

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 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, Kevin Wickenhagen, William Longmire, Jared Iverson

Councilmembers Absent: Michael Costello

Staff Present: Rob Case, City Attorney; Dustin Soptich, Police Chief; Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager; Jeff Peters, Community Development Supervisor; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Staff Absent: Rich Huebner, City Administrator; Jim Lange, Fire Chief

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Councilmember Wickenhagen provided prayer.

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments from the Public

- Pattie Graffe — SDA
Announcement of new Treasurer, TJ Hesselgesser; Committee Meeting: Economic Development planning a Cash Mob on Family Night 8/15 from 6pm-8pm; Outreach now has 11 board members and all Community Chair positions are now filled; Design is transitioning into fall next month; Beautification and Façade Grants include updates at River Canyon, Crave Coffee, Selah Variety Building, and Fully Charged Fitness; Upcoming Pickleball Tournament on 10/5; Spirit Week is 10/7-10/11.

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Russ Carlson
Spoke on knowledge of ADU's; late payments on city financial report.
- Lisa Gordon
Spoke on transitional housing, community impact statements, inspections

Proclamations/Announcements

- A. Promotion and Pinning Ceremony of Selah Police Chief, Dustin Soptich

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 July 23, 2024 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Jennifer Leslie * Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting
- D. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Eleven-Page Small Works Contract with Northwest Striping & Sealing, LLC, for the 2024 Crack Seal Project
- E. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Six-Page Contract and Package of Documents with Ascent Foundation & More, LLC, for the City's East Goodlander Road Retaining Wall Reconstruction Project

Councilmember Monaghan moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Marquis seconded. Mayor Bell restated the motion and asked council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Bell requested a voice vote to approve the motion. Motion carries by voice vote.

Public Hearings

- A. Rocky Wallace Public Hearing to Receive Public Input Regarding the Potential Adoption of the "Selah Transit Development Plan 2024-2029 and 2023 Annual Report"

- A. Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Bell. No discussion or comments. Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Bell.

General Business - Old

- A. Rob Case Resolution Approving Final Mural Design, Authorizing Its Installation, and Authorizing Request for Reimbursement

- A. Mindy Clark and Courtney Hernandez presented the final mural design. The wall has been pressure washed and prepped for painting to begin. Councilmember Marquis inquired about the words on the fish; Mindy explained that each word on the fish is “friends” in different languages and that each person depicted is a Selah community member; Councilmember Peterson inquired on the cultures represented; Mindy explained that each circle does represent an artist design from a different culture or region; Councilmember Peterson inquired on the estimated timeline for completion; Mindy gave a projected time of 3 weeks to paint the mural, 30 days to allow for curing and a graffiti coat to finish with a final completion in mid-October; Rob Case inquired on the use of any trademarks; Mindy responded that there are no trademarks included. Councilmember Marquis moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Peterson seconded. Following a roll call vote by Ms. McGarity, Councilmembers Peterson, Marquis, Longmire and Iverson are in favor; Councilmembers Monaghan and Wickenhagen are opposed. The motion is passed.

Resolutions

- A. Jeff Peters Resolution Establishing the Date, Time and Location for a Public Hearing for Consideration of the “Southern Hill” Annexation, and Directing Publication and Posting of Notice
- B. Rob Case Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Six-Page Police Chief Employment Contract with Dustin Soptich

- A. Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Longmire seconded. Following a roll call vote by Ms. McGarity none are opposed and the motion is passed.
- B. Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Marquis seconded. Following a roll call vote by Ms. McGarity none are opposed and the motion is passed.

Staff Reports/Announcements

The following staff members provided a department report:

- Chief of Police, Dustin Soptich
- Recreation & Tourism Manager, Zack Schab
- Community Development Supervisor, Jeff Peters
- Public Works Director, Rocky Wallace
- Clerk/Treasurer, Kimberly Grimm

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Peterson – The SPRSA Pool Levy passing at 62.54%; Fire Commissioner meeting 8/13.

- Councilmember Iverson – Attended the annual Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board meeting which included three site tours and voting on the allotment of funds for the upcoming year.

City Attorney Report

No report.

City Administrator Report

See attachment.

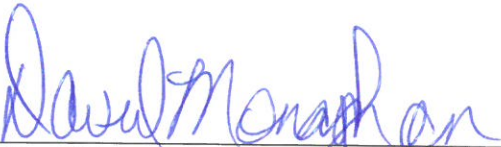
Mayor's Report

Announcement of Jeff Peters resignation as Community Development Supervisor and City Planner with plans to look into options including the possibility of contracting in the interim to fulfill the vacancy; addressed the moderate insurance rate increases in coordination with the purchase of assets and property and hiring of new employees with a comparison of 22% this year versus 40% last year.

Adjournment

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

Meeting ended at 6:41 p.m.



David Monaghan, Councilmember

Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

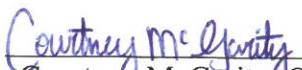


Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember




Jared Iverson, Councilmember

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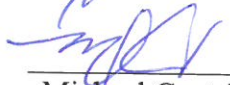
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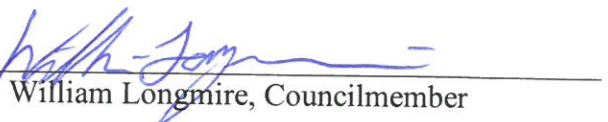
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember