

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2024

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Councilmembers Absent: Elizabeth Marquis

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; Jeff Peters, Community Development Supervisor; Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Staff Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Aaron Crumrine of Selah Covenant Church provided prayer.

Agenda Changes

Addition of 9B to recognize a Community Pride Award; Removal and Postponement of 10D on Consent Agenda (Resolution Declaring the East Orchard Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project to be Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials)

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments from the Public

- Lisa Gordon — SDA
Flower boxes will be changed out for fall in mid-September; Economic Development there will be a Cash Mob on 9/26 from 3pm-5pm at the Viking Store in preparation of Spirit Week; The Selah Chamber luncheon in September will have guest speaker Jim Graffe to discuss how to set up a store front; Outreach Bingo is Thursday 9/3; Promotions include Spirit Week 10/7-10/11.

Oral Comments by People in Attendance

- Lisa Smith
Spoke on Planning Commission; Housing Action Plan and Zoning.

Proclamations/Announcements

- A. Promotion and Pinning Ceremony of Selah Police Lieutenant, Mick Gause
- B. Selah Community Pride Award to Adam Smith of The Selah Journal

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 August 13, 2024 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Adopting the “Selah Transit Development Plan 2024-2029 and 2023 Annual Report”
- D. ~~Rocky Wallace * Resolution Declaring the East Orchard Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project to be Complete and Accepting the Work and Materials~~
- E. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Six-Page Contract with Capture Energy, LLC, for the Wixson Park Pathway Project
- F. Rich Huebner * Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Six-Page No-Charge Facility Use Agreement with Independent Contractor

Councilmember Peterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. 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. Motion carries by voice vote.

Public Hearings

- A. Jeff Peters Hilltop Investment Group Annexation Public Hearing and Annexation Findings (File Number: Annex 2024-001)
 - A. Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Bell. Leanne Liddicoat spoke on behalf of Hilltop Investment Group. No further discussion or comments. Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Bell. Jeff Peters requested a vote from Councilmembers to accept or deny the Annexation Petitions and direct staff to submit the applications to the Boundary Review Board. Councilmember Wickenhagen moved to approve. Councilmember Costello seconded. Mayor Bell asked council for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Bell requested

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

General Business – None

Resolutions – None

Ordinances – None

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 – SPRSA Budget is underway.
- Councilmember Costello – Attended meetings for both Executive Board for Yakima County Emergency Management as well as Administrative Committee; Attended the Guns and Hoses Tournament which raised around \$8K for the K9 Association.
- Councilmember Wickenhagen – Tourism Board announced that USA Today named the Yakima Valley as the #1 Best Wine Region in the US, the Yakima River as the #3 Best River for Fly Fishing in the US, and The Outskirts Brewing Co. as the #4 Best New Brewery in the US.

City Attorney Report

No report.

City Administrator Report

Recognition of Jeff Peters and his 7 years of service to his position with the City of Selah; HLA will be supporting the city with planning services in the interim; Mid Valley Television has shown interest in having discussions around broadcasting of City Council meetings which they currently do for Toppenish, Wapato and Granger; Attended the WCMA Conference in Wenatchee and formally became the President of the association for the next year which will secure a 2-year position as a board member of the AWC; Working on an updated website which has included meetings and demos with different vendors and we expect to move forward soon; Currently working with our risk representative from WCIA to complete our audit for the year; We received the renewal for WCIA for 2025 with a 2.5% increase for auto and property, 15% increase for liability which included a base 5%.

Mayor's Report

In reference to the insurance increase for the upcoming year, in addition to an increase in employee hours, we have a new fire truck with a high replacement value, new public works equipment, property ownership changes as well as additional newer equipment purchases for the police department; HLA has provided their evaluation of Selah's utility rates, which will be analyzed and brought back to City Council with recommendation for the upcoming year, while taking into consideration the impact of the sewage treatment plan; HLA will be supporting the city with planning services in the interim and Jeff Peters will assist where able from his new position.

Adjournment

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

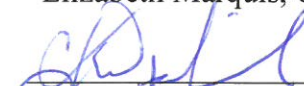
Meeting ended at 7:14 p.m.



David Monaghan, Councilmember

ABSENT

Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember

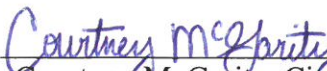


Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember

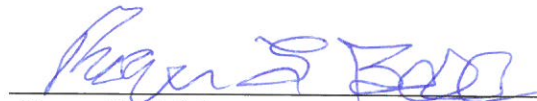


Jared Iverson, Councilmember


ATTEST:



Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember

ABSENT

Michael Costello, Councilmember

ABSENT

William Longmire, Councilmember