

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 23, 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; Dustin Soptich, Interim Police Chief; Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director; Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director; Jeff Peters, Community Development Supervisor; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Don Cline provided prayer.

Agenda Changes

Moving item 9 up to accommodate those present for a limited time.

Proclamations/Announcements

- A. Community Pride Awards for Selah Aquatic Center – Aimee Ozanich, Jessica Cavanaugh, Braelyn Carter, Krysten Callahan, Juan DeDios Ramirez, Genesis Espinoza-Coleman, Nathan Oliphant, Elise Ozanich, Otis Peace, Katie Ramos, Caitlin Strand, Sarai Villa, Kiah Weiss
- B. Recognition of Eric Neumeier's time as Chaplain for the Selah Police Department

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments from the Public

- Pattie Graffe — SDA
Introduction of 3 new board members; Economic Development, Outreach and Design meetings are coming up; discussions are underway for the upcoming Lighted Christmas Parade; SDA Board Meeting is schedule for August 12th at the Civic Center and this is open to the public.

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Lisa Gordon
Spoke on concerns about transitional housing; asked for audio and/or visual of City Council Meetings on the City website

- Tim Whitworth
Spoke on lack of City financial reports/updates on the City website

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 June 11, 2024 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Department to Purchase a New Generator for Well No. 6 and the Zone 3 Booster Pump Station

Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Peterson 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.

Resolutions

- A. Chief Soptich Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Grant Funding of \$50,000 from the Washington Auth Theft Prevention Authority (WATPA), Enter into Agreement with Flock Safety for Additional License Plate Readers, Use the General Funds for the Entire Purchase, then Submit for Reimbursement from WATPA
- B. Chief Soptich Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Additional Flock Cameras

- A. Chief Soptich presented that the WAPTA Grant is to be used for 8 additional flock cameras, and that a tax in the amount of \$2,000 would be additional. Councilmember Costello inquired on the yearly cost. Chief Soptich stated that the \$52K is for a two-year contract, and after that the annual cost would be approximately \$26K. Councilmember Iverson inquired on the current number of cameras within the City. Chief Soptich responded that there are 8. Councilmember Longmire inquired on the cost per camera. Chief Soptich responded that the cost per camera is \$3K per year. Councilmember Marquis inquired about the designated locations of the new cameras. Chief Soptich responded that the plan is to have the cameras centrally located at some of the main intersections including Naches, Fremont, as well as locations at the exit/entrances to the city. Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember

Costello seconded. Following a roll call vote by Ms. McGarity, all are in favor, and the motion is approved.

- B. Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Peterson seconded. Following a roll call vote by Ms. McGarity, all are in favor, and the motion is approved.

Ordinances

- A. Kimberly Grimm Ordinance Amending the 2024 Budget for a Fund Transfer from Fund 140 Contingency Reserve to Fund 001 General Fund for Purchase of Police Properties

- A. Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve the Ordinance. Councilmember Iverson seconded. Councilmember Marquis asked if the funds were expended from the general fund and if we are now replacing them from the contingency fund, to which Kim responded yes. Councilmember Peterson asked if this is the remainder of the ARPA funds and if there are any other ARPA funds, to which Kim responded that this transfer of funds includes the \$150K that was promised for the City Hall repairs as well as the \$250K for the Civic Center remodel. Mr. Huebner added that this transfer moves those monies from the contingency fund to the general fund, so that they may be expended. He stated we have until the end of this calendar year to allocate those to specific work or projects, and until the end of 2026 to actual expend them. Councilmember Marquis confirmed that we are moving the \$250K and the \$150K to the general funds now, and not simply covering what was expended for the purchase of real estate, to which Mr. Huebner confirmed. Following a roll call vote by Ms. McGarity, all are in favor, and the motion is approved.

Staff Reports/Announcements

The following staff members provided a department report:

- Chief of Police, Dustin Soptich
- Community Development Supervisor, Jeff Peters
- Public Works Director, Rocky Wallace
- Clerk/Treasurer, Kimberly Grimm

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Costello – Headed to Spokane on 7/26 to attend the WA-CELI
- Councilmember Wickenhagen – WA Tourism Board Meeting is on 7/24
- Councilmember Longmire – SPRSA Board will be doing a sign rallies; would like to initiate the availability of City Council meetings audio/video to the public; requested update on two-touch ordinances
- Councilmember Iverson – The Red Cross has teamed with the Selah Aquatic Center to offer showers for those in need due to fire evacuation; Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for September; Fish and Wildlife Recovery annual board meeting is scheduled for 8/7

City Attorney Report

Reminder that the SAFE Group will bring their final mural design to the 8/13 City Council meeting for approval.

City Administrator Report

Update for Zach Schab – Movie in the Park brought in over 1000 attendees and all food vendors sold out; Music in the Park brought in around 200 attendees; Soccer registration opened on 7/22 and brought in 200 registrations on the first day.

Update for Chief Lange – Black Canyon Fire is now at 6500 acres; State resources have been mobilized; 100 homes have been evacuated; no structures have been lost.

There have been meetings and demos with website platform vendors and more information will be forthcoming including the use and direction of ARPA funds; Attended a virtual listening session with the AWC related to the new public defense standards; City of Yakima IT was onsite today to complete the migration of City email accounts to Office 365.

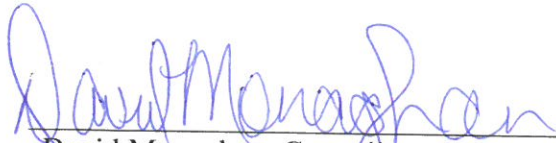
Mayor's Report

In conjunction with the Red Cross we have opened the Civic Center for emergency fire evacuation assistance; Budget schedule is preliminary; The Fish and Wildlife Recovery annual board meeting is on 8/7 and all Councilmembers are invited if they wish to sign up and accompany Councilmember Iverson, however the Mayor will not be attending; Gary Hanna has been appointed to fill a board position on the Civil Service Commission; a letter of support was given by the City of Selah to People for People to apply for a grant which will be used to replace a vehicle.

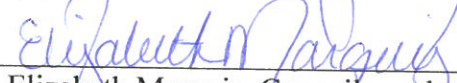
Adjournment

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

Meeting ended at 6:58 p.m.



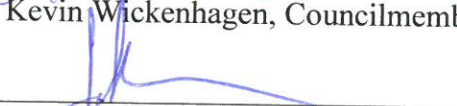
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Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

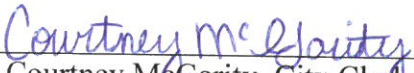



Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember



Jared Iverson, Councilmember

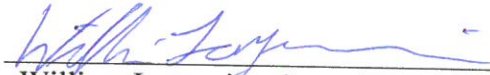
ATTEST:


Courtney McGarity, City Clerk


Roger Bell, Mayor


Clifford Peterson, Councilmember

Michael Costello, Councilmember


William Longmire, Councilmember