

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Councilmembers Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Rich Huebner, City Administrator; Rob Case, City Attorney; Dustin Soptich, Chief of Police; Jim Lange, Fire Chief; Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Staff Absent: N/A

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Don Cline of Selah Bible Baptist provided prayer.

Getting to Know Local Businesses

A. Cordae Gordon – 98942 Desserts

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments from the Public

- Pattie Graffe — SDA

The first SDA Viking Edition kickoff with Selah High School with over 35 students participating; discussed the historic trolley and its potential closure; Cash Mob on 9/26 at the Viking Store for Spirit Week; Sponsoring the Chamber lunch at Civic Center; Outreach on 9/30 at Blush; Viking Spirit Week has over 21 local businesses participating in decorating and giveaways.

Proclamations/Announcements

A. Community Pride Awards - Abundio Camarillo Mendoza as Statewide Migrant Student of the Year; Margarita Vaca Guevara as Statewide Recipient of the Power of Community Perseverance Award for Migrant Education; Monroe Beebe for having her book published by the National Youth Authors and BriBooks.

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.

Approved Consent Agenda

- A. Courtney McGarity * Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2024 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to Sign a Local Agency Agreement and also a Project Prospectus with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Relative to the Selah Street Sweeper Project
- D. ~~Jim Lange~~ * ~~Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, as the City's Representative to the Joint Board, to Prepare a Proposed 2025 Fire Department Budget that Includes Wages and Salaries Not Exceeding those within a Previously Presented Salary Comparison Analysis and Proposal~~

Councilmember Iverson requested item 10D from the Consent Agenda be moved to become 13A under Resolutions. Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the Consent agenda as amended. Councilmember Costello seconded. Mayor Bell asked council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Bell requested a voice vote to approve the motion and approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries by voice vote.

Resolutions

- A. Jim Lange Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, as the City's Representative to the Joint Board, to Prepare a Proposed 2025 Fire Department Budget that Includes Wages and Salaries Not Exceeding those within a Previously-Presented Salary Comparison Analysis and Proposal

Councilmember Costello made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Marquis. Following a roll call vote by Ms. McGarity, Councilmembers Monaghan, Peterson, Marquis and Costello are in favor; Councilmembers Wickenhagen, Longmire and Iverson are opposed. The motion is passed.

Staff Reports/Announcements

The following staff members provided a department report:

- Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager
- Fire Chief, Jim Lange
- Chief of Police, Dustin Soptich

- Public Works Director, Rocky Wallace
- Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Monaghan – Working on Selah Winter Warrior Challenge as well as Polar Plunge.
- Councilmember Peterson – SPRSA season will end 9/27; currently working on the budget; inquired on audio/recording system for City Council meetings.
- Councilmember Marquis – Selah School District Superintendent Kevin McKay held the first open forum to give parents a voice on multiple topics; low attendance, but they will be held quarterly and hope to see more attendees.
- Councilmember Costello – Preparing to attend the Elected Leaders Institute.
- Councilmember Wickenhagen –Tourism Leaders meeting on 9/25; attended the YVCOG General Membership meeting where budget concerns were discussed; discussed transitional housing in Selah with Rep. Gina Mosbrucker and Mayor Dean Broersma of Sunnyside.
- Councilmember Longmire – Would like to see more community and leadership involvement for the continuation of the historic trolley operation including writing of letters, social media posts, and attending of any meetings.
- Councilmember Iverson – Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting on 9/25.

City Attorney Report

No Report.

City Administrator Report

Current primary focus has been on the budget and working with each department in preparation to present to Council on 10/22; attended the Association of WA Cities board retreat in Richland.

Mayor's Report

Attended the Mayor's meeting last week, the Hispanic Political Action Group meeting, and the YVCOG general meeting; acknowledgment of Public Works Utility Supervisor, Ty Jones for recognizing that the Selah Aquatic Center had a leak using approximately 46 thousand gallons of water a day which has since been addressed; City Hall is being painted on the exterior as well as addressing building maintenance issues in the coming weeks which will be covered by ARPA funds allocated in the budget for City Hall.

Recess

Mayor Bell motioned for recess at 6:47 p.m., before entering into executive session.

Executive Session

Executive Session paused at 7:52 p.m. with no decisions made/no votes taken.

Executive Session resumed for 10 minutes beginning at 7:52 p.m.

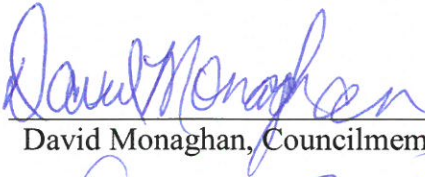
Executive Session paused at 8:04 p.m. with no decisions made/no votes taken.

Executive Session resumed for 15 minutes beginning at 8:04 p.m.
Executive Session ended at 8:19 p.m.

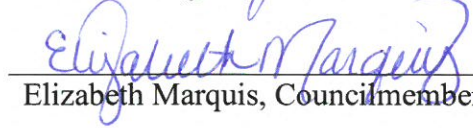
Adjournment

Councilmember Costello moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Peterson seconded.
Mayor Bell adjourned.

Meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.



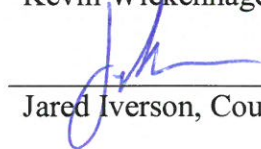
David Monaghan, Councilmember



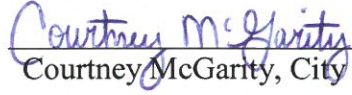
Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

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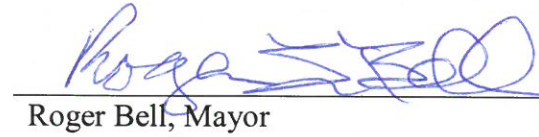
Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember



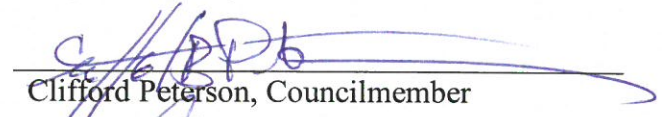
Jared Iverson, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember