

**Reardan Town Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2026 6:00PM  
Reardan Bible Fellowship (155 S Oak, Reardan WA)**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Roll Call:**

- Mayor: Kathy Eastman
- Councilmembers: Dan Graham, Pat Hogan, Rocky Kidder, Leanne Merkel. All Present
- Swearing in of Council Members: Pat Hogan, Rocky Kidder, Leanne Merkel
- Police: Chief Barb Werner, & Reserve Ron Wier
- Public Works: Tony DeSautel
- Guests: Niki Sibley, Sam Mathis, Chantel Nilles, Tomi Gilbert, Marian Foster, Sandy Hughes, Jean Heinrich, Josh Eastman, John Merkel, Eric Merkel, Betty Grant, Sharon Skipper, Wayne Terry, Brian Hudspeth,

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Regular Council minutes from 12/04/2025. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Leanne did not vote
- Special Meeting minutes from 12/16/2025. Dan made a motion to approve. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Marian Foster asked that the council speak louder.

**Approval of Payroll Claim Vouchers:**

- Payroll Vouchers for: 12/19/2025. Pat made a motion to approve. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Leanne did not vote. Payroll Vouchers for: 01/05/2026. Pat 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 12/05/2025 to 01/08/2026. Pat made a motion to approve. Dan second it. Motion passed 4-0.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurers Report December 2025. Leanne made a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's report. Dan second it. Motion passed 4-0.

**Veteran's Report:**

- No Report

**Public Works Report:**

- New Samplers have been installed.
- There was a main line leak in the alley behind the R-Store, and it has been fixed.
- Tony talked about a generator for our well. The cheapest way is to directly buy the Cummins generator and the transfer switch, then pay a company for the installation. We have two bids for installation, one from Kysar for \$72,131.26 and one from Halme for \$71,281.03. There is not natural gas out there, we will have to use propane for the generator. A motion was made by Rocky to approve the purchase of a generator and installation, it is Tony's decision as to which bid to accept. Leanne seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Police Report:**

- Barb suggested we buy 2 large kennels for lost dogs. Leanne made a motion that we buy 2 dog kennels. Rocky second it. Motion passed 4-0.
- The entire year of traffic stops in the school zone was 227.
  - Monday = 0830 to 0915 / 1430-1515
  - Tuesday-Friday = 0730 to 0830 / 1430-1515
- The entire year of traffic stops in 2025 was 959
- Closed/inactive on Holidays

**Committee Reports/Requests:**

- None

**Mayor's Report:**

- US Bank Closing. Must be deposited within 24 hours. Safe keeping. Must see if money in our safe is insured. We will deposit one a week, and have a written procedure. If an employee takes it they will be paid for mileage to Davenport.
- Notary-Kathy said Pam Hoffman is a notary, but would like Celeste and possibly Leanne to become a notary. We would need an insurance bond. The webinar is \$150 per year and the stamp is \$250 for 4 years.
- Discussion – Public Comments will be later in the agenda.
- Kathy reported that ordinances are the laws of Reardan.
- Kathy is going to talk to the school to see if we can get a bank in town.

**Old Business:**

- City Council Vacancy-The deadline is January 20 for applications. Council decided to meet February 5th for council interviews, instead of January 22.

**New Business:**

- We discussed where council meetings should be now. Leanne said her and others cannot hear at community hall, and with so many people attending now, Town hall is not big enough. Leanne made a motion that our meeting should be at the fire station, and they have handicap accessibility. Rocky second the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Misc:**

- None

**Adjourn:**

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kathy Eastman*

Kathy Eastman, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

*Celeste Lewis*

Celeste Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer