

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Police Chief Cassidy Zimmer; Clerk Peggy Fruit and guests MMIA employees Amanda Clark and Amber Ireland.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Hurst introduced guests from Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority; Health Insurance Coverage representative Amanda Clark and Member Services representative Amber Ireland. Amanda Clark explained the current Health Insurance Coverage which the Town employees have at this time. Various other plans are available through MMIA with the option of open choice which allows the employee to choose a plan that best suits their needs. Amanda Clark explained the saving benefits of the Flex plan that is available on all plans and Health Savings account which is available only with approved high deductible plan. Amanda Clark gave the example that her employer provides a set sum of money for the employee to purchase health insurance; she chose the higher deductible plan with a health savings account. This plan best fit her needs and she pays for only herself on the plan since her husband is employed elsewhere and has insurance coverage with his employer. This not only allows her to use the money her employer provides for insurance premium, any left over money she can use for prescriptions, co-pay of doctor visits etc. She also has the option of putting some money in this account pre tax dollar which saves her and her employer from paying higher payroll withholdings. The process of qualifying for the health savings account is regulated by the IRS and they will tell you the amount you qualify for, it's on an individual basis. As stated what works best for her and her husband may not work for her fellow employee; this is why the option of open choice is very important. February 2011 the Town will receive notice of early insurance trend estimates; April 2011 preliminary premium rates will be out, May 2011 premium rates will be set and open enrollment will be May 15 to June 15, 2011. No decisions were made tonight, more insurance information will be gathered, Councilman Collins recommended contacting Tracy Schell to see what Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana has to offer. Public Works Williams inquired as to whether the Mayor and Council will hear from the staff or make the decision on their own. Mayor Hurst invited discussion from the staff at any time since this will be affecting all of us. The bottom line is the Town employees are getting better benefits than what are offered to anyone else in the work force and these benefits are costing the Town a lot. Clerk Fruit asked what affects this would have on the employees since when they were hired by previous Mayor and Councils it was stated they would receive wages, benefits including full insurance for the employee and families. This has been a practice for many years. Councilman Collins stated that health insurance costs have increase greatly in the past ten years and the practice was too costly. Councilwoman Van Tine suggested that more information be compiled, suggested checking in to the rates for Chamber members which is available, and continue to discuss the various possibilities that are available that would benefit everyone. This is a very personal issue and not one to be taken lightly. It was agreed that negotiations would begin between Mayor, Council and staff once all the information has been gathered.

Zoning Ordinance is still in draft form; Councilwoman Van Tine will be part of the zoning commission. Clerk Fruit will check to make sure there are enough individuals interested for the Council to appoint the zoning commission so they can move forward.

Growth policy is still being reviewed by the Planning Board and no action has been recommended as of yet.

PW Ragsdale and PW Williams requested permission to attend asphalt training seminar in Helena February 1st. Mayor and Council approved of the seminar.

Clerk Fruit recommended the Mayor, Council and remaining employee consider attending the MMIA/Local Government Center Training that will be held in Sidney on February 2nd. It is a full day training that covers liability issues, workman compensation, and Mayor and Council responsibilities were touched on. Clerk Fruit attended the one in Miles City last month and feels this information should be heard by everyone. Councilwoman Van Tine will check into going, PW Ragsdale and Williams will be returning from Helena Asphalt training, Chief Zimmer will be the covering certified operator while the others are away, and no one else will be attending.

Mayor Hurst pointed out the previous minutes stated "There has been several complains on snow removal" which should have been "There has been several compliments on the snow removal".

Mayor Hurst discussed with the Council the recent reorganization of the Public Works Department; PW Ragsdale will be overseeing Water and Sewer departments and PW Williams will oversee the Parks, Streets and Solid Waste areas. The decision was made following a meeting with the public works department and

the Mayor. Mayor Hurst will be the supervisor of the Public Works department, currently checking into see if she must become certified in water and sewer to be in charge. PW Ragsdale explained that there are some forms that must be signed by a certified operator, but the Mayor is ultimately responsible for the happenings in the Town regarding water and sewer, well everything.

Mayor and Council inquired whether letters had been sent regarding community decay ordinance violations and junk or inoperable vehicle violations. Clerk Fruit reported the letters were sent on December 28, and no response has been made. Council recommended sending the letters again, sending them certified with return receipt to insure they have been received; the time lines in the ordinances will be followed from that point on.

Mayor and Council reviewed the quarterly liability and workman compensation reports from MMIA; both reports have zero incidents for the quarter. Judge McEuen submitted the end of the year report for review; fines and fees were up from the prior year. Clerk Fruit shared information received from Double Tree about sanitary lift station system which they would like to present to the Council on February 1st. PW Ragsdale will call and discuss the meeting date and time with them since public works will be gone for the February 1st meeting. Since our system deals with three cells, this information doesn't really pertain to the Town.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

5626 WCS Telephone	utility	25.02
5639 AFLAC	premium	218.42
5658 Fruit Peggy	wage	1167.18
5659 McEuen Rebecca	wages	91.07
5660 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1129.48
5661 Williams Michael	wages	1106.13
5662 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1121.43
5663 Industrial Tool Box	supply	63.86
5664 Department of Revenue	withholdings	364.00
5665 1 st Bank	withholdings	2203.34
5666 Fruit Peggy	mileage reimbursement	83.20
5667 Powder River Chamber	dues	50.00
5668 Ragsdale Raymond	supply	19.96
5669 Dale Copelan	repair	240.00
5670 Dental Network of America	premium	427.60
5671 USA Bluebook	supply	41.89
5672 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	236.80
5673 State of Montana	supply	4.59
5674 Northwest Pipe Fitting Inc	supply	59.52
5675 Quill	supply	31.73
5676 J&S Tire and Repair	supply	15.00
5677 Alderman Oil Company	supply	495.00
5678 Trumps Repair	purchase service	44.92
5679 Powder River County	landfill fees	8.00
5680 Fruit Peggy	wages	1241.96
5681 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1251.89
5682 Williams Michael	wages	1175.70
5683 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1207.64
5684 Department of Revenue	withholding	415.00
5686 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
5687 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
5688 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
5689 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
5690 Powder River County	law enforcement	1200.00
5691 Tongue River Electric Cooperative	utility	2344.58
5692 McEuen Rebecca	wages	163.25
5693 MMIA Montana	premium	4980.60
5694 Alveda Hurst	reimbursement	40.00
5695 Tammy Van Tine	reimbursement	40.00
5697 Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	129.57
5700 Broadus IGA	supply	33.25
5701 Grant trucking	utility	416.64
5702 Secretary of State	subscription	60.00
5703 Commercial Maintenance Chemical Corp	supply	131.16
5704 J.P. Cooke Co	supply	49.75
5705 RD Enterprises	supply	302.19

5706 Alderman Oil Co	supply	417.39
5707 The Corner Store	supply	296.00
5708 Copps Hardware and Lumber	supply	656.43
5709 1 st Bank	withholding	2274.64
5710 MMIA	workman comp	1749.08
5711 UI Tax program	quarterly	129.87

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Traub moved to adjourn. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 8:00 p.m.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman David Day; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Police Chief Cassidy Zimmer; and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Day moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Fruit has emailed Gary Alderman, Tammy Van Tine, and Tracy Vail concerning the zoning commission and attached a copy of the draft zoning ordinance for review.

Planning Board has not met recently and no further information is available on the growth policy and where it stands.

Mayor Hurst began discussion on the reorganization of the public works department, Councilman Collins expressed his concerns whether or not the next Mayor would want to take on the supervisor position of public works as Mayor Hurst has described. Further review of the reorganization is being done with Attorney Noble pertaining to the job descriptions and wages. Final determination on reorganizing the public works department will be based on information received from Attorney Noble.

Mayor Hurst received letter from Attorney Noble regarding employee health insurance benefit. It seems that it has been the practice of the Town to provide 100% of the employee and dependent insurance, no documentation regarding health insurance stating the amount of premium to be paid or not paid Attorney Noble recommends the Town to do so, as far as changing the current practice he would not advise it to be done unless the employees agree to it and a contract is written and signed by all parties involved. Mayor Hurst recommended the employees continue the insurance quote procedure searching for lower premiums for the Town. Councilman Van Tine will check into other health insurance providers for group coverage, currently the Town has contacted MMIA (Allegiance) and Broadus Insurance (Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana) for quotes. Mayor Hurst pointed out that it will be put in the personnel manual stating any new hire the benefit package will not include dependent coverage. Further cuts may have to be made to continue to provide this type of coverage for the employees; Mayor Hurst stated that it may include people in order to cover costs. Councilman Collins reiterated the changes will be made to the personnel manual and hopes that continued coverage of employee and dependents does not break the Town. He also recommended that families with qualifying children check into the chip insurance program. The income limits have changed and it would be worthwhile to check into this. Review of the MMIA bulletin regarding health insurance states that commitment to the program needs to be made by March 1st; if not staying with MMIA a letter stating that must be done 120 days prior to June 30th. Broadus Insurance will be presenting their quote on February 1st.

Conference call with utility customer Mike Ruff; the property Mr. Ruff owns in Broadus had a recent water break due to cold weather and heating issues, he asked the Council to adjust his bill accordingly. Clerk Fruit looked up the charges for the water break totaling \$148.52 less the base rate of \$17.73 leaves a total of \$130.79 usage. Following discussion Councilman Collins informed Mr. Ruff that the Town has no provision for this and recommended that he turn it in on the insurance claim.

Public Works Ragsdale reported that both wells have been transferred over to gas chlorine. Discussed helping with Broadus resident with removing items from property. Discussed budget item for 2011-2012,

GPS which would be used to locate all valves, curb stops, water and sewer lines, fire hydrants, etc upon getting exact locations for everything the use of this would be less frequent but a very useful tool. Councilwoman Van Tine asked if there was any that could be rented. PW Ragsdale suggested that Clerk Fruit put it on listserv to see if any other small towns would be willing to do a cost share. Further discussions of searching for grant money or coal board for help with the expense; this will all be considered when putting the 2011-2012 budgets together. The Town occasionally does work on water line which is beyond the scope of the Town's normal installation. It was agreed by council this work should be billed for and a rate will be set; if possible the additional work should be done by the private sector and not the town.

PW Williams reported on the snow removal, will continue to work on it tomorrow; have received several calls about clearing the snow from driveway entrances and will work on this in the next couple days. Chipped ice in front of the bowling alley and seabecks again, seems to be a continual problem. Moving vehicles in order to clean the snow and ice from them was discussed; need to develop policy on snow removal and vehicle parking following a snow storm. Will discuss this matter further before developing a snow removal policy for streets specifying where vehicles need to park in order to get the best access for snow removal.

Councilwoman Van Tine inquired if the time and fuel costs spent traveling back and forth to the Town office to check out for lunch and back to work could be changed. The amount of time being wasted leaving a project to check out and in; could it be costing the town. The fuel costs are continuing to rise and the PW department could write in their lunch versus using the time clock. Mayor Hurst assured Council that all matters have been taken into consideration and the time clock usage will remain.

Police Chief Zimmer discussed the shared job position and feels that it is not working the best for the Town. Both positions are being shorted quality by the constant switching back and forth. Clerk Fruit inquired if a written schedule would help, it wasn't sure that this would be the answer. No further discussion was done on the subject; Councilman Collins suggested that everyone give this some consideration. Chief Zimmer excused himself from the meeting. Councilwoman Van Tine recommended this topic be put on the next agenda and discussed further to resolve the issue.

Clerk Fruit reported that Sheriff Blain assured everyone at Public Health Board meeting this morning that the tracks found at the south end of Town are not mountain lion it seems that it is a large dog that likes to visit the neighbors.

Mayor Hurst asked Clerk Fruit to contact the Game Warden Troy Hinck to discuss the deer in Broadus and what our options are; the Town office has been receiving complaints of the destruction the deer are causing to yards and trees.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

5685 WCS Telephone	utility	22.78
5696 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop	utility	147.87
5698 Aflac	premium	218.42
5699 Dental Network of America	premium	382.10
5712 Boss Inc	supply	17.88
5713 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	20.00
5714 Earley Electric	repair	1585.40
5715 USA Blue Book	supply	41.84
5716 Personal Concepts	supply	79.90
5717 Northland Automotive	supply	155.41
5718 Fruit Peggy	wages	1042.38
5719 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1095.12
5720 Williams Michael	wages	1025.76
5721 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1023.21
5722 State of Montana	email	4.59
5723 The Corner-Hoofers	supply	17.00
5724 Noble Law Firm	legal services	180.00
5725 LTAP	training	100.00

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Collins moved to adjourn. Councilman Day seconded the motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 8:15 p.m.

No meetings for the month of February 2011

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
March 1, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Police Chief Cassidy Zimmer; Clerk Peggy Fruit; Sheriff John Blain and Bob Salomon.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Van Tine moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robert Salomon presented the recent bill he received for snow and ice removal in front of his business, Mr. Salomon feels the Town is doing an excellent job with the snow removal but has had to hire private contractor several time due to build up. The removal is primarily being done to provide safe access of patrons to the businesses as well as preventing the runoff from entering the businesses. Mr. Salomon has discussed the removal with the Public Works department several times and is wondering if there is some ordinance that would enforce movement of vehicles to allow for complete clearing. When the snow and ice does melt the natural flow is to go towards the library. Following further discussion it was agreed by council to send letter to Pastime Theater about removal of railroad ties which are in place to keep vehicles from bumping the uprights of the deck, which will enable natural flow of runoff. The council will research ordinance for snow removal for the Town, other towns have them in place in order to notify public of snow removal routine and management of parking during snow removal, the Town of Broadus doesn't have an ordinance like this in place.

Chief Zimmer discussed with Mayor and Council the split position of Chief of Police and Public Works Operator; Councilwoman Van Tine expressed the Town has an investment in training, setting up the police department, along with Chief Zimmer time working with the Sheriff Office building working relationship with them, and feels it would be too costly to have someone else trained for the position. Look into it being a full time position would be cost prohibitive for the Town, but having this constant switching back and forth for an employee is taxing. Councilman Collins feels it would be easier to replace the public works position than the Chief of Police position. Councilman Collins would like a breakdown of what has been invested in the Police department thus far. Chief Zimmer has discussed the pros and cons with Sheriff Blain as well as the unforeseen costs of a law enforcement department. After visiting with other departments, the conclusion of one-man departments are short lived. Chief Zimmer enjoys the position and has kept current with his continuing education. Mayor and Council agreed to explore all options and set up a meeting with the County Commissioners and Sheriff Blain to discuss possible changes in the Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement. Sheriff Blain pointed out that the Town Judge position could also be contracted out to the Justice of the Peace.

Chief Zimmer has met with Fish Wildlife and Parks Troy Hinck about the deer problem in Broadus, they have reached an agreement that the problem exists and have discussed various ways of getting deer chased out of Town limits. Currently Chief Zimmer is trying one of the scenarios and will update the council on whether it's working.

Reverend Karalee Mulkey contacted Chief Zimmer with information on a workshop dealing with Crisis Intervention Training for law enforcement March 29 thru April 1 in Billings. Further consideration will be done about attending this workshop.

Chief Zimmer and Public Works Ragsdale will be attending NIMS training in Baker this Friday, they will be traveling with County employees whom will also be attending the training.

Clerk Fruit has made the recommended changes to the draft zoning ordinance, the revised ordinance will be sent to the zoning board for review prior to setting up public hearings.

Clerk Fruit is working on the changes to the growth policy as recommended by Attorney Noble, upon completion, this policy will be sent out to the planning board for their review, public hearings will follow.

Council and Mayor agree that a spring clean up of the Town is needed, a letter to the editor will be sent to encourage all residents of Broadus to do their part to clean up their property, reference to the Town Ordinances will be included.

Clerk Fruit reported that MMIA Health Insurance letter was received announcing the possible increase of 12 to 17% in premiums. The final premiums will be set the end of March. The Town employees are still exploring other insurance avenues. Council reviewed the quote for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana that was submitted by Broadus Insurance; this quote is higher than the current insurance.

Budget spreadsheet ending March 1, 2011 was reviewed by Council. There are a few line items that have been overspent, as a whole the budget is in good shape.

Mayor Hurst reported the job descriptions have been signed by Public Works Ragsdale whom will be responsible for water and wastewater and Public Works Williams whom will be responsible for parks, solid waste and streets. The division seems to be working out well thus far; Ragsdale and Williams will be responsible for their budgets for their areas. Mayor Hurst requested the Public Works Department begin gathering items that are not needed anymore for the community auction, things that are not sale quality need to be sold as scrap iron.

Public Works Ragsdale reported that he continues to work on the chlorine system; the gas chlorine will need some adjusting until it covers the entire system adequately. Engineer Bill Enright will be here this week to visit with residents south of Town whom are considering annexing into Broadus and connecting to the water and wastewater system. The plugged pipe at the lagoon has been clearing and the system is working properly; will need to eventually get a van truck to clean out the sludge in the bottom of the wet well at the lagoon.

Public Works Williams has priced skid steer tires and presented the costs to the Council; Councilman Collins inquired if prices have been checked on the internet it is possible they might be cheaper. Public Works Williams said he would do that if that's what the Council wanted but questioned who would mount them; it was agreed that prices needed to be checked to see if a savings would be possible.

Councilwoman Van Tine reported the SEMDC meeting was very informative.

Clerk Fruit reported that Council attendance needs to be reported in the minutes; since there has been an issue, Clerk Fruit requested the Council and Mayor to give their dates at this meeting. Clerk Fruit reported the following information for Councilman Day that was given to her February 18th by Councilman Day, he will be gone March 1 Dr. Appointment, March 6-7 out of state to Dr. appointment, and March 8-10 attending Flood plain Administer training in Lewistown. Councilman Traub will be out of state March 18-20. Councilman Collins will be out of state May 26-June 8. Mayor Hurst will be out of state May 12-16.

Councilman Collins suggested that Council only receive pay for the meetings which they are in attendance. Councilwoman Van Tine seconded the motion. Motion carried by those in attendance.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

5726 State Treasurer	court fines	220.00
5727 Department of Revenue	court fines	220.00
5728 Noble Law Firm	legal services	210.00
5729 Raymond Ragsdale	training	448.10
5730 Fruit, Peggy	wages	1149.22
5731 Ragsdale, Raymond	wages	1208.26
5732 Williams, Michael	wages	1124.29
5733 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	1146.35
5734 WCS Telecom	utility	23.82
5735 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
5736 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
5737 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
5738 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
5739 Powder River County	interlocal agreement	1200.00
5740 Tongue River Electric Coop	utility	2455.65
5741 McEuen Rebecca	wages	163.25
5742 MMIA Montana	insurance	4980.60
5743 Alveda Hurst	reimbursement	40.00
5744 Tammy Van Tine	reimbursement	40.00
5745 Mid Rivers Coop	utility	142.43
5746 Range Telephone Coop	utility	129.57
5747 AFLAC	insurance	218.42
5749 The Corner Store	supply	531.34
5750 The JP Cooke Co	supply	25.72
5751 Trumps Repair	repair	291.06

5752 Grant Trucking	utility	514.08
5754 Boss Inc	supply	106.00
5755 Broadus Boot & Tack	supply	7.95
5756 Noble Law Firm	legal services	105.00
5757 Broadus IGA	supply	9.97
5758 Alderman Oil Co	supply	566.80
5759 Copps Hardware & Lumber	supply	24.31
5760 Powder River Examiner	advertising	76.50
5761 The chemnet Consortium Inc	drug testing	125.00
5762 Powder River Medical Clinic	drug testing	75.00
5764 Alderman Oil Company	supply	828.75
5765 Dana Kepner	supply	388.00
5766 American welding & Gas	supply	132.24
5767 Northwest Pipe Fitting	supply	666.96
5768 Powder River Petal	supply	35.00
5769 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	20.00
5770 USA Bluebook	supply	102.41
5771 Hawkins Water treatment	supply	178.80
5772 Earley Electric	supply	75.80
5773 Black Mountain Software	maintenance	1315.00
5774 Dana Kepner	supply	234.40
5775 Broadus Insurance	insurance	90.95
5776 Fruit Peggy	wages	1149.22
5777 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1208.26
5778 Williams Michael	wages	1124.29
5779 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	1145.35
5780 Broadus Volunteer Fire Department	fire relief	467.00
5781 EMC Insurance company	insurance	3933.00
5782 Beneterra LLC	supply	200.00
5783 Association of MT Flood Plain Managers	conference	100.00
5784 David Day	training	388.82
5785 WCS Telecom	utility	147.24
5786 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
5787 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
5788 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
5789 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
5790 Powder River County	Interlocal agreement	1200.00
5794 Alveda Hurst	reimbursement	40.00
5795 Tammy Van Tine	reimbursement	40.00
5797 Range Telephone Coop	utility	129.57
5800 Fruit Peggy	wages	958.34
5801 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	967.72
5802 Williams Michael	wages	886.61
5803 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	937.47
5804 Zee Medical	supply	16.99

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Collins moved to adjourn. Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 8:15 p.m.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman David Day; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Police Chief Cassidy Zimmer. Clerk Fruit absent.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Van Tine moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Hurst discussed looking into getting more playground equipment for the park. Further discussion brought ideas of a skate board park, bike bmx, liability issues would be greater with these areas than just adding playground equipment. It was agreed to visit with Jim Atchison SEMDC to see if there are any grants or other money available to Towns for playground equipment. PW Zimmer suggested searching the internet for used equipment, he will look into this.

Community Clean up properties are beginning to be reviewed by Council, it was agreed the Scoles have began cleaning up the property and will need to continue a reminder letter will be sent; Pastime Theater letter sent to have them remove the railroad ties from the Town street; and Steve Jordan will receive a letter about vehicles parked in the creek and on the remaining property.

Chief Zimmer has personally purchased a paint ball gun the Town will supply paint balls which will be frozen and used to encourage deer to leave the town limits. This has been okayed by Troy Hinck, Fish Wildlife and Parks for the Town to try on the deer problem. Mr. Hinck will continue to work on the deer removal this fall.

Mayor and Council discussed new hire benefits and how they will differ from the existing employees, it was agreed that new hire employee insurance premium will be paid by the Town and their spouse and/or children will be added to the insurance at the employee's expense.

Mayor Hurst reported that Clerk Fruit has requested health insurance quotes from another agency; hopefully this information will be available at the next meeting.

Some discussion was held about the Town employees whom have Town cell phones; this will be revisited at the next meeting when more information about the cell phone package is available.

Public Works Ragsdale reported chlorine testing throughout the Town is registering which is good. The down side is that there are areas that have gotten higher chlorine levels during introduction of the gas system; this will level out as the chlorine induced into the system is reduced. Raymond will begin flushing the town sewer lines getting water for the sewer machine out of the fire hydrants in an effort to level out the chlorine in the system. Lagoon is working well, will be doing an enzyme test when all the ice is out. Received a five gallon bucket of product from a phone salesman whom was to send a sample, PW Ragsdale will continue to try to get this straightened out.

Public Works Williams put sand and chips in the dip on Lincoln Avenue to fill the hole for now in the crossing. Will continue to use chips fill the worst holes until patching begins this spring. PW Zimmer is working on removing silt that has built up during the recent runoff.

Letter to the County Commissioners and Sheriff Blain to attend the April 5th Council meeting to explore all options available to the Town for law enforcement now and for the upcoming budget year; checking on whether Interlocal agreements for law enforcement and Town Judge would be cost efficient for the Town or to continue with the Chief of Police position.

Discussed Council pay, the possibility of paying council water bill in lieu of pay or if council would consider signing a waiver for no pay. No decision was made at this meeting, will have Clerk Fruit check into this matter further. Mayor Hurst discussed the amount of pay for Mayor and Council, it was pointed out that amount of pay for these positions is designated by the MCA and limits are based on the size of Town.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

5791 Tongue River Electric Cooperative		2577.25
5792 McEuen Rebecca	wages	163.25
5793 MMIA Montana	insurance	4980.60
5794-5795 previous meeting		
5798 AFLAC	insurance	218.42
5801-5804 previous meeting		
5805 Montana League of Cities and Town training		390.00
5806 Conference Registration MT Supreme Court training		300.00
5807 Dana Kepner Co	supply	488.00
5808 Energy Laboratories	supply	20.00
5809 USA Bluebook	supply	50.47
5810 Noble Law Firm	legal service	270.00
5811 McEuen Rebecca	supply	5.99
5812 Broadus IGA	supply	47.49
5813 Safeguard	supply	344.05
5814 Town of Broadus	petty cash	87.48

5815 Boss Inc	supply	8.88
5816 Copps Hardware and Lumber	supply	86.16
5817 The Corner Store	supply	583.56
5818 Powder River Medical Clinic	purchase service	15.00
5819 Quill	supply	184.94
5820 Alderman Oil Co	supply	905.21
5821 1 st Bank	safety deposit box	30.00
5822 Hawkins Water Treatment	repair	23.50
5823 USA Bluebook	supply	36.62
5824 Calvert Backhoe	repair	595.00
5825 RD Enterprise Inc	supply	719.76

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Collins moved to adjourn. Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 8:15 p.m.

Tammy Van Tine, Acting Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
April 5, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman David Day; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Police Chief Cassidy Zimmer; Clerk Fruit; County Commissioners Les Thompson and Dave Richards; Sheriff John Blain; Dispatcher Carmen Turnbough; Joe and Wanda Smith and Johnny Klein.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Van Tine moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Day seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Smith expressed his concerns about the building project next to his property; the contractors have piled dirt against his building several feet deep. This will cause problems with his building and wants to know what was decided by Council when the building project was approved. Mayor Hurst stated that the building of new homes is an improvement to the community and that nothing was approved to have dirt piled against someone else's property. Councilwoman Van Tine question whether or not it was construction dirt, if so the contractor has to remove it within 60 days of completion of the project as stated by ordinance. Mr. Smith said that he felt it wasn't construction debris since it appeared to be landscaped. PW Williams was instructed to check on this matter and report back his findings. Mayor and Council will be in touch with Mr. Smith as soon as PW Williams reports back. Mr. Smith is not looking for a dispute with anyone just wanting to know what the original agreement on the building was and if there is any way to change the problem at hand; also concerned about the drainage changes that have occurred with the change of landscaping of the lots above him. Both PW Ragsdale and Councilman Collins commented that common sense tells you not to pile dirt against someone else's property and not to drain water onto someone else's property. Wanda Smith expressed her concerns about the deer problem in Broadus, Mayor Hurst explained the current status of working on with the Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks and the Chief of Police. Chief Zimmer also reported that FWP Hinck is working on a fall program to be administrated during the hunting season. Clerk Fruit reported that it was stated in the previous minutes that the paint balls would be frozen, they are not, it is not allowed, and only authorized personnel are allowed to be shooting the deer with paintballs. Wanda Smith also is concerned about the huge holes around the town holding water; this will be a mosquito breeding ground this summer. These areas will be looked into by the public works department and required repairs will be made.

Johnny Klein is concerned about the condition of the streets due to the tremendous amount of snow, water and freezing. They are in terrible shape and need serious review on how to repair them. When the streets begin cracking, that's when the oil and chips are needed to be applied to prevent further spread of the cracks. PW Ragsdale reminded everyone that the cost of oil will determine the amount of repairs that can be done on the streets. Discussion was held to possibly do a test street of putting it back to gravel. The streets that have a sufficient amount of asphalt be patched first and work on the remainder with the remainder of materials available. Johnny Klein also requested the other half of Hasten Street by his house be developed; it would allow safe passage for vehicles on the street and more room for those whom are pulling out of the parking area at the beauty shop next door. No decision was made at this time on developing the street, will discuss further. The suggestion was made to include in the Mayor's Corner requesting no truck traffic on the upper

streets to prevent extra breakage of the streets. This would include buses. The upper streets have a very small amount of asphalt on them and the heavier traffic is very hard on them.

Mayor, Council, and County Commission discussed the Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement; the town is looking into all avenues of protection and the cost of this protection and looking for the most feasible way to provide law enforcement. The decision of whether or not to continue the Town Police Department is completely up to the Town, the amount of the Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement is negotiated between the Town and County. County Commissioner Thompson discussed the various ways legislation will be affecting the County's budget and no decisions can be made one way or another until the legislative decisions are made. Mayor Hurst asked if the Town chose not to have a police department anymore how it would affect the Sheriff department. Sheriff Blain discussed his opinion on this matter. Clerk Fruit asked if the sheriff department would enforce the town's ordinances, and Sheriff Blain responded. Chief Zimmer suggested that everyone look at this with fresh eyes and not dwell on what has happened in the past when negotiating the Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement. County Commissioner Dave Richards suggested the Town write up what they want in an agreement including services and reimbursement amount; the County Commission would review it and the negotiating would begin. It's very important that to look for unity as our goal. Councilwoman Van Tine stated the obvious issue is the funding or the lack there of. County Commissioner Les Thompson stated what the county's total budget is approximately 7 million; Clerk Fruit reported the town's total budget is approximately \$450,000.00; which shows the difference in the playing field. A lot of issues were discussed, suggestions were made, and entire group agreed that we need to work out an agreement that will benefit everyone involved including the citizens.

Clerk Fruit reported the Zoning Commission has been developed and resolution signed by Council. The Zoning Ordinance has been submitted to the Council for review, Clerk Fruit asked each Council member if they had read the ordinance, whether or not they had any changes and the response was it was read and no changes. Clerk Fruit and PW Ragsdale have made one change to their copy of the ordinance, the area was repetitive and they asked permission to remove the section. Approval was given. It was agreed to begin public hearings for the Zoning Ordinance.

Clerk Fruit reported the Growth Policy has been completed and sent to the Planning Board and Council for review. No response for changes has been received, Council agreed to begin the public hearing process for the Growth Policy for the Town of Broadus.

Mayor Hurst discussed with Council the Town Clean-Up Week which is scheduled for May 16 through May 23; the 23rd will be the final day the Town will help with pick up of items, beginning the 24th each person is responsible for their own items. The Town asks that items be sorted as household, wood, metals, junk vehicles etc. Residents may call the Town Office with questions.

Mayor Hurst requested the Council give their input on how the New Hire Benefits should be written in the personnel manual, this will pertain to insurance benefits.

PW Ragsdale turned down the chlorine today; the saturation of chlorine thru the system is as follows: North end of town is high, middle of town is higher and the lower end of town is random. Will check the system to be sure it is looping properly, the distribution of chlorine is based on the amount of water being used in the areas. Working on the annual flushing of the sewer mains, been using water out of the fire hydrants to help the chlorine distribution as well as annual flushing of fire hydrants.

PW Williams is getting prices on patching oil and pre-mixed asphalt; trying to find the best deal for the money. PW Williams will begin gathering prices for graveling a street versus fixing the asphalt.

Chief Zimmer reported the Town has purchased a chain saw, will continue to trim trees in the alleys removing over growth that is hanging out into the alley; will be purchasing parts to repair broken chain saw. Tongue River Electric is also working on trimming trees. Public Works will continue inventory on street signs, replacing the ones that are missing and replacing missing yield signs. Have purchased a manikin and wig for the cop car. Requested Council consider an area for kids to ride bikes and motorcycles, will have to get the County's input; liability issues will have to be checked into, but a safe place for the kids is needed.

Mayor Hurst excused herself from the meeting, President Traub took over presiding the meeting. Town employees recently went on a fire call; Clerk Fruit reported that Mayor Hurst inquired what the policy is on this; Clerk Fruit reported previous minutes stated to use discretion prior to responding a fire call. Following discussion, it was agreed the employee attending the fire will be paid for the initial day of the fire until the end of a regular work day and if they continue the fire the next day it will be the employee using vacation/comp time/ or no pay.

Clerk Fruit presented an email from County Clerk and Recorder Karen Amende concerning TSEP funds and plans for another walking path. Council reviewed the plans, Clerk Fruit wondered if “Safe Passage to School” funding could also be used on this project. There will be matching funds required for this project these funds will be split with the County. Opinions were made and no decision was made.

Clerk Fruit asked if the Council and employees had responded to legislature concerning HB610, this bill would increase the Towns fees for water users 300%.

Clerk Fruit reported her findings pertaining to Council pay, it was agreed that if a Councilperson wants to donate their pay back they can and Council will only be paid for meeting which they attend.

Review of open and closed liability claim from MMIA was done, the Town has none.

Clerk Fruit shared with the Council an email from stating Montana Supreme Court and Attorney General defining a meeting.

Review of engineer specs on a water/sewer project of properties on the southern end of town. This project is still in the beginning stages, nothing can be completed until the growth policy and zoning ordinance are finalized; the people involved have to decide if the project will go forward and a SID will need to be formed.

Health Insurance quotes from MMIA were received increasing premium rates 10%; insurance issue is very concerning for the Town as well as the employees. Clerk Fruit presented another insurance company option for group insurance. The suggestion of getting individual quotes versus group quotes was made; Clerk Fruit stated each employee was responsible for getting their own applications and quotes. Councilwoman Van Tine and Councilman Day want a meeting with the new insurance company to discuss plans and premiums; Clerk Fruit is to set this up.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

5799 Dental Network of America	insurance	336.60
5830 Interstate Engineering Inc	engineering	435.80
5831 State of Montana	email	4.59
5832 DEQ	outfall charges	850.00
5833 Alderman Oil Co	supply	243.75
5834 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	254.50
5835 Beneterra LLC	supply	300.00
5836 Energy Laboratories	supply	20.00
5837 Noble Law Firm	legal service	60.00
5838 Broadus IGA	supply	20.64
5839 Grant Trucking	supply	336.84
5840 Fruit Peggy	wages	1250.64
5841 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1262.53
5842 Williams Michael	wages	1194.38
5843 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	1216.28
5845 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
5846 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
5847 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
5848 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
5849 Powder River County	law enforcement	1200.00
5850 TRECO	utility	2253.97
5851 McEuen Rebecca	wages	167.07
5852 MMIA Montana	insurance	4980.60
5853 Alveda Hurst	reimbursement	40.00
5854 Tammy Van Tine	reimbursement	40.00
5855 Mid Rivers Telephone	utility	141.64
5856 Range Telephone	utility	129.45
5857 Aflac	insurance	218.42
5859 The Chemnet Consortium	lab services	175.00
5860 Powder River Examiner	supply	32.00
5861 Northland Automotive	supply	230.37
5862 J&S Tire and Repair	supply	1357.25
5863 American Welding & Gas	supply	33.78
5864 Copps Hardware	supply	247.21
5865 Alderman Oil	supply	586.01

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Day moved to adjourn. Councilman Van Tine seconded the motion. Councilman Traub adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 9:00 p.m.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

Councilman Robert Traub

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman David Day; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Police Chief Cassidy Zimmer; Clerk Fruit; and Amanda Zimmer.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Traub moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Day seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Fruit submitted what she had written pertaining to new hire benefits, Councilman Traub recommended that all the insurance benefits be spelled out, Councilwoman Van Tine agreed that all benefits needed to be accounted for and that the Attorney look at the wording before finalizing it. Mayor Hurst has visited with Alec Hansen with Cities and Towns to discuss paying for employee, spouse and family benefits, no written comment has been received but Mr. Hansen stated the Town probably has no obligation since nothing is in writing.

May clean up week will be May 15th thru May 23rd being the final day the Town will help with hauling items away. Flyers will be hung around town stating what the Town will help with and how the items need to be sorted; household items, white ware, metal, junk vehicles etc. Councilwoman Van Tine has information on Purple Heart Agencies that will accept titled vehicles, the individual giving the vehicle will receive a tax write off, the vehicle will be picked up and Purple Heart will refurbish what they can and give this vehicle to needy families and veterans. The title must be clear but more information will be posted. Mayor Hurst pointed out this clean up week is for everyone in town, following this week any property with ordinance violation will be cited according to the ordinance.

Haston Street between Lincoln Avenue and Trautman Avenue will be widened, prices are being gathered to determine how much it will cost, the Tree Board will be contacted about moving the trees that will be affected, and this street will be a test street for gravel streets. With the continued cost of oil rising and the limited budget for street repairs, the better streets will be maintained as asphalt and others will be turned to gravel.

PW Ragsdale presented the Council with the recent health insurance policy quotes, Assurant Insurance came in with approximately \$15,000.00 saving per year for the insurance. This quote is for a higher deductible on the health insurance and it includes life insurance, dental insurance, and vision insurance which the current employee now have. Councilwoman Van Tine reported the on the meeting she attended with the insurance agents and how helpful they were; Councilwoman Van Tine moved to accept Assurant Insurance policy for the next year. Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried by all in attendance.

Mayor Hurst discussed with Council the lots which the Town owns by the Medical Clinic, the Town has the possibility of people needing housing during the next several years with the oil field work and the pipeline work which will be going on. Since there are no places for housing to be built within the town limits why not check into selling these lots for development. Clerk Fruit suggested to check the deed to make sure the lots referred to as Cliff Park weren't designated to be a park, if they were she doesn't feel we can sell them for development. It was agreed to review the deed and see what could be done with these lots.

PW Ragsdale reported that water usage has been down over the last month. Continues to work on the water department regulating the chlorine; due to the change of chlorine the Town is required to test lead and copper again and to retest for ammonia to develop a history on the amount of ammonia in Broadus water and see how it changes with the different chlorine; have a couple older fire hydrants which need to be replaced they are very old and parts are no longer available for them. Continue to flush sewer mains; planning on applying to release the lagoon in the month of May; will have to do the required testing for the release.

PW Williams will continue to gather items for the spring consignment auction and get it hauled to the auction site.

Police Chief Zimmer reported he will continue to help get auction items ready, requests the Interlocal Law Agreement be held off till next meeting.

Amanda Zimmer asked the Council about placing a sign in the park depicting the donation of play ground equipment which the Auto Club had done in the past. Council agreed this could be done, requested the sign be placed so that it didn't interfere with mowing.

Clerk Fruit reported there will be no increase in the Town's liability insurance premium with MMIA, 3 of the 4 categories for workman compensation insurance will be decreasing for budget year 2011-2012.

Clerk Fruit will be attending Clerk Institute May 8th thru 13th. Mayor Hurst will be attending the Mayor's sessions May 11th -13th. Clerk Fruit will order one more Elected Officials Manual for the Town Office, the Town will have two copies; one for the presiding mayor and one at the Town office for everyone else to use.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

5858 Dental Network of America	insurance	382.10
5866 Fruit Peggy	wages	1153.22
5867 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1199.26
5868 Williams Michael	wages	1144.78
5869 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1127.35
5870 UI Tax Program	1 st qtr	121.50
5871 Amanda Zimmer	supply	197.94
5872 Axmen	supply	701.11
5873 Secretary of State	title 17 subscription	60.00
5874 Titan Machinery	supply	256.45
5875 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	15.00
5876 Department of Environmental services	renewal fees	210.00
5877 State of Montana	email	4.59
5878 Boss Inc	repair/supply	112.90
5879 Barbero Auto & Ag	supply	140.08
5880 Energy Laboratories	testing	20.00
5881 The Corner Store	supply	205.57
5882 Zee Medical Inc.	supply	47.12
5883 Local Government Center	registration Mayor	165.00

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Van Tine moved to adjourn. Councilman Day seconded the motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 7:10 p.m.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Police Chief Cassidy Zimmer; Margaret Scoles and Jeff Noble.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Traub moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Van Tine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Margaret Scoles reported they have found someone to fill the open position on the Broadus Tree Board, Council approved the selection and Mayor Hurst appointed Kathy Roberts to the Broadus Tree Board. Margaret reported the fifth grade class tapped box elder tree for syrup; Arbor Day Grant of \$1000.00 awarded to the Broadus Tree Board to getting a tree spade to move trees; and planted a tree at elementary school on Arbor Day. Councilman Collins suggested putting a drip watering system on trees along highway coming in town or move trees on Hasten Street to full fill grant spending. Town would consider splitting the cost of one of the projects.

Attorney Noble reported that last Friday there are two positions regarding the employees insurance: 79 Opinion 1990 and Attorney General opinion on State employee rules. He will do research and get back with the council. In addition a 2/3 Council and employees must vote on the issue.

Clerk Fruit will post public hearings for the Zoning Ordinance and Broadus Growth Policy tomorrow. The first reading of both these items will be done May 17th at 6:00 pm at the Broadus Town Office.

Council positions open are Councilman Traub, Ward 1 and Councilman Collins, Ward 2; both are four year terms; Robert Traub and Kurt Collins stated they will not be seeking another term. Councilwoman Van Tine, Ward 2; will have to file for filling unexpired term, she was appointed for Ward 2 Councilperson when no one filed for this position last time it was open. Councilman Collins also mentioned that Councilman Day is considering resigning from the Council due to health reasons. Filing for council positions opened May 2nd and will close June 30th. If enough people file for position there will be a primary election on September 13th, if people filing for position are unopposed then no primary is necessary and would only have a general election November 8th. The ballots will be mailed to the Town residents like we have done in the past year. Filing forms may be picked up at the Town Office or the Clerk and Recorder Office at the Courthouse. There are no fees for filing for Council positions.

Mayor Hurst reminded everyone of the Town of Broadus Cleanup day, flyers will be posted around town County Landfill fees will be attached to the flyers, and the town will help residents by removing items that are called into the Town office. Dates for the cleanup week are May 16th thru May 23rd, once this cleanup week has completed, ordinances will be enforced and letters will be sent out to those whom have violations on their property.

Discussion of the Interlocal Law Enforcement agreement was completed, it was agreed to include enforcement of Town Ordinances except for Pet Ordinance; Clerk Fruit will type up changes for Council signature then it will be presented to the County Commissioners for review.

Several issues have arisen about widening Hasten Street. PW Williams is to bring cost of paving the street. A lot of concern has been expressed in the public about turning streets back to gravel, Jerry Coulter was not able to attend the meeting and submitted a letter expressing his concerns (letter will be attached to minutes in the minute book). Further discussion will be held on this street.

Public Works Ragsdale began releasing the lagoon for the month of May; required testing has been completed for release; water testing for lead and copper has been completed; chlorine levels in the water are finally up; and working with Joe Cathey to get all valves and fire hydrants GPS and entered into the computer; raised the water shut off at the Wiltse house.

Public Works Williams stated the patching machine has been gone thru and necessary repairs have been completed, it's filled with oil and they will begin patching Wednesday. Clerk Fruit had reported the driveway of Gail Craft's was gouged this winter during the plowing season, Public Works reported they don't feel it was the Town's doing.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

5884 Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority	work comp	1638.53
5885 Fruit Peggy	wage	1040.78
5886 Ragsdale Raymond	wage	1061.66
5887 Williams Michael	wages	1005.52
5888 Cassidy Zimmer	wage	1032.41
5893 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
5894 Powder River County	law enforcement	1200.00
5895 Tongue River Electric Cooperative	utility	2348.92
5896 McEuen Rebecca	wage	167.07
5897 MMIA Montana	insurance	4980.60
5898 Alveda Hurst	reimbursement	40.00
5900 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop	utility	149.42
5901 Range Telephone cooperative	utility	129.45
5904 Fruit Peggy	travel/meals	295.30
5905 Alveda Hurst	travel/meals	226.30
5906 Local Government Center	manual	30.00
5907 Colonial Research	supply	1229.30
5908 Montana Tax Foundation Inc	fees	55.00
5909 Energy Laboratories	sample	200.00
5910 The Corner-Hoofers	meal	31.50
5911 Broadus IGA	supply	31.70

5912 Alderman Oil Company	fuel	613.67
5913 Fireman's Company	supply	93.00
5914 The Chemnet Consortium Inc	drug testing	35.00
5915 Cops Hardware & Lumber	supply	261.45
5916 Noble Law Firm	legal services	210.00

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 8:15 p.m., Councilman Collins second the motion.

Tammy Van Tine, Acting Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
May 17, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilman David Day; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Police Chief Cassidy Zimmer; Guests Boo Crane, Dorothy King, Murr Isaacs, and Ron Talcott.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Murr Issac's introduced himself, gave a brief history of his background and began discussing the Town's streets. He recommends continuing to repair the streets and chip seal them every five years, to lose the asphalt that we have would be a step backwards. Suggests the Town contact the Coal Board for funding to do street repairs and apply for all grants available for asphaltting streets, contact Julie Korkow with SEMDC for assistance. PW Ragsdale commented there are very few grants available for street repair. Need to prioritize repairs, research possibilities to acquire money for repairs.

Council opened the meeting for public comment on the Growth Policy.

Boo Crane had concerns about the implementation of the Grandfather Clause: the Variance Policy effectiveness: is it between landowners and/or with the council. This needs to be specific in the policy and any request needs to be in writing. The Council is to review policy and improve where needed.

Annexing around town was brought forth by Councilman Dave Day and Ron Talcott. Dave stated the engineers had completed the Flood Plan and the town zoning was consistent with the policy change. Ron concerns had to do with the annexing of properties and the effectiveness. The annexing around town Policy is dated 1980 where said they had plans to increase the upper streets and curbs. Raymond said no enforcement with the old document. Jeff Noble will review both the old and new policy.

Raymond discussed the liability for flooding. Dave give FEMA information to protect town.

Growth Policy ideas from those present were

1. Change to Tongue River Electric Alternative
2. Meth power for town
3. Town to become a Coop

Clean up week was a success.

Johnny Kline said overall leave the roads alone. But suggested to straighten out and widen the street in front of his residence. Fix the pot holes.

Council is to make correction to the Interlocal Agreement as to the verbiage: money amount, contract year(s) and ending date.

Public Works Raymond Ragsdale give an account on the release of the lagoon, mapping and numbering the hydrant valves. Paperwork is at the City Office.

Public Works Mike Williams give details on the bathrooms in the park, garbage and streets. The mirror on the garbage truck needs to replace and he had located a John Deere mover for \$2200. He will check on financing.

Police Chief Cass Zimmer reported that graduation went well. Through traffic was consistent with the Bucking Horse Sale. He asked when Walter was to begin work at the park.

At the next meeting the Fish and Game will be present to deal with the deer population in town. It will be an open forum. Meanwhile Police Chief Zimmer has been working on the deer.

Councilmen Dave Day reported on opening lots in Cliff Park. In 1920 the area was given to the county on a 99 year lease. This area was specifically for a 'park' and if not use in this way it was then to be given back to the original owner.

There will be no meeting on June 7th, 2011.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

5902 AFLAC	insurance	218.42
5903 Dental Network of America	insurance	382.10
5917 Fruit Peggy	wages	1040.78

5918 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1093.32
5919 Williams Michael	wages	1047.34
5920 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1032.41
5921 Noble Law Firm	legal services	210.00
5922 Normont Equipment	supply	273.39
5923 The Corner Store	supply	227.98
5924 Brenntag Pacific	supply	2724.56
5925 Acto International	supply	121.23
5926 Quill Corporation	supply	72.97
5927 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	443.52
5928 Energy Laboratories	testing	235.00
5929 Titan Machinery	supply	166.91

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 8:15 p.m., Councilman Collins second the motion. The next meeting of the Broadus Town Council will be June 14, 2011.

Tammy Van Tine, Acting Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Police Chief Cassidy Zimmer; Guests Commissioner Les Thompson, Commissioner David Richards, SEMDC Jim Atchison, and Acting Clerk Rebecca McEuen.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Jim Atchison introduced himself. He presented to the Mayor a Certificate of Appreciation as a Thank You for membership and participation. Mr. Atchison gave the Mayor a copy of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: a 5 yr road map and CEDS Planning Resources for Broadus area. He then announced there will be an Energy Open Conference and Golf Tournament August 11th and 12th, 2011 and personally inviting all to attend. There will also be two or three energy tours. TBA at a later time.

Old Business:

- Interlocal Agreement. There was a question concerning whether or not the City was to continue with having a Police Chief. No, there would not be a Police Chief once the agreement was signed by both entities. There was to be a change in Item #5 noted in draft and contract to run for three years. Matter tabled for final decision and signing at the next City Council Meeting scheduled for June 21st, 2011.
- At 6:35pm second reading of Zoning Post and Growth Policy for public comment was opened and closed at 6:40pm. Time was documented.
- Health Insurance was discussed as to whether or not to continue with the present policy. According to comment from Attorney Jeff Noble the Town did not give notification of withdrawal in a timely matter which was due March. As a result the Town can NOT be released from this policy. It would be wise to inform the MMIA Insurance Company prior to March of 2012 the intent of the City Council to drop the insurance policy. Motion by Councilman Robert Traub to sign the Health Insurance Policy for this fiscal year 2011-2012 and 2nd by Councilman Kurt Collins.
- There will be further discussion on a new employee health benefit policy and/or a monetary dollar amount for employee to be used as they see fit tabled to next meeting.

New Business:

- Fish & Game Officer Troy Hinkle and Biologist Dean Waltee in to visit about the deer population in within the Town of Broadus. There has been a concern of the residence the aggressiveness and the overall damage to vegetation in the yards by the deer. There were several ways to approach this problem. There are three plans being used in Ekalaka, Colstrip, and Glendive. It was decided by the Council to have a Public Forum to present these options: to discuss and receive input from the residence and ranch landowners surrounding the town. The Public Forum will be held at the City Office on July 19th, 2011 at 6:00pm. Posters placed around town and personal letters to landowners

will be sent inviting all too attend. The City will look over the ordinances as to its legality of hunting within the city limits.

- Public Works Raymond Ragsdale reported that Margaret Scoles, Tree Board and Powder River Endowment Fund will install a drip system along Hwy 212 W. The cost is shared by the two entities. The system will tie into the water line near Boot and Tack. They are mowing and weed eating out at the lagoon. Spraying for misquotes was discussed. No decision was made.
- Public Works Mike Williams reported on his finding for the purchase of D130 Tractor Lawn Mower. After a discussion on cost, trade-in, down payment and financing Councilman Kurt Collins made a motion to okay the purchase of the D130 tractor lawn mower. It was seconded by Councilman Robert Traub. Public Works Williams will look into the procedure on putting up for bid or trade-in on the Husky and John Deere 525.
- Police Chief Zimmer reported there has been little activity. There is an abandon vehicle and is checking into it.
- Changes to Personnel Manual: a) time off earn vs vacation time and b) if employee is written up twice the third time the employee is terminated was tabled for discussion for the next meeting.
- Employee evaluations tabled for the next meeting.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

5940 Skyview TV Inc	utility	24.00
5941 Powder River County	law enforcement	1200.00
5942 Tongue River Electric Cooperative	utility	2479.23
5944 MMIA	insurance	4980.60
5943 McEuen Rebecca L	wages	167.07
5945 Hurst Alveda	reimbursement	40.00
5947 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop Inc	utility	172.15
5948 Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	129.45
5949 AFLAC	insurance	218.42
5951 McEuen Rebecca L	wages	78.08
5952 Energy Laboratories	testing	67.50
5953 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	20.00
5954 Powder River Medical Clinic	testing	45.00
5955 Quad K Supply	supply	101.18
5956 Montana League of Cities & Town	dues	150.00
5957 The Corner Store	supply	152.96
5958 C&B Operations LLC	supply	41.72
5959 Boss Inc	supply	15.88
5960 Trumps Repair	repair	74.00
5961 Powder River Petals	funeral flowers	25.00
5962 Alderman Oil	fuel	784.36
5963 Copps Hardware & Lumber	supply	76.40
5964 Broadus Iga	supply	33.87
5965 Peggy Fruit	wages	1153.22
5966 Ragsdale, Raymond	wages	1199.26
5967 Williams, Michael	wages	1144.78
5968 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	1127.35
5969 Ferguson Walter	wages	552.36
5970 Barbero Auto & Ag	supply	735.04
5971 Postmaster	stamps	44.00

With no further business Councilman Traub made a Motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Van Tine 2nd the Motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm. The next meeting of the Broadus Town Council will be June 21, 2011.

Rebecca McEuen, Acting Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Clerk Peggy Fruit; Guests Commissioner Donald McDowell, Commissioner David Richards, Sheriff John Blain, and Deputy John Robinson.

No meeting was held.

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
July 5, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Traub; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Chief of Police Cassidy Zimmer; and Clerk Peggy Fruit

No meeting was held.

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
July 12, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilman David Day; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Police Chief Cassidy Zimmer and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Day moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Van Tine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Southeastern Montana Development Corporation is planning on having a meeting in Broadus to discuss the Brownfield Challenges, the first meeting will be with DEQ, County and Town to begin with then other meetings may be scheduled to involve the public. SEMDC would like to have dates that the Town Council would be able to attend, Clerk Fruit will contact SEMDC with the following dates August 31st and September 7th, dates will be compared to available dates from the other agencies.

July 19th the Fish Wildlife and Parks will be here to discuss with the public and Council about the deer problem in Broadus and what options are available.

Discussion was held on the Interlocal Law Enforcement with Powder River County, following review of funds available, it was decided to stick with the original offer to the County.

Reviewed update and changes to the Personnel Manual pertaining to new hire benefits from Attorney Noble; Councilman Collins recommended to add part (e) to reflect the benefits will only be paid July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Clerk Fruit will send this information to Attorney Noble for comment.

Budget 2011-2012, Clerk Fruit inquired whether or not money should be budgeted for Council Training, it was agreed to add \$1,000.00 to the budget and contact an agency to come to Broadus to train the entire council at once; other budget items discussed were raising Mayor's wage to \$50.00 per month; contracting with Justice of Peace for Town Court; employee raises and how much would be given these would be based on evaluations further talk on this will be done at the next meeting; parks position would be budgeted for 500 hours; summer help for three months at minimum wage; need cost to siding the entire town office versus just doing front of office building, PW Ragsdale will get these costs for next meeting; amount of continuing education hours needed for Public Works employees and the amount of the training costs, PW Ragsdale will find out how many hours have to be done this budget year and whom needs them; public opinion is to keep the streets and avenues oiled, will have to increase the amount of the street maintenance assessment which is currently at \$30/lot, Clerk Fruit is to find out if there are any percentage amounts governing how much the increase is maxed out at; street light assessment is currently at \$21/lot and seems adequate to pay bills, it was decided to leave it; discussed on-call pay for operator required to be here on weekend, it was decided to skip this, no requirements will be made of operators; budget for the highest accumulated compensated absence employee on the books, this would not be spent unless someone would quit requiring payout; amount of money need for the tree board watering project, PW Ragsdale will discuss this with Margaret Scoles and report back to Clerk Fruit so it can be included in the upcoming budget; and costs of alarm systems for the

water and sewer departments will be researched, also check on payment plans for the systems if possible, base figure so far is \$14,000.00. Most of the items discussed were tabled until next meeting.

Public Works Ragsdale reported both wells are running; Cassidy Zimmer and Raymond Ragsdale will be attending training in Billings on fire hydrants and valves and pick up supplies needed; lagoon is working good; and booster pump at the main well burnt up, parts have been ordered and the pump has been repaired, will work on getting the chlorine regulated again.

Public Works Williams reported the oil for patching will be here tomorrow; will be advertising the huskavarna mower for sealed bids in the newspaper and solid waste pickup is going good.

With no further discussion at this meeting Councilman Day moved to adjourn, Councilwoman Van Tine seconded the motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 8:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be July 19th at 6:00 pm.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
July 19, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman Kurt Collins; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Police Chief Cassidy Zimmer; Clerk Peggy Fruit and guests: Troy Hinck, Fish Wildlife and Parks Warden; Dean Waltee, Wildlife Biologist; Ron and Twila Talcott; Harlan and Peggy Jones; Boo Crane; Sally Burke; John Klein; and Karen Amende.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Hurst opened the public hearing concerning Deer Management Action Plan, Troy Hinck, Fish Wildlife and Parks Warden and Dean Waltee, Wildlife Biologist began the meeting addressing the urban wildlife conflict in the Town of Broadus by asking those in attendance what the conflict with deer are: John Klein stated he felt the deer moving into the North end of town are being pushed by predators from the river area. Peggy Jones resides in the Northwest part of town, the deer come down the alley; she and her husband enjoy the deer but have to build fences and cages around their garden and trees to keep them from being destroyed. Their yard has lots of weeds due to the manure droppings, the damage to the trees that they can't cage or fence (junipers) is very discouraging. Harlan Jones stated the deer aren't afraid of humans and has had numerous times when they are within arm's reach while shutting off water. Sally Burke mentioned the deer she sees coming into town come from the lagoons across the field and into town. Karen Amende pointed out how discouraging it is to see the destruction of the trees that she is trying to get started. FWP Hinck feels that we are seeing the generations of town deer coming back, there are times that generation deer become aggressive, currently the Town is trying hazing methods to discourage them from coming into town. The hazing method takes time and any process will have to be continuous in order to discourage them from coming into town. By instituting an action plan it will eventually ward off the generational deer. WB Waltee inquired when the deer population in town is the worst. The deer are here now and seem to be here year round, the population in town seems to be getting larger and staying longer. The whitetail population on the river is very high right now causing more of them to migrate from the river to town. The deer must pose a threat to human, pet or livestock to cause termination, unfortunately eating forage in yards is not reason enough. There are other ways to manage the deer population; management of antlerless harvest by requiring antlerless deer be harvested prior to hunting for antler deer or by having an extended season for doe deer. All areas of management of deer require the cooperation of the property owners surrounding the Town of Broadus. Twila Talcott mentions people have contacted them about harvesting does on their property and then they hear about the bucks that were harvested instead, which isn't what they want, the does are very abundant. FWP Hinck stated they are very aware of the deer harvesting, its more recreation hunting nowadays than hunting for meat. Creating a Deer Management Action Plan, having it approved through Fish Wildlife and Parks, can help with the management of deer in town. Colstrip, Glendive, and Ekalaka have all adopted action plans for this purpose, Colstrip plan includes open areas within the Town limits, but is limited only to the properties with approval by the property owners. Regular season hunts will be optimized and special damage hunts will be employed when needed and where they are effective. Ekalaka's plan states only open space property owners approved by the Town of Ekalaka may allow hunting on their properties. Hunters are still required to check-in and obtain approval from the landowner before hunting on their property. All of the other plans state that residents must refrain from artificial feed of deer as a way to encourage them to stay near or return to the town. Management action plans are all public hunting so the cooperation of the surrounding property owners is very important. If an extended hunting period is applied for and approved it would be archery only. Peggy Jones would like to see a program implemented to manage the deer. WB Waltee explained how the implementation of a urban deer management plan is done- first the Town of Broadus would develop a plan,

