

MINUTES
Reardan Town Council Special Meeting
December 16, 2025 5:00PM
Reardan Town Hall
120 S Oak St

Call to Order: 5:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

- Motion to excuse any absences (if applicable)
- Council members present: Bill Kemp, Rocky Kidder, Dan Graham; Leanne Merkel excused
- Mayor: Gail Daniels
- Police Department: Barbara Werner
- Guests: Kathy Eastman

Gail wants this on the record: The Town of Reardan is accused of paying for the Christmas party last Friday night at KornFed Teds. Everyone paid for their own dinner. I can't believe there has been so much gossip and rumors spreading in the last year. None of the town's money paid for the party last Friday night (December 12, 2025).

New Business:

- Budget Ordinance: Rocky made a motion to accept amended Ordinance #2601, Dan seconded, motion carries 3-0.
- Salary Schedule Step:
 - Public Works Director: Dan made a motion to move Tony DeSautel, to step 7, Bill seconded, motion carries 3-0.
 - Assistant Deputy Clerks: Dan made a motion to change Leanne Merkel's title to Deputy Clerk and Beth Cassaro to Assistant Deputy Clerk. Bill has a problem with a council member working for the town; there needs to be a full-time 2nd person. There was no second on Dan's motion. Bill made a motion to move Leanne Merkel and Beth Cassaro, to step 3, Rocky seconded, motion carries 2-1.
 - Clerk/Treasurer: Dan made a motion to move Celeste Lewis to step 9, Rocky seconded, motion carries 3-0.
 - Reserve Officers:
 - Rocky made a motion to move Jon Graham and Mike Grow to step 3, Dan seconded, motion passed 3-0. Ron Wier will be doing emergency situations and writing grants for money for inmate stays. Bill made a motion to move Ron Wier and Steve Bolinger to step 3, Rocky seconded, motion carries 3-0.
 - Police Chief: Bill made a motion to move Barbara Werner to step 4, Rocky seconded, motion carries 3-0.
 - Librarian: Bill made a motion to move the new librarian, Diane Lubbers, to step 2; Dan seconded, motion carries 3-0.
- Retirement Correction: Bill made a motion to forgive Tony DeSautel and Leanne Merkel's retirement debt, Rocky seconded, motion carries 3-0.
- Treasurers Report: Bill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Rocky seconded, motion carries 3-0.

Adjourn:

- Time: 5:57 pm. Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rocky, motion carries 3-0.

APPROVED: _____

Kathy Eastman

Kathy Eastman, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Celeste Lewis C/T

Celeste Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer