

**City of Selah | City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 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; Daniel Christman, Police Chief; James Lange, Fire Chief; Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Jeff Peters, Community Development Supervisor; Zack Schab, Recreation Director; Jennifer Leslie, Permit Technician; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

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

**Invocation:**

Don Cline from Bible Baptist of Selah provided prayer.

**Agenda Changes**

Mayor Bell added two items to 9 under Announcements.

**Getting to know local businesses, agencies and/or people:**

- Selah Community Pride Awards; Selah High School students Isaak Figueroa and Whit Peters.

**Comments from the Public:**

- **Katrina Henkle - SDA**  
The next Bingo Night at Selah Civic Center will be June 20<sup>th</sup>. Planning for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities is well under way. The Color Run brought in 85 attendees; thank you to all sponsors.
- **Russ Carlson**  
Concerns around the new police station being shared with City Hall and the effects on budget and taxes. Recommending that the addition of City Hall be removed from that plan and instead look at the use of remodeled space.

**Proclamations/Announcements:**

- Introduction of new Police Lieutenant, Dustin Soptich
- Farewell to Police Chief, Dan Christman – Years of Service Award presented

**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 Peterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Monaghan 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.

**Approved Consent Agenda:**

- A. Courtney McGarity \* Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2024 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm \* Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Jennifer Leslie \* Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting
- D. Rocky Wallace \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Task Order No. 2024-06” with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City’s Wixson Park Pathway Project
- E. Rocky Wallace \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign “Task Order 3” with Gray and Osborne, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City’s 2024 Crack Seal Project
- F. Rocky Wallace \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to “Task Order No. 2024-05” with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the City’s East Goodlander Road Retaining Wall Reconstruction Project
- G. Rocky Wallace \* Resolution Authorizing the Signing and Submission of a Safe Routes to School Funding Application, Seeking Grant Funds for a Sidewalk Gap Project on the North Side of East Home Avenue
- H. Rocky Wallace \* Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Ascent Foundations & More, LLC, Related to the City’s East Orchard Sidewalk Improvements Project
- I. Rocky Wallace \* Ordinance Amending Selah Municipal Code Chapter 12.81, to Allow for Fare-Free Service for all Transit Modes to Passengers Aged Eighteen and Under

**Resolutions:**

- A. Rich Huebner \* Memorandum of Understanding with the Yakima Valley School to designate the Selah Civic Center as a Temporary Emergency Evacuation Location

Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Monaghan seconded. Following a roll call vote by Ms. McGarity, the motion is approved.

**Staff Reports:**

The following staff members provided a department report:

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

**Councilmember Reports:**

- **Councilmember Peterson**  
Selah Aquatic Center rentals and lessons are now open; lifeguard training is underway; the pool is set to open on 6/7/2024 for the season; there will be an open house on 6/25/2024.
- **Councilmember Marquis**  
Updates on recent Selah School Board meeting which included the postponing of a new social studies curriculum adoption due to public and board member concerns.
- **Councilmember Wickenhagen**  
The Tourism Board is applying for a grant for training for providing positive encounters. The Yakima Convention Center full for bookings, could present Selah Civic Center with opportunity for growth and revenue.
- **Councilmember Iverson**  
Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board Meeting coming up; will bring an update to the next City Council meeting.

**City Attorney Report:**

**Rob Case**

Case caps for our public defender may become an issue before the year ends, which would prompt us to either find a second body or renegotiate with our current person.

**City Administrator Report:**

**Rich Huebner**

Transit proposal is an opportunity to give the city more access to potential funding support for our transit program, while having a minimal fiscal impact. Met with Bora Architects for Selah Civic Center bathroom remodel. Attended the WCIA Board Meeting. Hosted representatives from Department of Commerce for a tour of the Civic Center. Attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting with Mayor Bell and discussed potential updated contracts with Basin Disposal. Attended a virtual meeting with Mayor Bell hosted by the SDA with the National

Mainstreet Program to discuss the status of the entrepreneurial mentality in our city. Will be scheduling an LTAC meeting to review applications for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations.

**Recess**

Mayor Bell motioned for a 5-minute recess at 6:24 p.m., before entering into executive session.

**Executive Session**

Executive Session called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Executive Session paused at 7:01 p.m. with no decisions made/no votes taken.

Executive Session resumed for 15 minutes beginning at 7:02 p.m.

Executive Session paused at 7:17 p.m. with no decisions made/no votes taken.

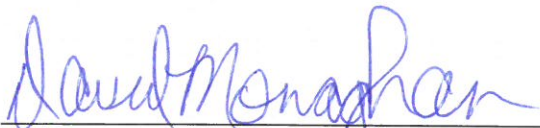
Executive Session resumed for 5 minutes beginning at 7:18 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:23 p.m.

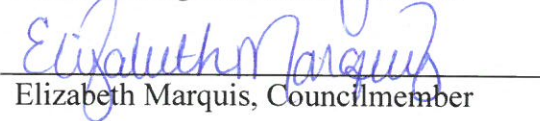
**Adjournment**

Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Iverson seconded. Mayor Bell adjourned.

Meeting ended at 7:24 p.m.



David Monaghan, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember



Jared Iverson, Councilmember

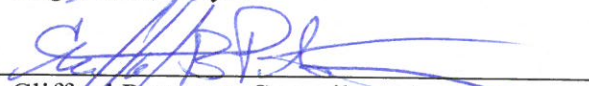
ATTEST:



Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director  
(a/k/a Clerk/Treasurer)



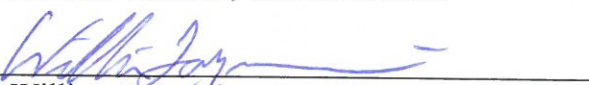
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember