

**Reardan Town Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2025 6:00PM  
Reardan Bible Fellowship (155 S Oak, Reardan WA)**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Roll Call:**

- Mayor: Gail Daniels
- Councilmembers: Dan Graham, Bill Kemp, Rocky Kidder, Leanne Merkel. All present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Regular Council minutes from 11/6/2025. Dan made a motion to approve. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Leanne did not vote.
- Budget Hearing Minutes 11/18/2025. Leanne made a motion to approve. Dan second the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
- Budget Hearing Minutes 12/01/2025. Bill made a motion to approve. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Approval of Payroll Claim Vouchers:**

- Payroll Vouchers: From 11/20/2025. Bill made a motion to approve. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Leanne did not vote. Payroll vouchers from 12/05/2025. Bill made a motion to approve. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Leanne did not vote.

**Approval of AP Claim Vouchers:**

- Approval of Claims from 11/07/2025 to 12/04/2025. Leanne made a motion to approve. Dan second the motion. Motion passed

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurers Report November 2025. Tabled

**Veteran's Report:**

- Rocky no report.

**Public Works Report:**

- Lift station, hydrants, preparations for cold weather, Railroad Pond, Water Plan. Tony had to dig up a hydrant. Lift station voltage overload. Seal repair. Water problem solved. Water plan on Maple and Broadway. Apart 2 times fixed ASAP. The part will be \$900 to fix the hydrant.
- Barb talked about the flashing light in the school zone.

**Committee Reports/Requests:**

- None

**Mayor's Report:**

- Otta Seal completion
- Kathy will be sworn in December 31st at Town Hall.

**Old Business:**

- Garbage increase - Resolution # 218. Leanne made a motion to approve the garbage increase. Dan seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1. Bill voted no.

**New Business:**

- New Enterprise with a young entrepreneur. Jay said he wants to put a snack vending machine in the pavilion as a business, and he will give the Town 15% of the sales. Leanne said we should put a camera looking into the pavilion, and we can try it on a temporary trial for 3 months. Leanne made a motion to approve. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
- Diane Lubber's confirmation as new Librarian was accepted. Bill made a motion to approve. Leanne second the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
- Salary Schedule discussion. Dan suggested a 3% step for each year worked. Bill said he wanted 2.5% or the national average of 2.8%
- City Council Vacancy. Leanne said we should advertise the open position first.
- Hwy 2 well generator.
- The new Reserve officer is Ronald Wier.
- Adopt 2026 Budget. Leanne made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget. Dan second the motion. Motion passed 3-1. Bill voted no to pass the budget.

**Misc:**

- None

**Adjourn:**

- Leanne made a motion to adjourn. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
- Time 7:00 PM

APPROVED:   
Gail Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Celeste Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer

Public comment for 04DEC2025:

**Toni Conley** asked me to bring up the hard water. She said it is very rough on their fixtures (toilets, sinks, showers). She acknowledged that it may not be financially feasible for the town to purchase a water softener, but was interested in water softener recommendations none the less.

**Tawnja Monek** asked on Facebook for discussion regarding a crosswalk light. She said that her daughter was the pedestrian in the auto-ped last month. And she is concerned a similar event will likely happen again. She is asking for discussion regarding a blinking light to indicate that someone is using the crosswalk.

**Several** members of the town are curious to know when the newly elected mayor will be sworn in?

When and where could a member of the town find the **clear statement of eligibility criteria and the deadline** to submit applications for the vacant Council seat?

**Two suggestions have been brought forward to help reduce the excessively large garbage fund.**

1. Jennie Wagner has proposed offering yard waste pick up. This could take the form of hiring out a service, meaning contracting it out. Or, it could mean hiring a couple locals and paying them an hourly rate.
2. Andrew Sibley has proposed offering quarterly town clean up days. Meaning offer the same services as the annual town clean up before Mule Days (large industrial trash bins, household recycling, scrap metal recycling), but on a quarterly basis.