

**Reardan Town Council
Council Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2025 6:00PM
Reardan Bible Fellowship (155 S Oak, Reardan WA)**

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

- Mayor Protem: Leanne Merkel
- Council members: Bill Kemp, Dain Harden, Rocky Kidder. Dan Graham absent and excused.
- Clerk/Treasurer: Celeste Lewis
- Public Works: Tony
- Guests: Tomi Gilbert, Chantel Niles, Niki Sibley, Kathy Eastmen & John Merkel.

Approval of Minutes:

- Regular Council minutes from April 3, 2025. Rocky made a motion to approve. Dain seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Payroll Claim Vouchers:

- Approval of Payroll Claim Vouchers for April 18, 2025. Dain made a motion to approve. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of AP Claim Vouchers:

- Approval of Claims from 04/04/2025 to 04/17/2025. Dain made a motion to approve. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurers Report April 2025 – Information Only

Veteran's Report:

- Rocky said that Dan Thompson has not contacted Cliff Warwick with Veteran services for help with water leak.
- The service for Steve Valtrie will be at 11:00 AM at the Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, and then meeting at the Presbyterian church at 1:00 PM.

Public Works Report:

- Tony found a map from 1946 and he was able to find the water lines on the north side of the lake.
- He has been sweeping the streets.
- DW has a walk through for some touch up's on the sewer project.
- Around the 1st of May Tony is going to flush the water system, about the same time that he will open the bathrooms for the season. He will be doing this in the Spring and Fall each year to help keep the water clear.
- We have a warranty on the OTTA Seal project, and they will be looking at it to see if repairs need to be done.
- Rocky asked how Caiden was doing and Tony said great! Bill made a motion to put Caiden on full time until June or July. Rocky second the motion. Celeste said we need to look at the budget first and talk to the Mayor.

Police Report:

- No Report

Committee Reports/Requests:

- None

Mayor's Report:

- No Lumber, Logs or Stumps in Euclid Dump. Tony found old lumber high up on the pile that has nails in them. They will have to climb the pile to get those old boards out because after we burn it, the nails will be on the ground. Leanne recommended we need a better camera out there with a better sign.
- Mayor Protem Leanne Merkel reported on Grants. She said we are audited often and the auditors really look at grant money, to make sure it's being spent within the guidelines.
- Leanne reported that we have to put some rumors to rest. Absolutely nothing for Reardan Heroes goes through the Town of Reardan! They have their own accounting, construction and volunteers, and it's outside of city limits. The Mayor at the April 3rd meeting explained all the financial checks and balances at Town Hall.
- More about grant money, and this is really important, we can literally be turned down for grant money if the town is in turmoil! It's already difficult to get grant money and we don't want to get turned down because of gossip and rumors.

Old Business:

- Dan Thompson could be checking into other resources for his water bill.
- Rocky made a motion to sell the grader. Dain seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

- Insurance for Mule Days. Mule Days also has their own event insurance. Rocky made a motion to approve. Dain seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Garbage Clean Up Day will be May 28, 2025. We'll have Council and the Police department watch the dumpsters so only Reardan residents use it.
- Rocky reported that he talked to the kids at school about what they wanted to see in the park. They want a merry go round, new slide, horses on springs, or a tether ball, but it was brought to our attention that those are no longer safe toys. This will need some research.

Public Comment:

- Chantel Nilles reported that burning for all of April spread out the smoke for the whole month, so it was not as bad.

Executive Session:

- None

Adjourn:

- Rocky made a motion to adjourn. Dain seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.
- Time: 6:38 PM

APPROVED: _____

Gail E. Daniels

Gail E. Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Celeste Lewis

Celeste Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer