

*Broadus Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
January 8, 2008*

No quorum, no meeting.

*Broadus Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 5, 2008*

No quorum, no meeting.

*Broadus Town Council  
Special Meeting  
February 6, 2008*

Mayor Milton Amsden; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman David Day; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Michael Williams; Public Works Cassidy Zimmer; Clerk Peggy Fruit; Guests: Joe Stuver.

Mayor Amsden swore in Councilman Kurt Collins and Councilman David Day to their new terms as Councilman for the Broadus Town Council. Oaths of Office were signed by both councilman and are on file at the Town Office. Joe Stuver, Powder River Examiner was on hand to take pictures.

Mayor Amsden called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Traub moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Day seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Responsibilities of Councilman are as follows: Councilman Sturtz will oversee Water & Streets and represent the Council on the Swimming Pool and SEMDC; Councilman Traub will oversee Law Enforcement; Councilman Day will oversee Parks & Buildings and continue membership with Association of Montana Floodplain Managers; and Councilman Kurt Collins will oversee Sewer & Garbage and the Junk Vehicle Ordinance.

Mayor and Council reviewed draft ordinance regarding special events held within the Town of Broadus. No decisions were made at this time will review again at next meeting.

Mayor and Council reviewed and signed Resolution 2008-01, A Resolution Activating a Town Planning Boards. The board will consist of the following: Councilman Day, PW Ragsdale, Clerk Fruit, and need two people who live within the Town limits and two people who live outside the Town limits It was agreed to put an ad in the Powder River Examiner to see if anyone would be interested on serving on this board. Several people were mentioned as possible candidates to serve on the board. A Planning Board Ordinance was reviewed and no action was taken, will discuss more at the next meeting.

Councilman Collins inquired on the status of the Community Decay ordinance. Clerk Fruit reported that it had been adopted and was effective December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007. It was agreed to contact the sanitarian about several issues that need addressed. Clerk Fruit will check into who is currently acting as our sanitarian and contact him or her.

The Council reviewed Ordinance 2007-02; Chapter 2 of The Code of Ordinances of Broadus, Montana; An ordinance of the Town of Broadus declaring abandoned, wrecked or junked vehicles or part(s) thereof on private property to be public nuisances; prohibiting storage thereof; authorizing the Town of Broadus to abate such nuisances; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; Councilman Day moved for passage of the second reading. Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Collins and PW Cassidy Zimmer will begin to addresses several violations of this ordinance within in the Town of Broadus.

**ORDINANCE 2007-02; CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF  
BROADUS MONTANA**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BROADUS DECLARING ABANDONED, WRECKED OR JUNKED VEHICLES OR PART(S) THEREOF ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES; PROHIBITING STORAGE THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BROADUS TO ABATE SUCH NUISANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the accumulation and storage of abandoned, wrecked or junked vehicles or parts thereof on private property, which vehicles are in the nature of rubbish and unsightly debris, violates, in many instances, constitutes a nuisance detrimental to the health, safety and welfare to the community; and

Whereas, such conditions tend to interfere with the enjoyment of and reduce the value of private property, invite plundering, create fire hazards and other safety and health hazard to children as well as adults, interfere with the comfort and well being of the public, and create, extend and aggravate urban blight; and

Whereas, adequate protection of the public health, safety and welfare requires that such conditions be regulated, and abated and prohibited; and

Whereas, the Town Council desires to adopt an Ordinance to provide for the removal of such vehicles either by the landowner or person in possession where the vehicle is stored or by the owner of the vehicle, and thereby to enhance the aesthetic value of parts of the community now affected.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Broadus Town Council:

Section 3-1: Abandoned, wrecked or junked vehicles or part(s) thereof: unlawful to leave on private property:

- (a) It shall be unlawful to park, store, or leave or permit parking or storing of any licensed or unlicensed motor vehicle or any kind or part(s) thereof, for a period of time in excess of 72 hours which is in rusted, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled or inoperative, or abandoned condition, whether attended or not, upon any private property within the Town limits, unless same is completely enclosed within a building or a privacy fence, or unless it is in connection with a business enterprise lawfully situated and licensed for same.
- (b) The accumulation and storage of one or more of such vehicles or part(s) thereof as hereinbefore defined, on private property shall constitute a nuisance, detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of inhabitants of the Town, and it shall be the duty of the registered owner of such vehicle or part(s) thereof, and it shall also be the duty of the owner of the private property, or lessees or other person in possession of private property upon which such vehicle or part(s) there of is located, to remove same from the Town limits, or to have the same housed in a building or privacy fence where it will not be visible from the street.

Section 3-2: Notice of owner of vehicle or land:

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works or Town Marshall to give written notice to the registered owner of any motor or part(s) thereof which is in violation of this ordinance as described above, or to give much notice to the owner or lessee of private land upon which said motor vehicle or part(s) thereof is situated, giving notice that said vehicle or part(s) thereof violates this ordinance, and demanding that said motor vehicle or part(s) thereof be removed from the Town within 72 hours from the time of service notice, or that within 72 hours same may be housed in a building or privacy fence where it will not be visible from the street. Said notice may be given by personal service, or by certified mail, with a return receipt requested.
- (b) Written notice required by this section shall be deemed to have been given; i.e. constructive notice when the registered owner of the motor vehicle or part(s) thereof, or the owner, lessee or other person in possession of private property concerned herein either (1) refuses to accept the prepaid United States mail certified letter from the Town and same is returned from the post office marked "refused"; or (2) the said person to be notified is present in the Town but the notification letter is returned marked "unclaimed"

by the post office, in which event notice by the Town may be made by affixing the letter in a conspicuous place at the entrance or to the front door of the residence of such person.

**Section 3-4: Public notice by Town Clerk:**

- (a) After diligent search and inquiry by the Director of Public Works or Town Marshall and Town Clerk, no written notice as above shall be required where the registered owner of such vehicle or part(s) thereof or the owner of the private property or lessee or other person in possession of private property upon which such vehicle or part(s) thereof is located cannot be found or determined, but instead a public notice shall be posted by the Town Clerk in three public places in the Town of Broadus, Montana for five (5) consecutive days.
- (b) Such public notice shall include among other information, "Public Notice: To Whom It May Concern", date, legal description of the situs, address of same, a full description of the motor vehicle or part(s) thereof, when available - the last known owner of the vehicle and/or owner of the realty or last known person in possession of the situs, and the date from or approximate period of time during which said nuisance has existed.

**Section 3-5: Removal of vehicle by Town, its agent, or contractor costs:**

In the event that any of the aforesaid persons, whether an individual, firm or corporation fails, neglects, or refuses to remove the abandoned, wrecked or junked vehicle or part(s) thereof or house same in the building or privacy fence as provided in the second paragraph of above and abate said nuisance after the required notice, the Town, its agent or contractor may remove the vehicle or part(s) thereof at the cost not to exceed \$50.00 and a minimum cost of \$5.00 as determined by the Town; which cost shall, if in the best interests of the Town as determined by the Town Council, be collected from the registered owner of such vehicle or part(s) thereof or the owner of the private property or lessee or other person in possession of private property upon which such vehicle or parts(s) thereof is located. Ownership of any vehicles or part(s) thereof removed by the Town, its agent or contractor shall upon such removal be vested in the Town, its agent or contractor, as applicable.

**Section 3-6: Authority of Town Clerk to contract:**

The Town Clerk is authorized to enter into a written agreement with a duly licensed junk dealer for the removal of abandoned, wrecked or junked vehicles or part(s) there of under this section wherein consideration for the service of said junk dealer shall be the vehicle or part(s) there of at no expense to the Town or shall be other reasonable compensation. Said junk dealer, before entering into contract with the Town or being appointed its agent or contractor in reference to section 4 and section 5, shall furnish evidence of public liability insurance to adequately protect such agent or contractor and the Town deemed reasonable in the opinion of the Town Clerk. In the event a qualified and suitable junk dealer is not available to contract with or act as the Town's agent or contractor as provided herein, the Town Clerk is authorized to contract with the lowest responsible bidder to provide for removal from private property of abandoned, wrecked or junked vehicles or part(s) there of under section 4.

**Section 3-7: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.**

**Section 3-8: That should any provisions of this Ordinance or any portion thereof, any paragraph, sentence or work be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity or the reminder hereof as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.**

**Section 3-9: This ordinance shall be in full force and affect immediately following its final adoption.**

**FINALLY ADOPTED AND APPROVED** at a regular session of the Town Council of the Town of Broadus held on 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

With the winter snow and ice several complaints about snow removal on sidewalks have been received. Review of the Town of Broadus Snow Removal policy was done and unanimously agreed by all in attendance to update the policy to state the following. "Property owners or renters' with sidewalks are responsible for snow removal. Snow removal must begin by 10:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. The following fees will be charged if the Town

of Broadus does the snow removal: \$25.00 fee plus \$25.00 per hour with a minimum of one hour charge.” Reminder will be sent to all utility costumers.

Clerk Fruit will be sending out rate letter increases, the next meeting will be open to the public for comment.

State of Montana recently conducted a safety inspection of the Town of Broadus facilities. The Town has several minor findings which have already been taken care of by the Public Works Department. Several policies need to be put in place and written. Councilman Day, PW Ragsdale and Clerk Fruit will begin the task of setting up a safety program and writing policies for the Council approval. Clerk Fruit will contact the State on what has been done and check on an extension date for the policies.

Clerk Fruit contacted Mitch with Waste Connection, twice, about solid waste services out of the Town’s limits as request by Kurt Copps. Mitch was to contact the Public Service Commission on how this could be handled having the Town picking up solid waste in their contract area. Clerk Fruit will make another attempt to get this information from the Waste Connection, if no information is received Council recommends that there will be not further contact and the solid waste for areas outside Town limits will be the responsibility of the individuals.

Mayor and Council reviewed an ordinance pertaining to extension of municipal water line outside of municipal boundaries, requests for service connections, termination of services and service fees as drafted by Attorney Noble. Council reviewed the ordinance and tabled the ordinance until next meeting. Discussion of water rates on the water line extension was done but no action was taken.

PW Ragsdale reported the new meters installed at lagoon, will be testing for Total Chlorine instead of Free Chlorine, sanding streets, and discussed the safety inspection which was recently done.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

3432 Fruit Peggy	wages	1020.58
3433 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	971.76
3434 Williams Michael	wages	594.38
3435 Zimmer Cassidy	wage	773.50
3436 DCI Credit Services Inc	garnish	198.12
3437 Yesterday’s Things	supply	71.25
3438 State Treasurer	fees	175.00
3439 Town of Broadus	petty cash	104.55
3440 Noble Law Firm	legal service	175.00
3441 Quill Corporation	supply	243.59
3442 Western Plains Machinery Co	supply	48.14
3443 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	340.00
3444 Northland Automotive	supply	294.15
3445 Aflac	insurance	41.82
3446 Northwest Pipe Fitting Inc	supply	74.81
3447 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	33.86
3448 Powder River County	election	386.13
3449 Carquest Auto Parts Stores	supply	544.84
3450 WCS Telecom	utility	17.69
3451 D&P Auto Clinic	supply	105.00
3452 Secretary of State	supply	60.00
3455 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	969.08
3456 Williams Michael	wages	722.60
3457 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1153.19
3458 Fruit Peggy	wages	1108.53
3459 The Corner-Hoofers	purchase service	715.00
3460 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00
3462 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
3463 David Day	reimbursement	40.00

3464 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	40.00
3465 Amsden Milton	reimbursement	40.00
3466 McEuen Rebecca	wages	152.99
3467 Tongue River Electric Cooperative	utility	2092.27
3468 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop Inc	utility	143.10
3469 Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	120.21
3470 Dental Network of America	insurance	427.60
3471 Skyview TV Inc	utility	24.00
3472 Grant Trucking	utility	268.00
3473 Energy Laboratories	sample	35.00
3474 MMIA Montana	insurance	4666.0
3475 Northwest Pipe Fitting Inc.	supply	17.89
3476 Earley Electric	repair	75.78
3477 Furrow Pump	supply	78.52
3478 Fastenal Company	supply	135.11
3479 Broadus Insurance Services Inc.	surety bond	90.95
3480 Montana Department of Administration		25.00
3481 D&P Auto Clinic	supply	85.00
3482 Department of environmental service	WWWTF fees	500.00
3483 EMC Insurance Companies	premium	31.00
3484 Aye's Fabricating & Repair	supply	84.50
3485 USA Bluebook	supply	86.93
3486 Nalco Company	supply	168.00
3487 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
3488 Lambert Chantz	supply	28.44
3489 Montana Rural Water Systems	fees	435.00
3490 Extended Stay America	lodging	464.94
3493 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1051.13
3494 Williams Michael	wages	687.57
3495 DCI Credit Services Inc	garnish	229.19
3496 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	882.17
3497 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank	withholding	1943.52
3498 Department of Revenue	withholding	334.00
3499 Montana Municipal Insurance Authority	workers comp	1741.73
3500 The Corner Store	supply	259.03
3501 Copps Hardware & Lumber	supply	427.85
3502 Alderman Oil Company	supply	861.47
3503 J&S Tire and Repair	supply	1862.40
3504 Postmaster	supply	160.00
3505 Aflac	insurance	41.82
3506 Pacific Steel & Recycling	supply	9.47
3507 Valley Welders Supply Inc	supply	1500.76
3508 Dana Kepner Co	supply	79.00
3509 Cassidy Zimmer	reimbursement	80.80
3510 Internal Revenue Service	withholding	2066.70
3511 Department of Revenue	withholding	373.80
3512 UI Tax Program	withholding	181.01
3521 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00
3522 WCS Telecom	utility	47.23
3523 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
3524 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
3525 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	40.00
3526 Amsden Milton	reimbursement	40.00
3527 McEuen Rebecca	wages	152.99
3528 Tongue River Electric Cooperative	utility	2236.75
3529 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop Inc	utility	143.72
3530 Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	120.21
3531 Dental Network of America	insurance	513.60
3532 Skyview TV Inc	utility	24.00
3533 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
3534 Larry's IGA	supply	34.05
3535 Noble Law Firm PC	legal service	240.00

3536 Alderman Oil Company	supply	130.00
3537 Copps Hardware & Lumber	supply	455.92
3538 Black Mountain Software	fees	1215.00
3539 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	925.50
3540 Industrial Chem Lab	supply	468.96
3541 J&S Tire and Repair Inc	repair	235.90
3542 Hugh Fulton	repair	675.40
3543 Quill	supply	246.44
3544 Farmtek	supply	73.30
3545 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	227.98
3546 Western Plains Machinery Co	supply	594.89
3547 Energy Laboratories	sample	53.25
3548 D&P Auto Clinic	supply	28.50
3549 MMIA Montana	insurance	4666.20
3550 Carquest Auto Parts stores	supply	746.02
3551 Grant Trucking	utility	225.12
3552 Department of Revenue	withholding	371.00
3553 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank	withholding	2164.28

With no further business, Councilman Traub moved to adjourn, Councilman Day seconded. Mayor Amsden adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 5:00 p.m.

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Peggy Fruit, Clerk

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Milton Amsden, Mayor

**Broadus Town Council**

**Regular meeting**

**March 11, 2008 (rescheduled from March 4<sup>th</sup>)**

Mayor Milton Amsden; Councilman Richard Sturtz; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman David Day; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Cassidy Zimmer; Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Mayor Amsden called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Sturtz moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Day seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Following a discussion of whom would possibly be interested in serving on the Town of Broadus Planning Board, it was agreed that Clerk Fruit would send letters to the following individuals: Gary Alderman, Kurt Copps, Dave Gardner, Sharon Billings, Tracy Vail, Darold Zimmer, Tim Stradinger, Jim Hansen, and Mark Wenzel. The letter will request that anyone interested in serving should contact the Town Office by March 31, 2008.

Public Works Ragsdale reported all findings from the safety inspection have been corrected and report submitted to the Safety Inspector. The semi truck and trailer will be moved by Friday of this week.

Clerk Fruit reported that no one has contacted the Town office or attended the Public Hearing March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 to protest the increase in water and sewer rates. Councilman Day moved to

increase rates as follows:

WATER BASE RATE:

3/4" meter	11.00
1" meter	19.53
1 1/2" meter	43.95
2" meter	78.14
2 1/2" meter	122.09
3" meter	175.81

CONSUMPTION RATES FOR WATER:

First 50,000 gallons	2.03/1000
Next 50,000 gallons	2.19/1000
Over 100,000 gallons	2.30/1000

SEWER BASE RATE COMPARISONS:

Base rate for sewer: 3000 gallon average usage 7.75

Over 3000 gallon usage add .97/1000 gallon

Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried by all Council present.

Carrie Lancaster contacted Clerk Fruit about the water usage at her residence, no one is living there yet there was a substantial amount of water used. It was agreed by Council that if the usage was due to a break the Town will adjust for ½ of the water in question, if no break can be found the total bill is due by owner.

PW Ragsdale reported that leak in Lincoln Avenue has been fixed and have filled hole with gravel for now, will monitor the area since the moisture seems to continue to rise to the surface creating boggy areas in the street. If this continues other actions will have to be taken. With all the valve work scheduled for this summer, the Town will need to get a trench box. Have checked prices of trench boxes and received a quote for an adjustable box at \$4900.00. There is a need for a pipe saw. Councilman Collins suggested checking with rental places prior to purchasing items. Northwest Pipe will meet with us to determine which valves would be the most beneficial to change out first, according to our systems layout.

The construction of a room at the main well for chlorine storage is needed to maintain proper temperature during hot summer months. PW Ragsdale will get the required information for the room and contact the state for proper permits.

PW Zimmer has been getting the Town of Broadus police car ready, new tires are needed and decals for the sides were discussed. Items required for the police academy have been listed and need to be ordered. Council and Zimmer discussed the firearm requirements. Council approved the purchase of new tires, items required by police academy and firearm. Mayor and Council agreed to have a debit card; Clerk Fruit will contact the bank.

Mayor and Council agreed to sell the old sander for salvage or trade for steel needed at the Town Shop.

Council reviewed: ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BROADUS

**ARTICLE NO. 9,**

**EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL WATER LINE  
OUTSIDE OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES, REQUESTS FOR  
SERVICE CONNECTIONS, TERMINATION OF SERVICES,  
AND SERVICE FEES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Broadus previously entered into a written agreement with the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation dated September 27, 1999, in which the Town of Broadus agreed to construct and operate a certain municipal main water line extension from the Town's existing municipal water line system to certain real property located west of the municipal boundaries of the Town, including the parcels of real property on which are currently located (or are commonly referred to as) Copps Hardware and Lumber, Cashway Café, McDowell rental property, Thomas Williams residence, Loyce Cossitt residence, and the Dennis Schaffer residence;

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Broadus has determined that it is reasonable and appropriate to allow a limited number of additional existing structures located on other nearby parcels of real property to be connected to said water line extension due to the lack of a supply of potable water at said locations (even though said properties are not included within the terms of the written agreement described above);

WHEREAS, no written policy or Ordinance has previously been adopted specifically regarding the connection of said additional existing structures to the Town's water line extension (however, certain provisions in the Town's previously enacted water ordinances may also apply to said properties when water service is supplied);

WHEREAS, the Town's water line extension described above has a limited capacity for water service, and the future expansion of that line extension would cause the Town to incur significant construction costs (for which funding is not available at this time);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. Sec. 69-7-201, each municipal utility (including the Town of Broadus water department) is required to adopt (with the concurrence of the Town Council) rules for the operation of its water system, including setting water user charges, the classification of users, applications for service, uses of the service, procedures for discontinuation of service, reestablishment of service, and **extension of services** to users within the Town and outside the Town's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable and appropriate to establish written policies and rules regarding said water line extension and use of the water supplied thereby;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following terms and provisions are hereby adopted by the Town of Broadus to govern said water line extension and the use of the water supplied thereby to property located outside of the Town's boundaries.

**Sec. 9 - 01. Applications for Water Service outside of Town Boundaries.**

a.) Any party who would like to request a connection to said main water line extension for purposes of providing water to a residence, business, or other structure (which must lack a supply of potable water from a water well or other source on the property), and which was in existence and in use prior to January 1, 2008, must submit a completed Application Form to the Town, together with any required application fee.

b.) Application forms shall be prepared by the Town and shall be available at the Town's offices.

c.) Applications may not be submitted for any residence, business, or other structure which was not in existence and is use prior to January 1, 2008.

d.) Applications may not be submitted for any property which currently has a supply of potable water from a water well or other source on the property.

e.) Applications may not be submitted for any property which does not have any residence, building or other structure currently located upon it.

f.) The Town of Broadus reserves the right to approve or deny all such applications in its discretion.

**Sec. 9 - 02. Charges assessed for Water Line Connections and Use.**

The following charges shall be assessed for said water line extension connections and water use (which may be increased in the future when deemed necessary by the Town):

a.) Fee for connection to water line extension: \$1,183.31 for ¾ connections.

b.) Fee for water usage: ¾" base rate plus usage according to current Town usage rates.

c.) All other water use charges and rates established by the Town of Broadus shall apply to users connected to said water line extension, unless said charges or rates conflict with the terms set forth herein, and in such an event, the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern said water use.

**Sec. 9 - 03. Classification of Water Users.**

**(Reserved).**



**Sec. 9 - 04. Authorized Uses of Water Supplied.**

In addition to the authorized uses of the Town's water supplied to its users which are established by other Town Ordinances, the following uses are hereby authorized:

- a.) (Reserved).

**Sec. 9 - 05. Procedures for Discontinuation and Reestablishment of Service.**

In addition to the Town's procedures for discontinuation and reestablishment of water service set by other Town Ordinances, the following additional procedures are hereby established:

- a.) All such connections may be terminated and removed by the Town following a violation of the Town's water use rules and/or Ordinances by the current property owner, upon giving ninety (90) days advance written notice to the current property owner.

- b.) (Reserved).

**Sec. 9 - 06. Procedures for connecting to Town's Water Line Extension.**

After receiving written approval for a new connection to said water line extension, the following procedures shall be followed to avoid system contamination and other hazards:

- a.) No private water wells or other water sources shall be connected to said water line extension.

- b.) All new connections shall be inspected and approved by an employee or other agent of the Town prior to commencing use of said water connection.

- c.) (Reserved).

**Sec. 9 -07. Other Ordinances and Policies of the Town.**

This Ordinance shall not supersede or invalidate any other water use ordinances or written water use policies of the Town of Broadus, unless said other water use ordinances or written water use policies are in direct conflict with this Ordinance.

**Sec. 9 - 08. Previously approved water Users.**

The properties which have previously been approved for connection to said water line extension are listed in the "Exhibit A" attached hereto (see attached copies of Deeds with legal descriptions).

Further, the Town shall keep copies of the legal descriptions of any such properties which may be approved for connection after this date.

**Sec. 9 - 09. Miscellaneous Water Use Provisions.**

- a.) The provisions of this Ordinance may be amended in the future by the Town Council when it deems such amendments necessary.

- b.) The Town is generally not obligated to provide water service to property located outside of its boundaries.

**Sec. 9 - 10. Penalty for violations of this Article.**

- a.) Any person that violates the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine in an amount not to exceed \$100.00.

b.) Each day of a person's failure to comply with the provisions of this Article shall constitute a separate offense.

**Sections 9 -11 to 99. Reserved.**

**EXHIBIT "A" TO ORDINANCE:**  
(COPIES OF DEEDS OF PROPERTY NOW CONNECTED).

Following the review Councilman Day moved to approve the first reading. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried by all Council present.

Councilman Collins inquired about the junk vehicle ordinance. Clerk Fruit reported the new ordinance went into effect February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. A list of possible violations will be submitted to the Council at the next meeting. Clerk Fruit will present a draft notice for violators for the Council's review.

Mayor and Council reviewed February 2008 Sheriff Report.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

3491 Postmaster	supply	117.70
3555 Postmaster	supply	283.00
3557 Fruit, Peggy	wages	110.53
3558 Ragsdale, Raymond	wages	1052.13
3559 Williams Michael	wage	526.70
3560 DCI Credit Services Inc	garnish	175.56
3561 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	864.17
3562 Fruit Peggy	reimbursement	513.95
3563 Ragsdale Raymond	reimbursement	115.00
3564 Zimmer Cassidy	reimbursement	115.00
3565 Powder River County	Law Enforcement	1500.00
3566 WCS Telecom	utility	12.22
3567 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
3568 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
3569 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	40.00
3570 Amsden, Milton	reimbursement	40.00
3571 McEuen Rebecca	wage	152.99
3572 TRECO	utility	2332.08
3573 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop	utility	131.68
3574 Range Telephone	utility	118.13
3575 Dental Network of America	insurance	384.60
3576 Skyview TV inc	supply	24.00
3577 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
3578 Fruit Peggy	wage	198.38
3579 Industrial Chem Lab	supply	468.96
3580 Northwest Pipe Fitting Inc	supply	259.49
3581 Carquest Auto Parts Stores	supply	288.56
3582 Larrys Iga	supply	38.77
3583 Quad K supply	supply	223.25
3584 Conference Registration	registration fees	250.00
3585 The JP Cooke Co	supply	82.34
3586 MMIA Montana	insurance	4666.20
3587 Mid American Research Chemical	supply	92.72
3588 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	468.48
3589 The Corner Store	supply	249.55
3590 Aflac	insurance	41.82
3591 Cassidy Zimmer	reimbursement	80.80
3592 Fruit Peggy	wages	1024.58
3593 David Day	wage	173.15
3594 Williams Michael	wage	669.43
3595 DCI Credit Services Inc	garnish	223.15
3596 Ragsdale Raymond	wage	972.76
3597 Cassidy Zimmer	wage	794.72

3598 Postmaster	supply	116.66
3599 Powder River Medical Clinic	purchase service	58.00
3600 Farmtek	supply	40.63
3601 Alderman Oil Company	supply	154.85
3602 Aye's Fabricating & Repair	supply	42.00
3603 Earley Electric	repair	295.00
3604 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank	purchase service	18.00
3605 Copps Hardware & Lumber	supply	509.65
3606 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank	withholding	1921.32
3607 Department of Revenue	withholding	316.00
3608 Energy Laboratories	purchase service	70.00
3609 Quill Corporation	supply	180.72
3610 Aflac	insurance	41.82
3611 The Corner Store	supply	219.04
3612 Heiman Fire Equipment	supply	564.95

With no further business, Councilman Collins moved to adjourn. Councilman Sturtz seconded the motion. Mayor Amsden adjourned this meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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Peggy Fruit, Clerk

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Milton Amsden, Mayor

**Broadus Town Council**  
**Regular meeting**  
**April 1, 2008**

Mayor Milton Amsden; Councilman Richard Sturtz; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman David Day; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Cassidy Zimmer; Clerk Peggy Fruit; Guest Roger Quaring and Sheriff John Blain.

Mayor Amsden called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Day moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Sturtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Day moved to approve the second and final reading of **EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL WATER LINE OUTSIDE OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES, REQUESTS FOR SERVICE CONNECTIONS, TERMINATION OF SERVICES, AND SERVICE FEES**. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried by all Council present.

Review of draft ordinance regarding Parade, Processions, and Special Events held within the Town of Broadus. Clerk Fruit will contact Attorney Noble regarding no mention of proof of insurance as required by MMIA for special events. Ordinance will be tabled until next meeting.

Planning Board candidates and appointments were Kurt Collins, Raymond Ragsdale, David Day, Gary Alderman, Tracy Vail, Kurt Copps, and David Gardner. Jim Hansen was also a candidate for the planning board, and will be contacted again if a vacancy should occur on the planning board.

Results of the safety inspection were reviewed by Council.

Public Works Ragsdale has located approximately one half of the Town's water main valves. Risers are being installed where needed to bring valve covers to surface level. Council approved the following items for purchase: pipe cutter and extension, software for water mains, valves, hydrant and meter information, and trench box. Will inquire into prices for generator/welder combination, vibratory packer, and materials for valve replacement; want to have everything on hand when valve project begins. PW Ragsdale submitted advertisement for temporary public works position into Powder River Examiner.

Roger Quaring inquired what it would take to get water to his acre lot north of Broadus. Mayor Amsden explained the property would have to be annexed into the Town of Broadus and a \$1183.00 hook up fee would be charged, all costs from the curb stop would be the responsibility of the property owner. Mr. Quaring said he'd think about it, but doesn't want to be annexed into the Town.

Mayor Amsden administered the Oath of Office to Cassidy Zimmer for the position Police Chief of the Town of Broadus. Mr. Zimmer will be attending the Law Enforcement Academy in Helena, Montana beginning April 6<sup>th</sup> for a 12 week period.

The following items will be researched for pricing and labor prior to being added to a Capital Improvement Plan: street repair, cement water tank – make final decision on what to do with the tank, shed at main well, flow meter and air line in wet well at lagoon, and computer system. Mayor and Council have agreed to write up the Town's CIP within house and not hire someone to do the plan.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

3613 Ragsdale, Raymongd	wages	972.76
3614 Williams Michael	wages	700.80
3615 DCI Credit Services	garnish	233.60
3616 Fruit Peggy	wages	1024.58
3617 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	794.72
3618 Postmaster	supply	82.00
3619 Fruit Peggy	reimbursement	15.00
3620 Quill	supply	326.66
3621 Zimmer Sylvia	supply	86.48
3622 Sierra Designs	supply	424.00
3623 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	893.49
3624 Fruit Peggy	wages	1110.53
3625 Williams Michael	wages	732.84
3626 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1052.13
3627 DCI Credit Services	garnish	244.28
3628 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00
3629 WCS Telecom	utility	24.75
3630 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
3631 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
3632 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	40.00
3633 Milton Amsden	reimbursement	40.00
3634 McEuen Rebecca	wages	152.99
3635 TRECO	utility	2096.42
3636 Mid Rivers Telephone	utility	145.06
3637 Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	118.33
3638 Dental Network of America	insurance	427.60
3639 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
3640 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
3641 Fruit Peggy	reimbursement	31.84
3642 Alderman Oil Co	supply	1001.42
3643 Quill Corporation	supply	48.15
3644 Industrial Chem Lab	supply	473.96
3645 Environmental Laboratories	supply	234.62
3646 Aye's Fabricating & Repair	supply	38.70
3647 Northwest Pipe Fitting Inc	supply	914.02
3648 Larrys Iga	supply	21.58
3649 USA Bluebook	supply	108.61
3650 Hugh Fulton	supply	1395.00
3651 Normont Equipment	supply	76.99
3652 Hawkins Water treatment	supply	160.31
3653 Carquest Auto Parts Stores	supply	103.78
3654 The Corner Store	supply	317.18
3655 Energy Laboratories	sample	20.00
3656 MMIA Montana	insurance	4666.20
3657 Montana Municipal Clerk-Treasurer	fees	390.00

3658 Copps Hardware & Lumber	supply	277.82
3660 Scheels All Sports	supply	79.98

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Day moved to adjourn. Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Mayor Amsden moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Peggy Fruit, Clerk

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Milton Amsden, Mayor

**Broadus Town Council**

**Regular meeting**

**May 6, 2008**

No meeting

**Broadus Town Council**

**Regular meeting**

**May 20, 2008**

No meeting

**Broadus Town Council**

**Regular meeting**

**June 3, 2008**

Mayor Milton Amsden; Councilman Richard Sturtz; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Mayor Amsden called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Traub moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Sturtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion of the ordinance of the Town Of Broadus declaring abandoned, wrecked or junked vehicles or part(s) thereof on private property to be public nuisances; prohibiting storage thereof; authorizing the Town Of Broadus to abate such nuisances was held, vehicles on one water route were contacted the other two water routes need to be reviewed and contacts made. This will be done when Cassidy Zimmer returns at the end of June. Clerk Fruit will contact Attorney Noble concerning the special events ordinance.

Clerk Fruit reported that complaints have been received about miss use of dumpsters, garbage not being bagged, animal waste being put into dumpsters, out of town people using the dumpsters. Individuals will be contacted about bagging garbage, animal waste is to be hauled to the dump not put in dumpsters, and garbage will be checked to see whom is miss using the dumpsters. Clerk Fruit will check the solid waste ordinance to see what action can be taken.

Public Works Ragsdale has ordered a load of oil; discussed placement of dumpster placement in the area of the Coppermoon; will be pouring four dumpster pads and a building pad at the main well; currently releasing at the lagoon; will be screening gravel prior to mixing asphalt in order to get a better mix; found valve on the water line extension; 1<sup>st</sup> Bank replaced their sewer service connection last week; Jessica Schaffer has been hired for summer help in public works and will help Walter with mowing around town.

Clerk Fruit had been contacted by the Chamber of Commerce requesting to put up a large tent in the park for the Chokecherry Festival. Council requested that the Chamber contact PW Ragsdale prior to setting up the tent so that the sprinkler system can be staked out and the water system timer is shut off for those days. Clerk Fruit reported the Chamber has specialty events insurance for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

Discussion of Police Chief hours and the policies which need to be implemented. Clerk Fruit shared the law enforcement policies for review and pointed out that Cassidy Zimmer will have more input upon his return.

Mayor and Council reviewed the following ordinance:

TOWN OF BROADUS  
Chapter 7 PLANNING BOARD ORDINANCE

Section 1: Establishment

Pursuant to Sec. 76-1-101MCA, there is hereby created a Planning Board for the Town of Broadus, for which purpose it shall serve to act as an advisory board to the Town Council and the Town's other elected officials in matters relating to the Town's planned development and general land use.

Section 2: Appointment, Tenure, Qualification and Vacancy

The Planning Board shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the Town Council and Mayor and who shall serve without pay and shall be representatives of the Town at large. The initial members shall be appointed as follows: three members for 3 years, two members for 2 years, and two members for 1 year, and thereafter each member shall be appointed for three years, or until a successor is appointed.

A vacancy may occur by reason of resignation, death, giving up residency or failure to attend at least 75% of all meetings during the previous twelve months. The Chairman of the Board shall immediately notify the Town Council in writing of any vacancy when it occurs.

Section 3: Organization and Rules

Upon appointment of the members of the Planning Board, the members shall meet and elect a president and a vice-president (Sec. 76-1-302 MCA). The Planning Board shall fix the time for holding regular meetings, but it shall meet at least once in the months of January, April, July, and October (Sec. 76-1-301 MCA). All records shall be deemed public after acceptance by the Planning Board and may be inspected by the public during regular business hours.

On any and all voting matters pertaining to recommended adoption or amendments to the Comprehensive Plan or to proposed adoption or amendments to the Land Use Code, an affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the Board, will be necessary for its passage and only after a public hearing has been conducted on the matter (with advance notice to be given to the public of said hearings). All other voting matters shall be decided by a majority vote of those present and voting.

For purposes of conducting meetings of the Planning Board, a quorum of no less than four (4) members (which is a majority) must be present at all meetings.

Section 4: Powers and Duties

The Planning Board shall adopt and maintain a Comprehensive Plan for the Town as defined in MCA Sec. 7-15-4211.

*Preparation of comprehensive development plan for municipality:* For the purpose of approving an urban renewal plan and other municipal purposes, authority is hereby vested in every municipality:

(1) to prepare, to adopt, and to revise from time to time a comprehensive plan or parts thereof for the physical development of the municipality as a whole (giving due regard to the environs and metropolitan surroundings);

(2) to establish and maintain a planning commission for such purpose and related municipal planning activities; and

(3) to make available and appropriate necessary funds therefore.

The Planning Board shall exercise such powers and perform such other functions as are authorized and provided for under the Town's ordinances and the Laws of the State pertaining to zoning, sub-divisions and land use throughout the Town.

The Planning Board shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be necessary for the administration of its affairs on behalf of the Town, and may obtain goods and services necessary for its proper functions within limits of its budget as approved by the Town Council.

The Planning Board shall make reasonable efforts to cooperate with other individuals and private or governmental agencies.

#### Section 5: Severability

Should any of the provisions of this ordinance be found to be invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect as though such provision was never made a part of this ordinance.

#### Section 6: Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its second reading and final passage.

#### Section 7: Prior Ordinance

This ordinance shall revoke all previous ordinances or resolutions in conflict with the provision of this ordinance; provided that, this ordinance shall not revoke any prior ordinance or resolution as to any defendant or accused who has been charged, accused, or later is charged or accused with any criminal offense stated in this ordinance committed prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

#### Section 8: Enforcement

This ordinance shall be enforced by any Law Enforcement Officer of the Town of Broadus, the Powder River County Sheriff Office or any other person so entitled to act pursuant to the laws of the State of Montana and the United States of America.

#### Section 9: Role of the Planning Board

The role of the Planning Board, pursuant to MCA Sec. 76-1-106, shall be to prepare a written growth policy if requested by the Town's governing body, and the Board may also exercise the additional powers granted to it by state law.

#### Section 10: Membership of the Planning Board.

The members of the Planning Board shall be appointed and certified (with written certificates to be issued) by the Town Council and the Mayor, as set forth in MCA Sec. 76-1-221.

One member of the Planning Board shall be a member of the Town Council, as set forth in MCA Sec. 76-1-222.

One member of the Planning Board shall be a County Representative, to be chosen and to serve as set forth in MCA Sec. 76-1-223.

Members of the Planning Board shall receive no salary for serving, but may be reimbursed for certain expenses, as set forth in MCA Sec. 76-1-307 and as allowed by any Town policies which may be adopted after this date.

Councilman Sturtz moved to pass the first reading of this ordinance. Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried by all Council present. The second reading of this ordinance will be June 17<sup>th</sup> at Broadus Town Office at 5:00 pm.

With all the rains the weeds and grass has been growing rapidly, Councilman Collins suggested notices reminding residents and business owners of the weed and/or offending vegetation ordinance. Clerk Fruit will put a notice in the newspaper for two weeks as stated in the ordinance. The following are excerpts of the ordinance:

***Duty to Remove Weeds: The existence of weeds or offensive vegetation in violation of this section constitutes a public nuisance. (A) "Developed Parcel" It shall be the duty of every owner (occupant) of a developed parcel to cut, destroy, or remove, or to cause to be cut, destroyed, or removed, all weeds in excess of 12 inches in height to a height of 4 inches or less. (B) "Undeveloped Parcel" It shall be the duty of every owner of an undeveloped parcel to cut, destroy, or remove, or cause to be cut, destroyed, or removed, all weeds in excess of 12 inches in height to a height of 4 inches or less on property located within 30 feet of any developed parcel.***

***Notice to Destroy and Penalty: The Town Clerk shall give notice to destroy offending weeds within the town limits by publishing notice to the public at least once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of wide circulation within the city. Such notice***

*shall at a minimum, advise the public as follows:(1) That all owners of real property or agents having control thereof are responsible for destroying all weeds in prohibited areas by extermination, removal, or cutting and to keep the areas free of weeds through November 30<sup>th</sup> of that year. (2) Failure to remove the offending weeds may cause the town to remove the weeds and bill the cost thereof against the real property together with an administrative cost equal to 25% of the removal cost and a penalty of \$25.00 for each time the town provides the removal. Failure to pay this charge within sixty (60) days shall constitute a lien on this property and will be placed on the tax rolls as a special assessment.*

This ordinance went into effect August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1992. Everyone agreed that people needed a reminder of this ordinance. Clerk Fruit will hang the notice at the IGA, Town Office, Post Office and 1<sup>st</sup> Bank plus put into the paper.

Midwest Assistance Program will help with the CIP plan and review Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste funds to be sure the base rates are adequate for the maintenance of a CIP fund.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

3661 Scheels All Sports	pistol	849.97
3664 GALLS	supply	336.50
3665 GALLS	supply	1459.96
3666 GALLS	supply	70.13
3667 GALLS	supply	105.80
3668 Container Component	supply	303.60
3674 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank	withholding	1969.91
3675 Department of Revenue	withholding	334.00
3676 UI Tax Program	withholding	171.35
3677 MMIA	work comp	1652.64
3678 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	85.85
3679 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	1042.34
3680 Raymond Ragsdale	wages	1052.13
3681 Ferguson, Walter	wages	530.10
3682 Fruit, Peggy	wages	1110.53
3683 Williams, Michael	wages	732.84
3684 Joy Span	wages	353.47
3685 DCI Credit Services	garnish	244.28
3686 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00
3687 WCS Telephone	utility	61.96
3688 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
3689 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
3690 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	40.00
3691 Amsden, Milton	reimbursement	40.00
3692 McEuen Rebecca	wages	152.99
3693 TRECO	utility	1966.42
3694 Mid Rivers Telephone	utility	128.15
3695 Range Telephone	utility	118.33
3696 Dental Network of America	insurance	427.60
3697 Skview TV Inc	utility	24.00
3698 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
3699 Fruit Peggy	reimbursement	263.70
3700 Cassidy Zimmer	reimbursement	756.07
3701 Cassidy Zimmer	reimbursement	483.00
3702 Cassidy Zimmer	reimbursement	411.07
3703 Postmaster	supply	121.65
3704 Fireman's Company	purchased service	120.00
3705 Silversage Clothing	supply	201.00
3706 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	145.51
3707 Trumps Repair	purchased service	388.00
3708 Earley Electric	repairs	152.55
3709 Montana Law Enforcement Academy	purchased service	1200.00
3710 Acto International	supply	116.96
3711 Noble Law Firm	purchase service	60.00
3712 MMIA	deductible	750.00
3713 Powder River Examiner	purchase service	31.00



3714 J&S Tire and Repair	repairs	569.66
3715 Alderman Oil Company	utility	869.40
3716 Grant Trucking	utility	487.09
3717 AFLAC	insurance	41.82
3718 Heiman Fire Equipment Inc.	supply	849.05
3719 Ragsdale, Raymond	reimbursement	103.79
3720 D&P Auto Clinic	repair	208.50
3721 Trumps Repair	repair	1275.00
3722 Aye's fabrication & repair	repair	370.00
3723 Jerry Lei	purchase service	650.00
3724 Alderman Oil Co	supply	242.21
3725 Energy Laboratories	sample	40.00
3726 Pacific Steel & Recycling	supply	5.69
3727 Drane Drilling Service	supply	80.00
3728 Powder River Examiner	advertising	22.00
3729 Department of Environmental Services	renewal	210.00
3730 Montana Tax Foundation Inc	renewal	55.00
3731 MMIA Montana	insurance	4666.20
3732 Northwest Pipe Fitting Inc	Northwest Pipe Fitting	1279.48
3733 Larrys IGA	supply	23.72
3734 Industrial Tool Box	supply	112.42
3735 Powder River Tire & Lube	repair	100.55
3736 AFLAC	insurance	41.82
3737 The Corner Store	supply	794.77
3738 Cops Hardware & Lumber	supply	388.04
3739 USA Bluebook	repair	703.92
3740 Business Standards Division	fees	35.00
3741 McEuen Rebecca	reimbursement	925.77
3742 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank	withholding	2358.66
3743 Department of Revenue	withholding	404.00
3767 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00
3769 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
3770 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
3771 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	40.00
3772 Amsden Milton	reimbursement	40.00
3773 McEuen Rebecca	wages	152.99
3774 TRECO	utility	2096.39
3775 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop	utility	128.15
3776 Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	118.33
3778 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
3779 Kurt Collings	reimbursement	40.00
3780 MMIA	insurance	4666.20
3781 Energy Laboratories	sample	20.00
3782 AFLAC	insurance	41.82
3783 Alderman Oil Co	supply	382.91
3784 City of Miles City	samples	45.00
3785 Larrys Iga	supply	80.46
3786 Montana League of Cities & Towns	dues	150.00
3787 Yesterday's Things	supply	20.00
3788 Cops Hardware & Lumber	supply	1964.77
3789 Northwest Pipe Fitting Inc	supply	106.66
3790 Napa Auto Parts	supply	19.53
3791 Powder River tire & Lube	repair	208.95
3792 Calvert Backhoe	repair	400.00
3793 The Corner Store	supply	425.99
3794 Northwest Pipe Fitting	supply	101.52
3795 Northwest Pipe Fitting	supply	97.61
3796 Northwest Pipe Fitting	supply	454.13
3797 Northwest Pipe Fitting	supply	674.50

The next Council meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5: 00 pm. With no further business before the council, Councilman Sturtz moved to adjourn. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Mayor Amsden adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 7:00 pm.

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Peggy Fruit, Clerk

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Milton Amsden, Mayor

**Broadus Town Council  
Special meeting  
June 17, 2008**

Mayor Milton Amsden; Councilman Richard Sturtz; Councilman David Day; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Mayor Amsden called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Traub moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Sturtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Day moved to pass the second reading of the Planning Board Ordinance. Councilman Sturtz seconded the motion. Motion carried by all Council present. The Public Hearing of this ordinance will be July 1, 2008 at Broadus Town Office at 5:00 pm. Notices will be posted.

Discussed the following budget items: new gates for lagoon, radar gun and breathalyzer (will also apply for grant monies to help fund), new fixtures for the park bathroom. Budget expenditures for through the month of May were reviewed by the Council.

Clerk Fruit will check into setting up CIP (Capital Improvement Fund) for the enterprise funds, along with getting list of capital improvement projects for the next 5 years.

Public Works Ragsdale reported the following: lagoon is done draining, banks of the lagoon have been mowed, oil has arrived and will begin mixing asphalt in the next couple weeks, and installing a flushing hydrant on main well line.

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Sturtz moved to adjourn. Councilman Day seconded the motion. Mayor Amsden adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 6:30 p.m.

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Peggy Fruit, Clerk

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Milton Amsden, Mayor

**Broadus Town Council  
Regular meeting  
July 2, 2008**

No meeting.

**Broadus Town Council  
Special Meeting  
July 15, 2008**

Mayor Milton Amsden; Councilman Richard Sturtz; Councilman David Day; Councilman Robert Traub; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Police Chief Zimmer; Clerk Peggy Fruit and Guest Ray Roerick.

Mayor Amsden called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Sturtz moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ray Roerick explained the current housing situation with the Town of Broadus and Powder River County fire equipment. Part of the fire equipment is being stored in a building on the south end of Town. This property is for sale and when it sells the equipment stored there will once again be parked outside, which not only hard on the equipment, hoses etc... also leads to theft of items on the fire equipment. Mr. Roerick suggested building a facility which would house all the vehicles at location, making it a joint venture between the Town and County. It was also suggested to include office space for the Town Office, Chief of Police, Judge McEuen, a general meeting, and a Handicapped accessible area for the Sr. Citizens. Mr. Roerick will research the grants available and other funding sources. A couple areas were discussed for this project, no final decisions were made. Mayor and Council agreed that continued research is needed to establish the exact cost of the project prior to giving the final commitment.

Public Works Ragsdale reported the asphalt machine needs new teeth, the trench box has been ordered, will need to budget for a new mower for the parks department. The patching machine will cost approximately \$38,000.00 and payment terms are being discussed. Replaced a broken chlorination line at the well, have a water leak at the main well will dig up in the am.

Chief Zimmer is checking into a grant to pay overtime, has ordered tickets which will be paid for by the state, Sheriff Blain has loan the Town a radar gun, working on policies for the police department and will have some for the Mayor/Council review and approval at the August Meeting, pricing a pulmonary breath test for the Town. Chief Zimmer will continue to work varied hours, not set schedule and will be enforcing the curfew ordinance.

Councilman Sturtz moved to approve CHAPTER 13 – Ordinance 07-2008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BROADUS, MONTANA, ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STATEWIDE PLAN) UNDER SECTION 19-9-207, M.C.A., AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES, OR CODE SECTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried by all members present.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

3767 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00
3768 WCS Telecom	utility	24.20
3769 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
3770 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
3771 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	40.00
3772 Amsden, Milton	reimbursement	40.00
3773 McEuen Rebecca	wages	152.99
3777 Dental Network of America	insurance	427.60
3798 Postmaster	supply	80.73
3804 Jessica Schaffer	wages	521.90
3805 Williams Michael	wages	559.26
3806 DCI Credit Services Inc	garnish	186.42
3807 Peggy Fruit	wages	1024.58
3808 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	972.76
3809 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	958.67
3810 Ferguson Walter	wages	530.10
3811 Cassidy Zimmer	mileage	411.07
3812 Cassidy Zimmer	supply	369.78
3819 Northwest Pipe Fitting Inc	supply	1581.08
3820 Montana Magistrates Association	supply	200.00
3821 The Corner Store	supply	3714.55
3822 Noble Law Firm	legal service	180.00
3823 Mid Rivers Telephone	utility	170.17
3824 Calvert Backhoe	repair	320.00
3825 Energy Laboratories	purchase service	20.00
3826 Hugh Fulton	repairs	840.00

3827 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	1148.70
3828 Powder River Examiner	purchase service	40.00
3829 Alderman Oil Co	supply	373.13
3830 Montana Rural Water Systems	purchase service	200.00
3831 Montana Marketing	supply	165.00
3832 Normont Equipment	supply	230.00
3833 Larrys Iga	supply	30.04
3834 Slattery Enterprises	repair	370.00
3835 USA Bluebook	supply	38.06
3836 Williams Michael	insurance	41.82
3838 Northwest Pipe Fittings	repair	496.11
3839 Cenex Harvest States Inc	road tar	13662.53
3840 Ferguson Walter	wages	622.45
3841 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00
3842 WCS Telecom	utility	46.01
3843 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
3844 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
3845 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	40.00
3846 Amsden Milton	reimbursement	40.00
3847 McEuen Rebecca	wages	153.09
3848 Tongue River Electric Cooperative	utility	2237.27
3850 Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	118.35
3851 Dental Network of America	insurance	855.20
3852 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
3853 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
3856 Department of Revenue	withholding	414.00
3857 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank	withholding	2624.40
3858 Broadus Insurance Services	insurance	40.00
3859 Montana Marketing	purchase service	71.89
3860 Powder River Tire & Lube	repair	79.80
3861 Quad K Supply	supply	133.25
3862 Copps Hardware & Lumber	supply	391.03
3863 Broadus Volunteer Fire Department	supply	26.00
3864 Skyview TV	supply	96.00
3866 Jessica Schaffer	wages	707.31
3867 Ferguson Walter	wages	651.31
3868 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	1013.23
3869 Williams Michael	wages	764.21
3870 DCI Credit Services Inc	garnish	254.73
3871 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1052.13
3872 Fruit Peggy	wages	1110.53
3873 Gatlin Construction	supply	1510.00
3874 Dana Kepner Co	supply	239.74
3875 Dental Network of America	insurance	427.60
3876 Industrial Tool Box	supply	105.62
3877 MMIA Montana	insurance	5094.20
3878 Carquest Auto Parts Stores	supply	911.17
3879 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	578.30
3880 Zee Medical Inc	supply	66.20
3881 Northwest Pipe Fitting Inc	supply	255.88

With no further before the Council, Councilman Day moved to adjourn. Councilman Sturtz seconded the motion. Mayor Amsden adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 7:00 p.m.

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Peggy Fruit, Clerk

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Milton Amsden, Mayor

**Broadus Town Council  
Regular Meeting**

**August 15, 2008**

Mayor Milton Amsden; Councilman Richard Sturtz; Councilman David Day; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Police Chief Zimmer; Clerk Peggy Fruit; Guests Ray Roerick; SEMDC Jim Atchison; SEMDC Julie Korkow; Sheriff John Blain; and Dan Johnson.

Mayor Amsden called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Collins moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Atchison, Southeaster Montana Development Corporation; gave a summary of the past years achievements, introduced Julie Korkow as Grant Administrator for SEMDC, and encourage the Town to continue its membership with SEMDC.

Ray Roerick updated the Mayor and Council on the proposed Town/County Volunteer Fire Department project. Several areas are under consideration; McCurdy Station & the Old State Shop- which proof that all fuel spills have been cleaned up prior to getting any Federal Funding would have to be done; McClure property at South end of Town; and JO Washington storage building. All the scenarios will be looked at to see which is the most feasible. Discussion was held on the vehicles that are in operation Mr. Roerick has scheduled a Town Meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. This meeting is to get the communities input.

Clerk Fruit reported that Elaine George is considering building a yard fence, the evergreens on the property are in the Towns right-of-way, and can she enclose them in her yard? This issue has come up before, Mayor and Council confirmed that no fences can be built on Town property; Clerk Fruit will contact the George's.

PW Ragsdale reported the crew will continue patching streets; paving machine has a broken conveyor belt and parts have been ordered; lead & copper sampling this month; weeds mowed at both Town shops; discussed boom mower & tractor for sale at Colstrip to be used to mow lagoons; water tank is scheduled for cleaning in the up coming budget year; checking into the water pressure, have had couple residents with interruption in pressure but their water pressure is back; will be setting up a large tent in the park for the Chokecherry Festival; picnic tables and gazebo need some minor repairs done; and have installed new guts in the toilets at the park.

Chief Zimmer reported PBT has been ordered; tickets will be here this week; working on policy; and discussed jurisdiction.

Mayor and Council discussed solid waste service outside of the town limits. Kelly Reed has purchased the solid waste contract area including Powder River County; the business is now Miles City Sanitation. Mr. Reed has offered a lease permit to the Town for solid waste collection in a one or three mile radius of Town. Mr. Reed has agreed to help with the paperwork with the public service commission. It was agreed that the Town doesn't want to compete with the private sector and a private enterprise should be given the chance to do the solid waste collection. Clerk Fruit will send a letter to Mr. Reed.

Mayor and Council have agreed not to renew CD#3071210; this money will be deposited into the Town of Broadus repurchase account. Councilman Sturtz moved to deposit CD#3071210 into the repurchase account; Councilman Traub seconded the motion, Motion carried by all Council present.

Clerk Fruit presented the information that was distributed to the Planning Board. Mayor and Council reviewed the Local Government Center program for Boards. Councilman Sturtz recommended that Bob Marcs, should be the one getting the planning board up and running. Clerk Fruit will contact him and set up a meeting date.

Councilman Collins was contacted by a town resident concerning the specialty insurance; they want a wedding in the park and feel it's unfair to be required to have insurance in a public park. Clerk Fruit pointed out the notice from the liability insurance company which was presented to the Council. Mayor and Council reviewed the notice, they have agreed that

street dances and parades need to have specialty insurance; events held in the park will not be required to have specialty insurance from this point forward. Clerk Fruit inquired whom people should contact if they have questions about whether or not they need specialty insurance. Mayor Amsden and Councilman Collins will be the contact people.

The following Council request permission to be out of the state: Councilman Day August 7<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>; Councilman Sturtz August 18<sup>th</sup> through August 29<sup>th</sup>; Councilman Collins Labor Day Weekend. Mayor Amsden granted Council permission. Mayor Amsden will be out of town over Labor Day weekend.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

3891 Dale Copelan	repairs	348.99
3892 Lee's Computer Sales & Repair	supply	570.00
3893 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	105.30
3894 Fruit Peggy	wages	1198.48
3895 Williams Michael	wages	106.82
3896 Strait Rod	wages	151.14
3897 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1136.52
3898 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1149.10
3899 Schaffer Jessica	wages	697.61
3900 Ferguson Walter	wages	622.45
3901 EMC Insurance Company	premium	7895.00
3902 Postmaster	supply	79.92
3903 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00
3905 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
3906 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
3907 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	40.00
3908 Amsden Milton	reimbursement	40.00
3909 McEuen Rebecca	wages	153.09
3910 TRECO	utility	2440.93
3911 Mid Rivers Telephone	utility	326.35
3912 Range Telephone Coop	utility	119.39
3914 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
3915 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
3916 Dana Kepner	supply	313.00
3917 D&P Auto Clinic	repair	765.00
3918 Machinery Power & Equipment Co	repair	4157.58
3919 USA Bluebook	supply	114.79
3920 MMIA Montana	insurance	5094.20
3921 MES Rocky Mountains	supply	62.00
3922 Contractors Supply Inc.	repair	489.00
3923 Acorn Technologies	supply	98.00
3924 Quill	supply	154.13
3925 Michael Todd & Company Inc	supply	3925
3926 Normont Equipment	supply	166.50
3927 Larry's Iga	supply	38.37
3928 Aye's Fabricating & Repair	supply	40.00
3929 Energy Laboratories	supply	20.00
3930 Cops Hardware	supply	987.93
(Should have been The Corner Store—will leave as credit at Copp's, Town has a monthly bill with Copp's, will be adjusted accordingly.)		
3931 Cops Hardware	supply	1476.97
3932 The Corner Store	supply	987.93
3933 DCI Credit Service Inc	garnish	35.60
3934 Trumps Repair	repair	415.51
3935 Alderman Oil Company	supply	810.44
3936 Quill Corporation	supply	460.79
3937 Atco International	supply	182.64

With no further before the Council, Councilman Traub moved to adjourn. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Mayor Amsden adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 7:15 p.m.

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Peggy Fruit, Clerk

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Milton Amsden, Mayor

**Broadus Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2008**

No one showed to agree with or protest the preliminary budget 2008-2009, the proposed water rate increase, or the street light maintenance increase.

**Broadus Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
September 23, 2008**

Councilman Richard Sturtz; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Police Chief Zimmer; and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Council President Sturtz called this meeting of the Broadus Town Council to order at 5:00 p.m. Councilman Sturtz opened the Taxpayers Final Budget Hearing 2008-2009 budget at 5:00 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Public Works Ragsdale discussed with Council the need to advertising for another public works operator. It was agreed to advertise for a temporary full time position for public works, applications need to be submitted by October 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Applications will be reviewed at the Council Meeting on October 7, 2008. At this time it was not decided how long the position would be, it could possibly turn into a permanent full time position.

Council reviewed and approved the following claims:

3951 Fruit, Peggy	wages	1024.58
3952 Ragdale Raymond	wages	972.76
3953 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	958.67
3954 Schaffer Jessica	wages	232.73
3955 Williams Michael	wages	669.44
3956 Ferguson Walter	wages	530.10
3957 Strait Rod	wages	151.14
3958 Trumps Colby	wages	117.74
3959 Postmaster	supply	126.00
3960 Aflac	insurance	125.46
3961 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00
3962 WCS Telecom	utility	24.27
3963 Traub Robert	reimbursement	40.00
3964 Day David	reimbursement	40.00
3965 Sturtz Richard	reimbursement	40.00
3966 Amsden Milton	reimbursement	40.00
3967 McEuen Rebecca	wages	153.09
3968 TRECO	utility	2896.41
3969 Mid Rivers Cellular	utility	182.91
3970 Range Telephone	utility	118.35
3971 Dental Network of America	insurance	427.60
3972 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
3973 Collins Kurt	reimbursement	40.00
3974 Postmaster	supply	83.97
3975 Trumps Repair	purchased service	559.49
3976 Pacific Steel & Recycling	supply	137.91
3977 Aye's Fabricating & Repair	supply	44.00
3978 Powder River Examiner	purchase service	48.00
3979 The Corner Store	supply	771.08
3980 MMIA Montana	insurance	5094.20

3981 Trumps Repair	purchased service	75.00
3982 Southeastern Montana Development	dues	444.00
3983 Personal Concepts	supply	83.90
3984 Energy Laboratories	purchase service	10.00
3985 USA Bluebook	supply	12.08
3986 City of Miles City	purchase service	45.00
3987 Michael Todd & Company Inc	supply	600.60
3988 Quill Corporation	supply	92.88
3989 Montana Marketing	purchase service	409.51
3990 Handyman Dick	repair	70.00
3991 State of Montana	supply	6.00
3992 Robert Janssen	repair	62.00
3993 Energy Laboratories	purchase service	20.00
3994 Dana Kepner	supply	747.00
3995 C&B Operations LLC	supply	58.52
3996 Hawkins Water treatment	supply	687.60
3997 Quad K Supply	supply	55.00
3998 Gases Plus	supply	681.58
3999 Acorn Technologies	purchase service	98.00
4000 Conference Registration MT Supreme Court		250.00
4001 Alderman Oil Company	supply	977.89
4002 Colonial Research	supply	813.87
4003 D&P Auto Clinic	repair	292.00
4005 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank	withholdings	2639.08
4006 Department of Revenue	withholdings	418.00

The Town's taxable valuation came in at 317,256; the 2008-2009 requires 171.88 mil levies. Since no one from the public appeared to express concerns for or against the 2008-2009 Town Budget, Council agreed to proceed with finalizing the budget.

Following review of the 2008-2009 Budget, Councilman Sturtz moved to approve Resolution 2008-01 - Resolution for assessment costs for street light maintenance for fiscal year 2008-2009. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Traub moved to approve Resolution 2008-02 -Resolution for assessment of costs for street maintenance district no.8 for fiscal year 2008-2009. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Traub moved to approve Resolution 2008-03 -Resolution to finalize the Town of Broadus budget for fiscal year 2008-2009. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Collins moved to approve Resolution 2008-04 –Resolution providing for the purchase of materials from the State of Montana Department of Transportation during fiscal year 2008-2009. Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Sturtz moved to approve Resolution 2008-05 –Resolution stating the wages for the Town of Broadus employees during the fiscal year 2008-2009. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town of Broadus Water Utility base rates, water utility usage rate and solid waste collection rates will be increase as of October 1, 2008.

With no further business before the Council at this time, Councilman Sturtz moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Peggy Fruit, Clerk

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Councilman Richard Sturtz

**Broadus Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
October 7, 2008**



Mayor Milton Amsden; Councilman Richard Sturtz; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilman David Day; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Police Chief Zimmer; Clerk Peggy Fruit and Guest Ray Roerick.

Mayor Amsden called this meeting of the Broadus Town Council to order at 5:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Sturtz moved to approve the minutes of previous meeting as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Collins seconded the motion.

Ray Roerick updated the Council on the proposed fire hall. The original town pumper has been moved into the old state shop for storage. The building and property belonging to McClures could be purchased by contract for deed with the volunteer fire department. A down payment of \$20,000.00 is needed, if the Town and County each would put up \$10,000.00 for the down the remainder would be paid by the volunteer fire department. Councilman Collins would like to visit with the McClures prior to making any final decisions. Mr. Roerick agreed to set up a meeting. Councilman Collins, Councilman Sturtz, and Mayor Amsden agreed they would visit with the County Commissioners.

Clerk Fruit presented the Mayor and Council with the employment applications for the public works position interviews will be set for Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Chief Zimmers reviewed the past month of law enforcement with the Mayor and Council. Have sent inquires for grant information for purchase of equipment.

Public Works Ragsdale reported that patching will be done this week. He will be gone October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

4017 Town of Broadus	petty cash	78.37
4018 Ragsdale Raymond	reimbursement	9.60
4019 Fruit Peggy	reimbursement	15.99
4020 Zimmer Cassidy	reimbursement	225.52
4021 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1054.58
4022 Ragsdale Raymond	retro wages	187.99
4023 Fruit Peggy	wages	1086.57
4024 Fruit Peggy	retro wages	187.99
4025 Ferguson Walter	wages	648.17
4026 Ferguson Walter	retro wages	168.31
4027 Trumps Colby	wages	204.76
4028 Strait Rod	wages	151.14
4029 Williams Michael	wages	758.04
4030 Williams Michael	retro wages	159.37
4031 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1033.13
4032 Zimmer Cassidy	retro wages	187.99
4033 DCI Credit Services Inc	garnish	252.67
4034 Aflac	insurance	168.10
4035 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00
4036 WCS Telecom	utility	27.10
4037 Traub Robert	reimbursement	40.00
4038 Day David	reimbursement	40.00
4039 Sturtz Richard	reimbursement	40.00
4040 Amsden Milton	reimbursement	40.00
4041 McEuen Rebecca	wages	173.50
4042 TRECO	utility	2534.10
4043 Mid Rivers Cellular	utility	129.40
4044 Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	120.43
4045 pending		
4046 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
4047 Collins Kurt	reimbursement	40.00
4048 Pacific Steel & Recycling	supply	3.93
4049 Western Plains Machinery Co	supply	748.28

4050 Black Mountain Software	maintenance	1316.00
4051 MMIA	dues	50.00
4052 Northern Tool & Equipment Co	supply	69.99
4053 Trumps Repair	repair	138.00
4054 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	612.26
4055 Department of Environmental Service	fees	660.00
4056 Larry's IGA	supply	19.81
4057 The Hunting Shack Inc	supply	87.61
4058 Alderman Oil Company	supply	971.68
4059 The Corner Store	supply	866.50
4060 Darley	supply	247.33
4061 Energy Laboratories	sample	20.00
4062 ACTO International	supply	110.00
4063 MMIA Montana	insurance	5094.20
4064 Powder River Tire & Lube	supply	835.80
4065 Reliable Office Supply	supply	319.24
4066 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank	withholdings	2839.64
4067 Department of Revenue	withholdings	474.00

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Sturtz moved to adjourn. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Mayor Amsden adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 6:30 p.m.

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Peggy Fruit, Clerk

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Milton Amsden, Mayor

**Broadus Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
October 7, 2008**

Mayor Milton Amsden; Councilman Richard Sturtz; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Clerk Peggy Fruit and Guest Ray Roerick.

Mayor Amsden called this meeting of the Broadus Town Council to order at 5:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Traub moved to approve the minutes of previous meeting as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Collins seconded the motion.

Public Works Ragsdale had to leave on a sewer call.

Ray Roerick reiterated to the Mayor and Council that he did not state to the County Commissioners "the Town was paying \$10,000.00" as was stated in the commissioner's minutes. Discussion continued on purchasing the McClure property for storage of fire department vehicles. Councilman Collins expressed concern about the economy. Mayor Amsden mention vote of the people to see what they want and Mr. Roerick stated the fire department is opposed to a mil levy. The ranchers don't need taxed further, and the fire department receives donations from ranchers each year on their own accord. It was agreed to have meeting with County Commissioners, Mayor and Council, Fire Department Members, and Merle McClure on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Fruit will contact County Commissioner Nancy Espy to set up meeting.

Clerk Fruit discussed property owners water shut off problem which exists. The property was owned by one owner and the water shut off for part of the property was installed in the basement of the home. Over the years the property has been divided and the water shut off was never changed. Mayor and Council agreed the water shut off needs to be moved to ensure access incase of a break so that the property can be shut off. Mayor and Council agreed the Town should pay half of the installation and the property owner will have to pay the other half. Clerk Fruit will contact the property owner.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by the Council:

4045 Dental Network of America	insurance	427.60
4083 Rod Strait	wages	218.57

4084 Michael Williams	wages	105.95
4085 Peggy Fruit	wages	1195.96
4086 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	1144.57
4087 Michael Williams	wages	650.82
4088 DCI Credit Services Inc	garnish	216.93
4089 Walter Ferguson	wages	623.30
4090 Raymond Ragsdale	wages	1149.36
4091 Colby Trumps	wages	301.58
4092 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00
4094 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
4095 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
4096 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	145.30
4097 Milton Amsden	reimbursement	40.00
4098 Rebecca McEuen	wages	174.15
4099 TRECO	utility	2247.68
4100 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop	utility	201.53
4101 Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	119.39
4102 Dental Network of America	insurance	427.60
4103 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
4104 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
4105 AFLAC	insurance	209.92
4106 State of Montana	email	6.00
4107 J&S Tire and Repair	repairs	99.58
4108 Powder River Examiner	advertising	167.90
4109 Warren Quinlan	supply	25.00
4110 USA Bluebook	supply	202.82
4111 Yesterday's Things	supply	2.50
4112 C&B Operations LLC	mower	4400.00
4113 MMIA Montana	insurance	5094.20
4114 Rebecca McEuen	reimbursement	851.64
4115 Star Printing & Supply	supply/repair	288.95
4116 Trumps Repair	repair	423.80
4118 Reliable Office Supplies	supply	9.29
4119 Contractor Supply	supply	111.20
4120 Colonial Research	supply	194.47
4121 The Corner store	supply	510.36
4122 Larry's Iga	supply	75.15
4123 Alderman Oil Company	supply	875.73
4124 Powder River County Treasurer	assessments	2516.21
4125 Q Business Source	supply	310.04
4126 Hugh Fulton	repair	620.00
Claims totaling \$28,029.05.		

With no further business before the council, Councilman Sturtz moved to adjourn. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Mayor Amsden adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 6:30 p.m.

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Peggy Fruit, clerk

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Milton Amsden, Mayor

**Broadus Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
December 2, 2008**

Mayor Milton Amsden; Councilman Richard Sturtz; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Chief Cassidy Zimmer and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Mayor Amsden called this meeting of the Broadus Town Council to order at 5:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Sturtz moved to approve the minutes of previous meeting as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Traub seconded the motion.

Public Works Ragsdale reported repairs being done to the garbage truck; discussed how water line and shut off for J&S Tire and Repair could be done; ordered trench box extensions; sewer machine parts have been ordered; received and are putting it back together; have replaced three main line valves; currently using 90,000 per day; and discussed sodium level in Town of Broadus water.

Chief Zimmer discussed several problems which are happening within the Town of Broadus concerning under aged drinking in Broadus Businesses as well as within in city limits. Chief Zimmer will be contacting businesses that sell alcoholic beverages to discuss the problem and would like their cooperation to solve this problem. The Town's Curfew ordinance was reviewed for clarification of enforcement.

Discussed the upcoming stroll and fireworks that will be set off that evening; Mayor and Council agreed that as long as Powder River Chamber Insurance policy names the Town of Broadus as additionally insured the fireworks will be done. Clerk Fruit will contact the Chamber's insurance agent to get copy of the coverage naming the Town as additionally insured and would like to be contacted in the future on such matters prior to purchase.

Discussion about purchase of property for the Fire Hall, Councilman Collins is concerned about the economy and making a purchase at this time. Councilman Sturtz and Councilman Traub share these concerns and feel that the property is priced to high for this area. It was unanimously agreed between Mayor and Council to send a letter to the Fire Department stating that no money would be allotted towards this purchase. Other options were discussed for the Fire Hall: use Cliff Park and the land by Powder River Medical Clinic; Check into purchasing acreage from the Lanning's; and build onto the existing fire hall, if need be move the Town Office and use that land. The Town still supports the fire hall and its projects but has limited resources to fund projects.

Councilman Collins and Clerk Fruit discussed with Mayor and Council the last planning board meeting and inquired as to what direction they want the board to head first. It was agreed that subdivision needs to be a top priority.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by the Council:

3855 Trumps Repair	repair	722.66
3882 Raymond Ragsdale	reimbursement	84.99
3883 Michael Williams	supply	90.00
3888 Postmaster	supply	84.00
3864 Skyview TV	utility	96.00
3889 Broadus Volunteer Fire Dpt	fire relief	939.00
3890 BDJ Construction	gravel	1476.00
The above claims were found during audit as not being reviewed/approved.		
4135 Rod Strait	wages	147.10
4136 Williams Michael	wages	681.62
4137 DCI Credit Services	garnish	241.14
4138 Fruit Peggy	wages	1195.96
4139 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	971.78
4140 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	959.94
4141 Colby Trumps	wages	224.77
4142 Powder River County	law enforcement	1500.00

4143 WCS Telecom	utility	50.01
4144 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
4145 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
4146 Richard Sturtz	reimbursement	40.00
4147 Milton Amsden	reimbursement	40.00
4148 McEuen Rebecca	wages	158.12
4149 TRECO	utility	2172.94
4150 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop	utility	128.77
4151 Range Telephone Coop	utility	118.35
4152 Dental Network of America	insurance	427.60
4153 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
4154 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
4155 AFLAC	insurance	209.92
4156 Grant trucking	utility	296.42
4157 Larry's Iga	supply	70.84
4158 Associated Business Systems Inc.	supply	97.03
4159 Western Plains Machinery Co	supply	458.17
4160 State of Montana	email	6.00
4161 Energy Laboratories	samples	20.00
4162 Trumps Repair	repair	133.74
4163 Williams Equipment	supply	236.02
4164 Northwest Pipe Fitting Inc	supply	3283.56
4165 Carquest Auto Parts Stores	supply	455.16
4166 Hawkins water Treatment	supply	35.35
4167 Carbis Incorporated	supply	525.00
4168 EMC Insurance	supply	205.00
4169 The Corner Store	supply	349.22
4170 Galls	supply	208.32
4171 ATCO International	supply	214.52
4172 Calvert Backhoe	supply	412.00
4173 Alderman Oil Company	supply	595.53
4174 MMIA Montana	insurance	5094.20
4175 Galls	supply	11.66
4176 Pumps Etcetera	supply	170.00
4177 D&P Auto Clinic	supply	304.00
4178 Contractor Supply	supply	387.28
4179 Williams Michael	garnish	241.14

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Sturtz moved to adjourn.  
Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Mayor Amsden adjourned this meeting of the  
Broadus Town Council at 6:30 p.m.

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Peggy Fruit, clerk

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Milton Amsden, Mayor