

City of Selah City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 26, 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, William Longmire, Jared Iverson

Councilmembers Absent: Kevin Wickenhagen

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

Staff Absent: Jim Lange, Fire Chief

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

Invocation

Aaron Crumrine of Selah Covenant Church provided prayer.

Announcement of Changes

Changing 9B to 9C; Adding new 9B under Proclamations and Announcements; Adding 13B under Resolutions; Changing Executive Session from 30 minutes to 15 minutes

Pre-Arranged Oral Comments from the Public

- Pattie Graffe — SDA – Small Business Saturday; Flower Box Changes; Christmas Light Parade; Volunteer Appreciation Party

Oral Comments by People in Attendance (up to 2 minutes each)

- Lisa Gordon – Spoke on Transitional Housing

Proclamations/Announcements

- A. Community Pride Award – Jakob Greene
- B. Promotion and Pinning Ceremony of Police Sergeant, Ryan Maybee
- C. Chris Corry and Jeremy Dufault – Legislative Updates

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 November 12, 2024 Council Meeting
- B. Kimberly Grimm * Approval of Claims & Payroll
- C. Rocky Wallace * Resolution Adopting a WSP Amendment to the February 2021 Water System Plan

Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Peterson 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. Rich Huebner Resolution Adopting the City of Selah's 2025 Legislative Agenda
- B. Rocky Wallace Resolution Authorizing the Signing and Submission of a Washington State Department of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Application Related to the City's Well No. 9 Equipping Project

- A. Councilmember Peterson made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Marquis. Following a roll call vote by Ms. McGarity, all are in favor. The motion is passed.
- B. Councilmember Costello made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Longmire. Following a roll call vote by Courtney McGarity, all are in favor. The motion is passed.

Ordinances

- A. Kimberly Grimm Ordinance to Establish the Amount of Taxes to be Levied Upon Real & Personal Property in the City of Selah, Yakima County, Washington, and Fixing the Tax Levy for the Year 2025

- A. Councilmember Peterson made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Marquis. Following a roll call vote by Courtney McGarity, all are in favor. The motion is passed.

Staff Reports/Announcements

The following staff members provided a department report:

- Deputy Fire Chief, Scott Willis
- Police Chief, Dustin Soptich
- Zack Schab, Recreation + Tourism Manager
- Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director
- Kimberly Grimm, Finance Director
- Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

Councilmember Reports

- Councilmember Monaghan – Working on securing an insurance policy for the Winter Warrior Challenge
- Councilmember Peterson – SPRSA meeting; Aimee is working towards her Certification of Pool Operator
- Councilmember Longmire – SPRSA is working on obtaining a pool cover
- Councilmember Iverson – Last week's Chamber meeting was well attended; Small Business Development Center is a great resource for small businesses

City Attorney Report

No Report

City Administrator Report

The City held interviews with two final firms for the position of consultant for the Comprehensive Plan; HLA and SCJ Alliance; the unanimous recommendation of the interview panel was to offer the contract to HLA and updates will be forthcoming. Legislative priorities to be brought to Olympia and shared with our Legislators, with funding requests submitted prior. Mr. Huebner, Mayor Bell and Chief Soptich recently toured the Discovery Lab School building in Yakima, WA to gain insight on construction ideas and processes as we look ahead to planning for the future Police Station. Interviews for City Planner were held today and an update will be forthcoming.

Mayor's Report

Correction on Comparative City Utility Rates sheet previously handed out. An updated copy of the 2025 Budget will be forthcoming at the 12/10 City Council meeting. Tomorrow (11/27) the Mayor invites City of Selah staff and Councilmembers to a holiday luncheon at City Hall from 11am-1pm.

Executive Session – Council Chambers

RCW 42.30.110(g); RE: Employee Performance

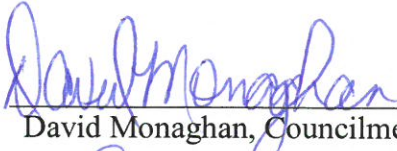
Executive Session called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:50 p.m. with no decisions made/no votes taken.

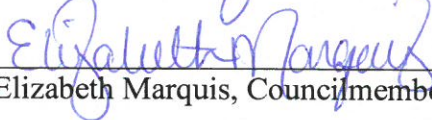
Adjournment

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

Meeting ended at 6:54 p.m.



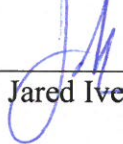
David Monaghan, Councilmember



Elizabeth Marquis, Councilmember


ABSENT

Kevin Wickenhagen, Councilmember




Jared Iverson, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Courtney McGarity, City Clerk



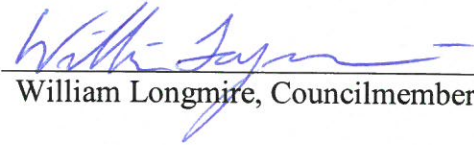
Roger Bell, Mayor



Clifford Peterson, Councilmember



Michael Costello, Councilmember



William Longmire, Councilmember