**City of Selah**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 13, 2024**

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Councilmembers Present: David Monaghan, Clifford Peterson, Elizabeth Marquis, Michael Costello, Kevin Wickenhagen, William Longmire, Jared Iverson

Staff Present: Rich Huebner, City Administrator; Rob Case, City Attorney; James Lange, Fire Chief; Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director; Kimberly Grimm, City Clerk/Treasurer; Jeff Peters, Community Development Supervisor; Zack Schab, Recreation Director, and Treesa Morales, Executive Assistant.

**Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance**

**Invocation:**

Pastor Darin Brown from Harvest Church, Selah provided prayer

**Comments from the Public:**

Katrina Henkel from the Selah Downtown Association (SDA) provided an update on the items the SDA is working on.

Next, Barb Petrea, from the Selah Community Days Association (SCDA), presented an update on the 2023 data of volunteer hours, exposure, and efforts from the SCDA. Ms. Petrea also gave information on the upcoming 2024 event.

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

Mayor Bell presented the stipulations of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Longmire requested to remove item 10-E from the consent agenda. Mayor Bell notified the Council that item 10-E will be removed and will now become item 13-B in the regular agenda. Councilmember Marquis noted corrections to the minutes, stating that she was listed as present, when she was actually absent, as well the change to the votes in the minutes where it says she voted yes. Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the Consent Agenda with amendments. Councilmember Costello seconded. Mayor Bell restated the motion and asked council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Bell requested a voice vote to approve the motion. By voice vote motion carries.

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Approved Consent Agenda:

- A. Treesa Morales \* Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2023 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm \* Approval of Claims & Payroll  
Payroll Checks No.: 86046 – 86086 for a total of \$380,771.65  
Claim Checks No.: 181030 – 181088 for a total of \$259,236.57
- C. Rocky Wallace \* Resolution Declaring the Fremont Avenue Sewer and Resurfacing Improvements Project to be Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials
- D. Rocky Wallace \* A Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Director to Sign a Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Agreement with the Washington Department of Ecology for \$130,000.00 in Grant Funds for the City’s Stormwater Management Plan

**Resolutions**

**13-A. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor or Public Works Director to Sign and Submit a Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) 2024 Funding Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, for a Suite of Transportation Studies Focusing on State Route 823 and Southern Avenue and also a Possible Extension of Naches Avenue to Interstate-82**

Introduced by Mayor Bell. Presented by Public Works Director, Rocky Wallace. After discussion,

Councilmember Peterson asked if Rocky was more optimistic since this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time submitting this grant. Mr. Wallace said it takes a few times, but there is more support from the Department of Transportation, as well as the Mayor and myself (Mr. Wallace) will be traveling back to Washington DC to discuss the project with top legislators. Mr. Wallace also said this project was voted second on the list for this year’s portfolio.

Councilmember Marquis asked who wrote the grant? Mr. Wallace replied Matthew Taylor wrote it and HLA will be reviewing it before submission. Ms. Marquis noted how well it was written. Other Councilmembers agreed.

Councilmember Longmire asked about Environmental Equity and if there was any way to include it in the grant before submitting it. Mr. Wallace said yes, which is why HLA will be reviewing it so they can add hot topic words.

Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Peterson seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Bell requested roll call from Mrs. Morales. Executive Assistant Morales called roll. Councilmember Monaghan – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes; Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes;

Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Longmire – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes. Motion carries.

**13-B. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Washut Outside Utility Agreement (OUA -2024-001)**

Introduced by Mayor Bell. Presented by Community Services Planner, Jeff Peters. After discussion,

