

**Reardan Town Council
Council Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2025 6:00PM
Reardan Bible Fellowship (155 S Oak, Reardan WA)**

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

- Mayor: Gail Daniels
- Council members: Dan Graham, Dain Harden, Rocky Kidder, Leanne Merkel. Bill Kemp, absent and approved
- Police: Barbara Werner
- Clerk Treasurer: Celeste Lewis
- Guests: 25 – 30

Approval of Minutes:

- Regular Council minutes from April 17, 2025. Dain made a motion to approve. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Payroll Claim Vouchers:

- Approval of Payroll Claim Vouchers for May 5, 2025. Dain made a motion to approve. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Leanne did not vote.

Approval of AP Claim Vouchers:

- Approval of Claims from 04/18/2025 to 05/01/2025. Leanne made a motion to approve. Dain seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurers Report April 2025. Leanne made a motion to approve. Rocky seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

Veteran's Report:

- Rocky said unfortunately the Veterans Office in Davenport has been closed, and we will have to go to Colville now. Steve Valtrie's service at the Veteran's cemetery was well attended.

Public Works Report:

- Tony- No report.

Police Report:

- None.

Committee Reports/Requests:

- None

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor's meeting in Davenport was attended by Mayors, the Sheriff, and Clerks from the surrounding towns. They will be held quarterly.
- Stacy Nelson is the grant writer that works with Lincoln County EDC, and she said you have better luck getting grants if you work with other towns.

Old Business:

- Rocky said he wanted to hire Caiden full-time, but Leanne and the Mayor said we must look at the budget for a big expenditure like that, and we need to research that first to see if we can afford it.

New Business:

- Leanne reported that she wants to go back to one meeting a month. Historically we have had only one meeting a month and we could get everything done in one meeting. The Mayor said we went to two meetings a month because our council meetings were going 3 to 4 hours long, and people check out after one hour. Leanne said we could think about it and maybe vote on it at the next meeting. We will need to change the ordinance.
- Swearing in of our new Police Chief Barbara Werner
- Mule Days is June 7th. Volunteers are still needed.
- Leanne reported that we can do a fund raiser with Grease Monkey in Airway Heights. All we must do is get as many people as possible from Reardan to get their oil changed on a Saturday and Grease Monkey will split the proceeds with us. Leanne would like it to go towards new toys in the park, because the Comprehensive Park Plan we did with the school, will probably take many years to happen, if ever. We will pick a date, and Leanne will do the advertising.

Public Comment:

- Jake McEntire, who organizes the Food Truck Round-Up for Mule Days said he heard there were lots of complaints about it. The Council said they have not heard of any complaints. Our Chief will plan for HWY 2 crossing to assist with traffic flow and pedestrian safety.
- Niki Sibley said she supports the idea of going to one meeting a month.
- Sam Mathis reported that the Economic Development Council (EDC) received a grant to pay for a grant writer.

Misc:

- None

Executive Session:

- None

Adjourn: 6:20 PM

APPROVED: _____

Gail E. Daniels, Mayor

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ATTEST: _____

Celeste Lewis

Celeste Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer