

**Reardan Town Council
Council Meeting Minutes
September 4, 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
- Councilmembers: Dan Graham, Bill Kemp, Rocky Kidder, Dain Harden, Leanne Merkel
- Police: Chief Barb Werner, Steve Bolinger
- Clerk/Treasurer: Celeste Lewis
- Public Works: Tony DeSautel
- Guests: Chantel Nilles, Tomi Gilbert, Niki Sibley, Kathy Eastman, Josh Eastmen, Claudia Veltrie, Simon Butterfield, Sam Mathis.

Approval of Minutes:

- Regular Council minutes from 08/07/2025. Dan made a motion to approve. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Leanne did not vote.

Approval of Payroll Claim Vouchers:

- Approval of Payroll Vouchers: 08/20/2025. Bill made a motion to approve. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Leanne did not vote.
- Approval of Payroll Vouchers: 09/05/2025 Dain made a motion to approve. Dan second the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Leanne did not vote.

Approval of AP Claim Vouchers:

- Approval of Claims from 08/08/2025 to 09/04/2025. Leanne made a motion to approve. Dan second the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurers Report August 2025. Bill made a motion to approve. Dain second the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Veteran's Report:

- Rocky sent a brother of a Veteran to see Cliff.

Public Works Report:

- Tony spent 2 days over a weekend, fixing a check valve at our lift station. He had amazing people come to help us out, because Tony has fostered positive relationships with so many people.
- We finally got approved to replace air hoses at our sewer ponds, only because Mayor Gail called Rep. Joe Schmick who got Ecology moving on the project.

Police Report:

- Chief Werner reported last month she had 3 animal problems, 6 citizen arrests, 1 civil disorderly, 2 info only, 68 traffic.

Committee Reports/Requests:

- Bill – 2nd Harvest. The last 2nd Harvest was down by 20 families.

Mayor's Report:

- The Ice Cream Social had 75 people and went through 8 gallons of ice cream. Mule Days, W.E. CARE, the fire department, Reardan Hero's, and Kristine from Kathy McMorris office all spoke. Kathy's office gave us 54 flags.
- Xpress Bill Pay is scheduled to begin October 1st. Town Hall can help you set up payments online.
- The website is tentatively scheduled for debut Nov 1st. Chief Mike got the website started and everything will be networked, which will be a game changer!

Old Business:

- Dog Ordinance. Leanne wanted the owner's phone number on the collar and if it's classified as a dangerous dog, they have to prove they have insurance on it. Council decided to adopt Davenport's ordinance. Fees can be established by a resolution. Leanne made a motion to approve. Dain second the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- Planning Commission recommended approving Simon Butterfield's variance. Dain made a motion to approve. Rocky second the motion. Motion failed 2-3. Bill, Dan and Leanne opposed the motion.

New Business:

- Purchase of Nancy Baker property near HWY 2 well. Rocky made a motion to deny. Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0, to not buy the property.
- Implement Davenport's Nuisance Ordinance for Junk/Unregistered Vehicles. Barb suggested we adopt Davenport's ordinance.
- Susan Schulz letter of retirement. Rocky made a motion to approve. Dain second the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment:

- Chantel reported she had 50 people at the movie night, and they want to keep doing it next year. If R.E.C.A.P. can't sponsor it next year, can the Town of Reardan do it? The council was in favor of that idea.

Misc.

- Leanne reported that a resident told her that a council member had told the resident that the council is trying to lower the town utility bills. Leanne responded that this is not true.

Adjourn:

- 6:45 PM

APPROVED: Gail E Daniels
Gail E Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST: Celeste Lewis
Celeste Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer