

Town of Reardan Council Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2026, 6:00PM
Reardan Fire Department (135 S Lake St)

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

- Mayor: Kathy Eastman
- Council members: Dan Graham, Rocky Kidder and Leanne Merkel are present. Absent and excused were Council members Pat Hogan and Wayne Terry.
- Clerk/Treasurer: Sam Mathis
- Police: Reserve Ron Weir
- Public Works: Tony DeSautel
- Guests: Niki Sibley, Claudia Veltrie, Chantel Nilles, Tomi Gilbert, Leatisha Steele, Nick Poletto, Tina Hansen, Sandy Hughes, Jean Heinrich, Glenda Eastman, Gloria Palomino, Sharon Skipper, Whitney Poitra, Josh Eastman, Gretchen Neal, David Neal, Shannon Manning. Sprague Mayor Lucas Becker, Clerk/Treasurer and two Council members. Reporter Derek Bilodeauz. Many guests to honor Veteran Rocky Kidder receiving the quilt of Valor.

Presentation Quilt of Valor: Councilman Rocky has been awarded the Quilt of Valor; this is a quilt presented to local veterans in appreciation for his service to our country. With friends and family present Veteran Rocky Kidder was presented with the Quilt of Valor in honor of his years of service to our Country.

Approval of Minutes:

- Regular Council minutes from 2/5/26: Rocky made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/5/26 regular meeting. Dan seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Special Meeting minutes from 2/18/26: Dan made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/18/26 special meeting. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed 2 in favor, 1 opposed. Dan and Leanne stated that there needs to be a vote of three to pass, Mayor not sure of law. Dan asked to table the decision until the next meeting.

Approval of Payroll Claim Vouchers:

- Payroll Vouchers of 2/11/26 – Special from DRS Audit: Leanne made a motion to approve the DRS Audit special payroll vouchers for 2/11/26. Dan seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Payroll Vouchers of 2/20/26: Will table approval of 2/20/26 payroll vouchers, as Leanne will need to abstain and then there is no quorum for this vote. Will present 2/20/26 payroll vouchers at the April 2nd meeting.
- Payroll Vouchers of 3/5/26: Leanne made a motion to approve vouchers for 3/5/26. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of AP Claim Vouchers:

- Approval of Claims from 12/31/25: Leanne made a motion to approve the account payable claims from 12/31/25. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Approval of Claims from 2/6/2026 to 3/5/2026: Dan made a motion to approve the account payable claims from 2/6/26 to 3/5/26. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurers Report February 2026: Report is for information only as the US Bank Statement has not been received. No questions about the Treasurers information report.

Public Works Report:

- Tony reported that the generator has been ordered and he will coordinate with Halme Construction for the installation.

Police Report:

- Officer Weir reported 105 incidents for February in which there were 90 traffic related to many of those in the school speed zone, 1 DUI and 2 trespasses from the school.

Committee Reports/Requests:

- None

Mayor's Report:

- Personnel New Hires: Clerk/Treasurer Sam Mathis and Deputy Clerk Juliette Richards. Resignations: Assistant Deputy Clerk Bethany Cassaro and Planning Commissioner John Merkel.
- Deputy Clerk computer crashed, there were 800 bad sectors, replaced with a laptop that was in the office.
- Congratulations public works employee Carsen Kline won 4th place at State Tournament for his wrestling weight division.
- Council members were asked what information they want the Mayor to report to them outside the monthly meeting. Leanne would like to know about water and sewer issues, also streetlight in front of Town Hall needs to be replaced. Dan would like to know when hiring or firing.
- Letter from a private party that is interested in purchasing the Town's land on Wood Road. The offer is \$2000. All agree property may be worth more than the offered amount. The Mayor will consult with a realtor and report back to council in a few months.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Public Comment:

- Comments made by the following guests: Sharon Skipper, Jean Heinrichs, Chantel Nilles, Shannon Manning, Mayor of Sprague, and Sprague Councilman Wilkins.


Adjourn:

- Dan made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 PM. Leanne seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

APPROVED: _____


Kathy Eastman, Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Sam Mathis, Clerk/Treasurer