Councilmember Longmire expressed his concerns about adding a utility hook up on a property that is outside the City Limits when the City’s current treatment facility is nearly at capacity. Mr. Longmire said when he spoke with Waste Water Treatment Facility Supervisor, Eric Neumeyer, and when reading the HLA report on the facility, it is his understanding that there are only around 100 possible connections left. Mr. Wallace replied that there are 175 more homes that can be hooked up to the current plant and that is including if all the fruit processing plants start sending their waste as well. Mr. Longmire continued that if we can barely meet the needs of our current residents, why are we extending outside the City limits? Mr. Peters added that in addition to what Mr. Wallace said, the City’s remaining hook ups are provided on a first come first served basis. Mr. Peters continued to explain that City’s are required to plan to expand utilities to all UGA (urban growth boundary) areas. Mr. Longmire asked if there was a plant in place for future development into the UGA? Mr. Wallace answered that it is his understanding that only one house is planning to go there. Mr. Longmire noted that on four acres, there could be up to 20 connections. Mr. Peters explained that if they did plan to build more than one house, they would have to bring in a long or short plat and an engineering plan, and because they are extending an OUA to this property, the property owners will now have to meet the City standards for construction.

After more discussion, Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Costello seconded. Mayor Bell requested roll call from Mrs. Morales. Executive Assistant Morales called roll. Councilmember Monaghan – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes; Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes; Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Longmire – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes. Motion carries.

**Ordinances**

**14-A. Ordinance Amending the 2024 Budget for the Expenditure of Lodging Taxes**

Introduced by Mayor Bell and Presented by Clerk/Treasurer, Kimberly Grimm. After presentation,

Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Peterson seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Bell requested roll call from Mrs. Morales. Executive Assistant Morales called roll. Councilmember Monaghan – yes; Councilmember Peterson – yes; Councilmember Marquis – yes; Councilmember Costello – yes;

Councilmember Wickenhagen – yes; Councilmember Longmire – yes; Councilmember Iverson – yes. Motion carries.

**Staff Updates:**

**The following staff members provided a department update.**

- Fire Chief, James Lange
- Community Services Supervisor, Zack Schab
- Police Chief, Dan Christman
- Community Development Supervisor, Jeff Peters
- Public Works Director, Rocky Wallace
- Clerk/Treasurer, Kimberly Grimm

**Councilmember Updates:**

**The following Councilmembers provided an update.**

- Councilmember Peterson updated Council on his attendance from the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments meeting and the Selah Parks and Recreation Service Area (SPRSA) meeting.
- Councilmember Marquis provided a Council update on the School Board Meeting.
- Councilmember Costello informed Council on his attendance at the Selah Parks Foundation meeting.
- Councilmember Wickenhagen noted all the work being done by the SDA and his attendance at the Tourism Board Meeting.
- Councilmember Longmire provided his summary of the recent SPRSA meeting as well.
- Councilmember Iverson gave an update on the Selah Chamber of Commerce from his meeting.

City Attorney, Rob Case notified the Council that the purchase of the building where the current Police Station is located is complete. And noted that the Council can anticipate seeing an update on the SAFE mural and the final Union Agreements in the near future.


City Administrator, Rich Huebner, presented the Agreement Amendment with Beckwith Consulting that should have been included with Resolution 3064.

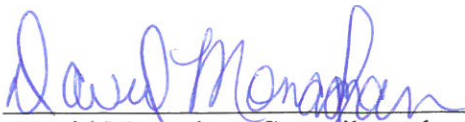
Mayor Bell gave a summary on the recent trip to Olympia to meet with Representative Mosbrucker, Senator King and Representative Corey. Mayor Bell said he was not expecting money this year, but reiterated that the process is a good one to keep the City on the map.

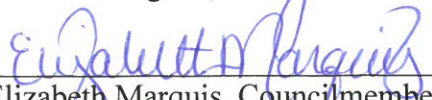
**Adjournment**

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

Meeting ended at 6:44 p.m.

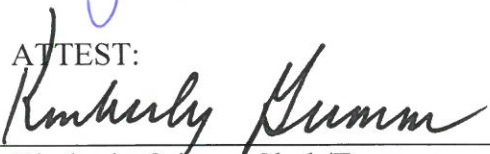
  
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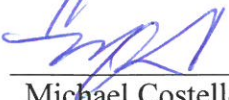
  
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Kimberly Grimm, Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Michael Costello, Councilmember

  
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