distribute it to the area landowners, based on the amount of cooperation between landowner and the town the plan would be sent to the Regional Fish Wildlife and Parks Managers for review and recommend the plan to the State Fish and Game Commission for approval. The plan must stay within state game laws. WB Waltee mapped out an area from the river to the airport, 39 parcels of land with 18 landowners. Clerk Fruit will use Glendive, Colstrip and Ekalaka action plans for a model to type up Town of Broadus plan, forward it to the landowners and WB Waltee for review, it will then proceed if enough landowners agree to the plan. Boo Crane inquired about who would oppose this plan, FWP Hinck didn't foresee any activist groups opposing the plan. Boo Crane also suggested that the Town should consider some type of fee schedule, if possible, for the plan. This concluded the first public meeting on deer management.

PW Zimmer discussed with council in attendance the possibility of purchasing a mower, trading in the rotary mower to reduce the cost. Parks operator, Walter Ferguson was mowing today when his mower started on fire, it has been turned into insurance, and therefore we are down a mower. No decisions were made on the trading of equipment due to lack of quorum. The Council meeting was adjourned due to not having a quorum to complete remainder of the agenda; Councilman Collins was called away from the meeting.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
August 2, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilman John Klein; Public Works Mike Williams; and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Collins moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Van Tine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Hurst reported the County negotiations with Law Enforcement Agreement seem to be moving forward, no problems with the amount of money offered by the Town, Sheriff Blain would like to include the Town's police department equipment in the agreement. Chief Zimmer has listed all equipment for the Council review, Council agreed to keep the following items for the town: speed limit sign-which will be mounted on a post to continue to remind motorist of their speed in town; the newer cop car for Town use to meetings etc; mount radios in the public work vehicles; and the remainder of the list will be discussed with Chief Zimmer prior to presenting it to Sheriff Blain. The agreement would be for three years instead of annually. Clerk Fruit will check with Attorney Noble for process of repealing traffic codes and removing police department from the Town. Ordinances will remain in force. Mayor Hurst reported that she has contacted Judge Landa about handling court proceeding for the Town ordinances, she has not heard from Judge Landa.

Mayor and Council reviewed letter from Attorney Noble pertaining to new hire benefits; Clerk Fruit is to make corrections to policy manual. Councilman Collins moved to approve changes as recommended by Attorney Noble to the personnel manual. Councilman Van Tine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Employee evaluations were discussed, initial evaluations were done in November 2010, and the evaluations done now will be done as follows: all employees evaluate each other; these will not be signed and will be used as tool for Mayor and Council to do the final evaluation. Clerk Fruit is hand out evaluations to co-workers for their input, these evaluations need to be filled out and returned to the Mayor by August 18th at 5:00 pm. Clerk Fruit will get information to the Mayor and Council on closed meeting laws and how to proceed, all Council members want to be involved in the evaluation process with the Mayor.

Public Works Williams discussed the chlorination of the Towns water, seems to be stronger at the north east end of Town, he will do some testing at residence home and at the school to see what the levels are. It was recommended to check the valves in that area to be sure that all valves are open and the loop is complete.

Deer Management policy was discussed it was agreed that both white tail and mule deer need to be included and to have an extended season. Clerk Fruit will type the management policy; send it to the 18 landowners surrounding the Town of Broadus for their review, as stated at the first public hearing all the landowners need to agree to the management policy in order for the Fish Wildlife and Parks to grant approval. Each landowner will need to express yes or no to the policy in writing to the Town of Broadus.

2011-2012 proposed budgets was discussed, Council reviewed department requests, and some question will need to be answered at the next meeting when all departments are represented. Clerk Fruit answered questions on expenditure budget: the budget figures do not include any court costs as of yet; raises were figured at fifty cents-how the raises will be given will be determined by Mayor and Council based on evaluations; hours used to tabulate wages- four full time employees, 500 hours parks person, 650 hours for summer help, no hours for Town Judge, and 88 hours for fill in clerk; Council pay remains at \$40.00 per month and the Mayor's reimbursement raised to the legal limit of \$50.00 per month; fuel and gas was figured based on the amount of gallons used in 2010-2011 budget; percent increases were used to tabulate electricity, telephone, cell phone, and propane and the remainder is department requests. Still need cost of siding for the town office and cost of alarm system for the water and sewer systems are not figured in this proposed expenditure budget. Clerk Fruit explained the revenue portion of the proposed budgets; 2011 Certified Taxable Valuation information and how it's used to determine tax revenue and mill levy limits; the revenue for the enterprise funds; street light assessment seems to be covering the costs at its current rate but will check with TRECO to be sure the upcoming increases will be covered; street maintenance assessment is no covering the expenses and will need to be raised- Council discussed raising to \$70.00 per year from \$35.00 per year. Clerk Fruit explained the process of public hearings for the budgets and those dates will be set at the next council meeting. Council will review the proposed budget and have questions and comments for the August 16th meeting.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

5980 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
5981 David Day	reimbursement	40.00
5982 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
5983 Skyview TV Inc.	utility	24.00
5984 Powder River County	law enforcement	1200.00
5985 Tongue River Electric	utility	2529.94
5986 McEuen Rebecca	wages	167.07
5987 MMIA	health insurance	572.60
5988 Alveda Hurst	reimbursement	40.00
5989 Tammy Van Tine	reimbursement	40.00
5990 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop	utility	142.73
5991 Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	129.35
5992 AFLAC	premium	218.42
5993 Dental Network of America	premium	382.10
5997 Fruit Peggy	wages	1153.22
5998 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1199.26
5999 Williams Michael	wage	1144.78
6000 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1127.35
6001 Ferguson Walter	wages	608.33
6002 Broadus Insurance Services	premium	2480.00
6003 Energy Laboratories	sampling	107.50
6004 Hawkins Water Treatment	chlorine	1079.26
6005 USA Bluebook	parts	251.80
6006 Noble Law Firm	legal	120.00
6007 The Chemnet Consortium Inc	testing	105.00
6008 Montana Rural Water Systems	dues	200.00
6009 Trumps Repair	repair	237.95
6010 Normont Equipment	supply	1300.00
6011 Quad K Supply	supply	110.55
6012 2M Company Inc	supply	165.94
6013 Industrial Tool Box	supply	122.72
6014 The Corner Store	supply	520.38
6015 D&P Auto Clinic	supply	54.00
6016 J&S Tire and Repair Inc	supply	50.00
6017 Broadus Iga	supply	3.38
6018 Cops Hardware and Lumber	supply	863.92
6019 Alderman Oil Company	supply	883.26
6020 Montana Municipal Clerk-Treasurer	dues	50.00
6021 Barbero Auto & AG	supply	169.90
6022 MMIA	work comp	1741.51
6023 Broadus IGA	supply	110.00
6024 Fruit Peggy	wages	1043.78
6025 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1061.66
6026 Williams Michael	wages	1005.52
6027 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1032.41

6028 Ferguson Walter	wages	618.77
6033 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
6034 Powder River County	law enforcement	1200.00
6036 McEuen Rebecca	wages	167.07
6037 MMIA	health insurance	5472.60
6038 Alveda Hurst	reimbursement	40.00
6041 Range Telephone Coop	utility	129.35
6042 AFLAC	premium	218.42
6043 Dental Network of America	premium	382.10
6044 Noble Law Firm	legal	45.00
6045 C&B Operations LLC	parts	59.83
6046 Alderman Oil Company	supply	836.37
6047 UI Tax program	unemployment	129.45
6048 MMIA	liability program	6423.74
6049 Barbero Auto & AG	parts	419.46

With no further business at this time, Councilwoman Van Tine moved to adjourn, Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 8:30 pm.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman John Klein; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Mike Williams; Public Works Cassidy Zimmer; Clerk Peggy Fruit and guests Jim Atchison and Julie Korkow with South Eastern Montana Development Corporation.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Traub moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Atchison, SEMDC presented the previous year's accomplishments and discussed annual renewal for the Town of Broadus. Julie Korkow discussed her part with SEMDC and will be ready to assist the Town of Broadus any way she can.

Mayor Hurst discussed the Interlocal Law Enforcement agreement and it was decided to invite the County Commission to attend the next meeting to continue negotiations.

New Hire benefit portion of the Personnel Manual were reviewed and accepted, resolution was signed by Mayor and Council. Clerk Fruit suggested the Mayor and Council have a meeting to review policy manual and complete all changes at once instead of rehashing this every meeting. Councilman Collins moved to meet next Tuesday to discuss personnel policy manual only. All agreed, Clerk Fruit will provide Mayor and Council current personnel manual for the meeting.

Budget changes required, PW Ragsdale explained the power problems at the well causing the chlorination pump to burn out and replacement required- the invoice will be tabulated and added to the preliminary budget. Mayor Hurst would like motion lights installed in the Park Bathrooms; the amount will be researched and put in the budget. Continued research on water and wastewater alarm system is being done, it may not be budgeted for this year, will also discuss with Julie Korkow for possible grant funding. Street Light Assessment will remain the same. Councilman Traub moved to raise Street Maintenance Assessment from \$35.00 per lot to \$70.00 per lot. Councilman Klein seconded the motion. Motion carried. Preliminary Budget hearing is set for September 6, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Final Budget hearing is set for September 30, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Hurst will be out of state September 9-18, 2011; Councilman Traub will be covering in her absence.

Reviewed Deer Management Action Plan and letter to property owners; this plan is contingent on 100% cooperation of area property owners. The main objective will be to have an extended season for doe deer only to be taken by archery hunters. Letters will be sent to 19 surrounding property owners for their participation in the plan. A Public hearing will be held September 6, 2011 at 6:00 pm, if a 100% of property owners isn't received then the plan will not be further pursued.

PW Williams received one sealed bid for the mower, Carey Trumps \$125.00; bid was accepted by Council. Arrangements for pick up of the mower will be done tomorrow. In hopes to finish pothole patching this week will use the remaining oil on hand.

PW Ragsdale reported the hookups on Alderman Lot have been completed. Adjusted the chlorine in the Town's water, it continues to vary throughout the town with the amount of chlorine when tested.

PW Zimmer discussed with Mayor and Council about coaching junior high football, Council has no problem and encouraged him to help out.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

6035 Tongue River Electric Cooperative	utility	2846.71
6040 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop Inc	utility	164.55
6050 Postmaster	postage	108.17
6051 Boss Inc	supply	260.00
6052 Northwest pipe fitting inc	supply	3321.65
6053 USA Bluebook	repair	1165.88
6054 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	280.42
6055 Powder River Examiner	purchase service	58.00
6056 EMC Insurance Company	premium	2480.00
6057 Cops Hardware & Lumber	supply	492.13
6058 The Corner Store	supply	183.17
6059 C&B Operations LLC	mower	993.00
6060 Quad K Supply	supply	178.00
6061 Fruit Peggy	wages	1153.22
6062 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1199.26
6063 Williams Michael	wages	1144.78
6064 Cassidy Zimmer	wages	1127.35
6065 Ferguson Walter	wages	712.65

With no further business at this time, Councilwoman Van Tine moved to adjourn, Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 8:00 pm.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman John Klein; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Cassidy Zimmer; Clerk Peggy Fruit and guests Charlie Russell, Boo Crane, Powder River County Commissioners Les Thompson, Don McDowell and David Richards and Powder River County Sheriff John Blain.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Traub moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilwoman Van Tine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Hurst opened the Deer Management Action Plan public hearing at 6:10 pm, Clerk Fruit explained the only person that had contacted over the phone was Danny Lanning, he has no problem with having the extended season as long as he's contacted by the hunters prior to hunting; would like to know the time frame of the extended season; he also noted the Deer Management Action Plan provided an out for the Town and the Fish and Game but not for the Landowner. These areas have been noted and will discuss them with Troy Hinck to see how it can be handled. Charlie Russell has no problem with the extended hunting season, suggested the river be one of the boundaries and wondered if additional tags would be issued for this season. Since no other landowners have contacted the Town Office it was suggested to use the immediate surrounding property owners instead of a three mile radius. Thru further discussion the question of having use of guns vs. archery for the season, who specifies which can be used in the Action plan. All property owners attending this meeting are in agreement with having an extended season, Clerk Fruit will contact Troy Hinck to answer the above questions and contact the landowners with the final revision of the Deer Management Action Plan. Public Hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

Don McDowell, County Commissioner discussed with the Council the counter offer from the County, they would accept the \$19,500.00/year for three years but want the complete inventory of the Broadus Police department. Sheriff John Blain questioned if the Town had valued everything on the inventory list, values are listed on the list with the exception of the newer car, the Town of Broadus will be keeping it to use for out of town trips versus paying mileage. Following discussion, it was agreed to complete a counter offer to the County that included the total inventory list of items that would be given to the County.

Mayor Hurst opened the public hearing for the preliminary 2011-2012 budget at 7:20 p.m. No one from the public has appeared for the hearing or has contacted the Town office prior to this hearing. The following items were discussed: Employee raises, after discussion it was decided to give .50 cents across the board for cost of living retroactive to July 1, 2011 an addition raise will be given based on the employee evaluation- this amount could be up to .50 cents. Discussed on call pay for public work employees whom are required to be here on weekends to check chlorine and be available for any emergency that may arise. It was agreed to set up a schedule of who's on, the sheriff department will get a copy of the schedule and the on call employee will receive one hour comp time for each day on call.

Council voted to hold the Judge's conference registration until a decision is made on whom will be the Judge. Clerk Fruit had discussed the position with Judge Landa and she is not interested at this time.

Council reviewed itemized billing of the Mid Rivers Communication bill and expressed concerns about the length of time being spent on the cell phone. No action was taken.

Employee evaluations will be done on Friday September 9, 2011 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Hurst, Councilwoman Van Tine and Councilman Collins will be doing the evaluations.

Clerk Fruit was contacted by several individuals today concerned about the mess the garbage truck leaves behind when, it leaks out of the bottom of the truck. It have left a very smelly gross mess behind, this was discussed by the Council and will check into having the hole plugged in a manor to keep this from happening.

Public Works Ragsdale reported the lagoon pumps were plugged with tree branches, the plug has been removed. Will continue flushing hydrants just about have them all flushed. Have returned products for credit and ordered wrenches. Mayor Hurst wants all items in the City shops inventoried this winter, so we have an accurate accounting of the items the town owns.

Clerk Fruit reported on the Financial Review of the Town of Broadus which was completed by Smith, Lange, and Halley PC, since the Town isn't required to have an audit done a financial review must be done every three years. The Financial Review had one finding and recommendation was made, the Mayor and Council be receiving a letter from the State to see how the finding will be corrected and what will be done so that it doesn't occur again.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

6030 Robert Traub	reimbursement	40.00
6032 Kurt Collins	reimbursement	40.00
6039 Tammy Van Tine	reimbursement	40.00
6066 Fruit Peggy	wages	1268.64
6067 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1286.53
6068 Williams Michael	wages	1218.38
6069 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1246.28
6070 Ferguson Walter	wages	824.10
6074 Skyview TV	utility	24.00
6075 Powder River County	law enforcement	1200.00
6076 TRECO	utility	3130.49
6077 McEuen Rebecca	wages	163.25
6078 MMIA	premium	5472.60
6079 Alveda Hurst	reimbursement	40.00
6081 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop	utility	140.09
6082 Range Telephone	utility	130.69
6083 Alfac	premium	218.42
6084 Dental Network of America	premium	382.10
6085 Klein John	reimbursement	40.00
6086 Zee Medical	supply	60.92
6087 State of Montana	email	3.86
6088 Broadus IGA	supply	33.08
6089 Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc	supply	937.44

6090 Kinzer Russ	repair	613.60
6091 Alderman Oil Company	supply	478.09
6092 Quill	software-Mayor	169.47
6093 Copps Hardware and Lumber	supply	104.10
6094 Energy Laboratories	testing	20.00
6095 Industrial Tool Box	supply	165.88
6096 Aye's Fabricating & Repair	supply	35.00
6097 Q Business Source	checks	175.30
6098 ATCO International	supply	115.00
6099 Copps Hardware and Lumber	supply-tree board	441.47

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Klein moved to adjourn. Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 8:30 p.m.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2011 6:00 pm***

No Meeting.

***Broadus Town Council
Special Meeting
September 22, 2011 7:00 am***

Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilman John Klein; and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Final review of the Town of Broadus 2011-2012 budget; Councilman Traub moved to accept the following resolutions: 2011-01 Assessment of Costs for Street Lights, 2011-02 Assessment of Costs for Street Maintenance, 2011-03 Budget 2011-2012 191.48 levied funds plus the non-levied and special assessment funds approval, 2011-04 Providing for the purchase of materials from the State of Montana Department of Transportation, 2011-05 Town of Broadus Wages, and 2011-06 Town Judge Appointment. Councilman Klein and Councilman Collins both seconded the motion. Motion carried

With no further business before the Council, Councilman Traub moved to adjourn. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 am.

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman John Klein; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Cassidy Zimmer; Public Works Michael Williams; and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilwoman Van Tine moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Klein seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review of Personnel Manual was done; recommended changes will be made by Clerk Fruit. Upon completion Council will review changes prior to submitting to MMIA and Attorney Noble.

Clerk Fruit inquired for the amounts of raises that will be given to employees since the completion of evaluations; Council will meet at 5:00 pm October 18th to make final decision. The .50 cent cost of living raise has been approved for the employees. Interviews for the Public Works Director position will also be done at this time.

Mayor Hurst wants a total inventory of the Town shop done this winter to include all equipment, tools and supplies on hand; spot inventory will be done semi-annually.

Drug testing for the town employees seems to be too frequent, at least three employees are picked each quarter, and Clerk Fruit will contact the Chemnet Consortium to see if this is normal.

Public Works Williams reported that Walter Ferguson is done working for the season, he will come back when the leaves have fallen to do pickup; will be blowing out the sprinklers and draining the park restrooms for the winter; and the garbage truck drain hole has been plugged to prevent leakage.

Public Works Ragsdale reported the water main valve on Lincoln Avenue has been replaced will be changing out one on Trautman Avenue before winter; main well piping blew apart—have replaced the damaged parts and its back on line; have made contact with a company concerning the safety equipment for the lagoon, PW Williams reported of a company that might save some money for this equipment; have changed out one fire hydrant and have three more to change.

Public Works department will be working on the on call schedule for the weekends. Mayor Hurst wants a copy of the schedule given to the Sheriff Department. The reimbursement for on call will be one hour compensation time per day on the weekends and two hours per holiday, water testing will be done on these weekends.

Clerk Fruit reported that Powder River County Planning Board will be meeting October 17th at 1:30 pm, the town needs to appoint a representative to replace David Day; John Klein will fill that position.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

6080	Tammy Van Tine	reimbursement	20.00
6100	Postmaster	postage	82.94
6101	Fruit Peggy	wages	1153.22
6102	Ragsdale, Raymond	wages	1199.26
6103	Williams, Michael	wages	1132.97
6104	Cassidy Zimmer	wages	1127.35
6105	Ferguson Walter	wages	513.94
6106	Dept of Environment Services	fees	686.00
6107	Dental Network of America	premium	382.10
6108	Mills Auction Service	supplies	280.00
6109	Northwest Pip Fitting Inc	supplies	185.53
6110	Hawkins Water Treatment	supplies	10.00
6111	Boss Inc	supplies	27.098
6112	Calvert Backhoe	repair	300.00
6113	Southeastern Montana Development	dues	468.00
6114	Powder River Examiner	Ad	113.00
6115	The Corner Store	Fuel	301.58
6116	Town of Broadus Petty Cash	postage	84.79
6117	Conference Reg MT Supreme Court	registration fee	300.00
6123	Skyview TV INC	Utility	24.00
6124	Powder River County	Law Enforcement	2900.00
6125	Tongue River Electric Cooperative	Utility	2884.02
6126	Rebecca McEuen	wages	168.41
6127	MMIA Montana	premium	3472.60
6128	Alveda Hurst	reimbursement	70.00
6130	Mid Rivers Telephone Coop Inc	utility	139.31
6131	Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	130.87
6140	Margaret Scoles	reimbursement	167.14
6141	Don Birkholz	reimbursement	7.74
6142	Anne Amsden	reimbursement	171.04
6143	Powder River Examiner	legal aid	58.00
6144	Smith, Lange & Haley PC	financial review	1875.00
6145	Powder River Medical Clinic	drug testing	45.00
6146	NAPA Auto Parts	supplies	81.36
6147	Earley Electric	repairs	786.50
6148	Quill	supplies	220.38
6149	Buffaloland Antiques	supplies	113.00
6150	Energy Laboratories	testing	20.00
6151	Broadus IGA	supplies	69.24
6152	Titan Machinery	parts	414.72
6153	USA Bluebook	supplies	91.10
6154	Normont Equipment	supplies	2575.00
6155	Northwest Pipe Fitting Inc	parts	1982.14

6156	Copps Hardware & Lumber	supplies	294.12
6157	Alderman Oil Company	supplies	432.72
6158	Williams Equipment	repair	459.62

With no further business before the Council, Councilwoman Van Tine moved to adjourn. Councilman Traub seconded the motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 7:25 p.m.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

***Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2011 6:00pm***

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilman John Klein; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Cassidy Zimmer; Public Works Michael Williams; Public Works Cassidy Zimmer and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Collins moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilwoman Van Tine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Atchison, South Eastern Montana Development Corporation presented Mayor Hurst with Certificate of Appreciation 2011-2012. The Annual SEMDC meeting will be held October 25, 2011 5:30 pm at the Community Center, encouraged all to attend, discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the Community, the communities input is vital to a successful meeting.

Clerk Fruit had no update on the deer management.

Mayor and Council requested the personnel manual be sent to Attorney Noble and MMIA for review of changes.

PW Ragsdale reported the Broadus Insurance has requested a building at the old state yard be painted and reroofed. No money was budgeted for this project, PW Ragsdale will check on the time frame for which this needs done.

PW Williams reported the park bathrooms have been closed and winterized, park sprinklers will be blown out on Friday, have some oil stock to patch the worst potholes before winter, dumpster lids have been ordered and will be delivered Friday and discussion at the Public Health Board meeting about whether or not the cement water storage tank could be repaired and put back on line. PW Ragsdale will check into putting this on the future projects list and the types of materials and cost that will be involved.

PW Ragsdale reported the continued work on water main valves have completed fixing two and have a couple more to work on this budget year. Have a meeting set up November 2, 2011 to discuss water and sewer project in the Cheasia addition, Interstate Engineering, Planning Board, Mayor and Council, and the people affected have been contacted. Will also visit with the engineers about raising the lagoon lift station to an above ground facility, see what grant funding is available and steps to implement the project.

Mayor and Council discussed several properties within the Town Limits which are in violation of the Community Decay Ordinance and the Junk Vehicle Ordinance, owners of these properties will be notified by mail of the violations. Two of the properties have been contacted before; Clerk Fruit will send certified letters with court dates to these properties.

Discussion of the usage of dumpsters seems to be a lot of cardboard put in the dumpster instead of being taken to the crusher; in keeping track of the cardboard for a week the largest offenders seem to be some of the businesses. PW department collected all these boxes and hauled to the baler at the IGA. There are other items being put into the dumpsters that are not allowed: metal, porcelain toilets and sinks, and tires; a reminder of proper dumpster usage will be put in the Mayor's corner. PW would like the alleys cleaned up several alleys are getting very cluttered with property owners items making the passage way narrower; plus it will make it easier to plow snow in the winter.

PW Ragsdale, PW Zimmer, Mayor Hurst and Clerk Fruit will be attending a training sponsored by the Local Government Center and MMIA in Miles City on October 26, 2011, 9 am to 4 pm.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

6119 WCS Telecom	utility	15.14
6132 AFLAC	premium	218.42
6133 Dental Network of America	premium	382.10
6159 Postmaster	postage	113.10
6160 Fruit Peggy	wages	1037.78
6161 McEuen Rebecca	wages	237.76
6162 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1093.32
6163 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1032.41
6164 Williams Michael	wages	791.67
6165 ACS Support – Stop 813G	garnish	255.67
6166 Trumps Repair	supply	253.90
6167 Montana Magistrate Association	dues	200.00
6168 Quill	supplies	295.78
6169 Hawkins Water Treatment	supply	5.00
6170 J&S Tire and Repair	service	92.50
6171 Black Mountain Software	maintenance	1410.00
6172 Noble Law Firm	legal services	120.00
6173 Montana Legislative Services Division	2011 MCA	320.00
6174 The Corner Store	supply	248.20
6175 Normont Equipment	supply	184.00
6176 USA Bluebook	supply	91.10
6177 AFLAC	premium	218.42

With no further business before the Council, Councilwoman Van Tine moved to adjourn. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 7:05 p.m.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
November 1, 2011 6:00pm

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilman Kurt Collins; Councilman John Klein; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; and Public Works Cassidy Zimmer.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Klein moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Zimmer discussed the repairs that need done on the garbage truck the new springs will cost approximately \$4,000.00, a backup camera was purchased and installed in the garbage truck; Tuesday's garbage will be picked up on Mondays – notifications will be sent out to Tuesday's garbage route people- this will not take effect until the 28th of November; the big orange truck is need of some repairs; and will visit with Jim Hansen about buses taking a different route as the one they use now at the school is in need of repairs.

Public Works Ragsdale visited with Broadus Insurance on painting and roofing the building in the old state yard, this project can wait until spring. Councilman Klein inquired about the 116 piece tool set that was recently purchased at carquest. Will be a meeting November 2, 2011 @ noon at the town office to discuss the possibility of a water and sewer project to include Dale Amende, Gary Alderman properties; engineers, council and planning board have been invited to attend.

Mayor Hurst had Attorney Noble research bed tax/resort tax for our area; the Town of Broadus does not meet the requirements for this type of tax.

The following claims were reviewed and approved:

6121 Klein Johnny	reimbursement	40.00
6122 Collins Kurt	reimbursement	40.00
6129 Tammy Van Tine	reimbursement	40.00
6178 Barbero Auto & Ag	supply	896.84
6179 Postmaster	supply	44.00
6195 Skyview TV	supply	24.00
6196 Powder River county	law enforcement	1625.00
6197 Tongue River Electric Cooperative	utility	2655.92

6198 McEuen Rebecca	wages	172.30
6199 MMIA Montana	premium	4004.20
6200 Alveda Hurst	reimbursement	50.00
6202 Mid Rivers Telephone Coop	utility	159.42
6203 Range Telephone Cooperative	utility	130.87
6206 Energy Laboratories	sample	152.50
6207 Ferguson Walter	wages	229.92
6208 Boss Inc	supply	63.00
6209 Quill	supply	67.63
6210 Powder River County Treasurer	assessments	4144.61
6211 Personnel Concepts	supply	79.90
6212 USA Bluebook	supply	97.08
6213 Broadus IGA	supply	42.54
6214 Calvert Backhoe	repair	552.50
6220 Traub Robert	reimbursement	20.00

With no further business, Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 6:45 pm.

Raymond Ragsdale, Acting clerk

Mayor

Alveda Hurst, Acting clerk

Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2011 6:00pm

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman John Klein; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Cassidy Zimmer; and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Traub moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilwoman Van Tine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed junk vehicle and community decay letters that were sent; amount of progress being made, whom needed contacted again, who still needed letters, and the recent court cases.

PW Ragsdale reported the tool kit is being kept in the red one ton. Met with engineers, Karen Amende and Wende Vallejo about water project on south end of town. The project is still being researched, possibly annexing in more property before the project can proceed; visited with the engineers about funding for raising the lift station at the lagoon and a water/waste water monitoring system.

Mayor Hurst would like Council to decide the amount of money which will be put in a health savings account for each employee starting July 1, 2012. Councilman Klein would like all employees to check into health insurance and provide the council with the cost for each employee. Would like the estimates for the next council meeting; Clerk Fruit will check with 1st Bank to see what it will take to set up health saving accounts.

PW Zimmer discussed the bid to fix the springs on the garbage truck, Councilman Traub moved to accept bid. Councilwoman Van Tine seconded. Motion carried. Councilman Klein suggest to replace the U bolts, it's not in the bid price, would be advisable to change them at the same time. Lights at the town shop need replaced, will check the budget to see it can be done at this time. Discussed the fence around the tennis court, during the summer and fall months its very labor intensive to keep trimmed and remove leaves from it. Is it possible to remove the fence, use the fence at another Town location; will check into to this further.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

6180 Fruit Peggy	wages	1153.22
6182 Ragsdale, Raymond	wages	1180.60
6183 Williams Michael	wages	325.58
6184 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1151.35
6185 Fruit Peggy	wages	437.25
6186 McEuen Rebecca	wages	20.98
6187 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	370.79

4188 Williams Michael	wages	253.29
6189 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	437.25
6190 Ferguson Walter	wages	152.42
6191 WCS Telecom	utility	39.92
6215 UI Tax	withholding	141.05
6216 Postmaster	bulk mailing	86.13
6217 Postmaster	postage	44.00
6218 MMIA	work comp	1868.86
6219 Fruit Peggy	supply	37.96
6220 Trumps Repair	repair	228.28
6221 Alderman Oil Company	supply	698.84
6222 The Corner Store	supply	225.65
6223 Cops Hardware and Lumber	supply	265.06
6224 Noble Law Firm	legal service	120.00
6225 Montana Truck Equipment Corp	supply	631.20
6226 Hawkins Water treatment	supply	1277.37
6227 Earley Electric	repair	68.57
6228 The Chemnet Consortium	drug testing	105.00
6229 EMC Insurance Company	premium	1500.00
6230 Alderman Oil Company	propane	426.30

With no further business, Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 6:45 pm.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor

Broadus Town Council
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2011 6:00pm

Mayor Alveda Hurst; Councilman Robert Traub; Councilwoman Tammy Van Tine; Councilman John Klein; Public Works Raymond Ragsdale; Public Works Cassidy Zimmer; and Clerk Peggy Fruit.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Traub moved to approve minutes of the previous meetings as submitted by Clerk Fruit. Councilwoman Van Tine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed health insurance for employees, Raymond Ragsdale cannot get insurance by himself therefore must be on a group plan. Must contact MMIA by February 2012 if not going to continue coverage with them; Councilwoman Van Tine suggested that prior to doing that other insurance companies need to be contacted to see what is available for group policies and if they can quote prices that will go into effect July 1, 2012 now.

Council agreed the properties in question have been cleaned up and would be willing to remove the tickets if the property remained cleaned; Clerk Fruit will discuss with the Attorney about setting up a probationary period.

Public Works Zimmer has completed several repairs on dumpsters, loader and trucks; will be getting the garbage truck in for repairs soon. Continue to clean the maintenance shop. The change in garbage pickup has been going well, poured a couple new dumpster pads, all seems to be going good.

Public Works Ragsdale reported the fire pit to be used at St Vincent's during the stroll will set up off the ground and will be safe to use on the asphalt without damage. Had a positive bacteria test at Powder River Taxidermy, next week will have to send in four more tests from the same location to make sure it is bacteria from the faucet not from the water supply, this is the first time since PW Ragsdale has worked for the town that a bad test has occurred. John Weikel from Montana Rural Water is going to come the third week of December to help try to figure out a permanent plan for the water system and how to hopefully make our water a little better and to be able to use chlorine without strong bursts. Since the middle of last month the chlorine has been set to 12 lbs per day that is if the pumps ran for 24 hours it put in this amount. It took it until the first of this month to start showing some improvement. On Monday we had good reading all over town but today they spiked at the school, Hoofers and the town shop, the taxidermy was about right, so PW Ragsdale adjusted it down a little bit and we'll wait to see what happens. PW Ragsdale ordered the mapping

system from Selby's in Billings for the town; they will spend a day with us teaching us how to use the program.

The following claims were reviewed and approved by Council:

6231 Fruit Peggy	wages	1237.08
6232 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1244.97
6233 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1186.29
6234 Ferguson Walter	wages	214.12
6235 Fruit Peggy	wages	1237.08
6236 Ragsdale Raymond	wages	1213.31
6237 Zimmer Cassidy	wages	1186.29
6238 Postmaster	supply	155.36
6243 Skyview TV	supply	24.00
6244 Powder River County	purchase service	1625.00
6245 TRECO	utility	2359.49
6246 McEuen Rebecca	wages	172.30
6247 MMIA Montana	insurance	4004.20
6248 Alveda Hurst	reimbursement	50.00
6251 Range Telephone	utility	130.87
6252 AFLAC	insurance	134.78
6253 Dental Network of America	insurance	275.20
6254 Grant Trucking	utility	323.36
6255 Powder River Chamber of Commerce	membership	75.00
6256 Trumps Repair	purchase service	134.00
6257 Energy Laboratories	supply	100.00
6258 Quill	supply	189.98
6259 USA Bluebook	supply	101.41
6260 Ayes Fabricating	supply	8.00
6261 Alderman Oil	supply	584.75
6262 Broadus IGA	supply	21.06
6263 Copps Hardware	supply	339.57
6264 The Corner Store	supply	187.23
6265 Secretary of State	supply	60.00

With no further business, Mayor Hurst adjourned this meeting of the Broadus Town Council at 6:45 pm.

Peggy Fruit, Clerk

Alveda Hurst, Mayor