

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2026

Present: Linda Bennett, Joe Tolleson, Chris Caldwell, Randy Starling, Gene Melvin,
Charlene Thomas, John Maines – zoom
Community: Terry Thomas

Meeting called to order by Gene Melvin, Mayor.
Pledge of Allegiance!

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to approve the minutes from the July 14th meeting as presented. Seconded by Randy Starling. Motion passed.

John Maines – Attorney:

1. He mentioned the Town Clerk did let him know about the change of date for the September council meeting.
2. He asked about the MOU? The Town Clerk advised him Bradford County Commissioners did sign the MOU. He said we were very lucky Bradford County agreed to do the MOU with us. He said a lot of other Towns are having to come up with someone to pickup the debris, haul it off and pay for it.

New Fire Station:

1. The bays are being installed. Gene mentioned the inside walls have not been plastered yet. There are several items inside that have not been completed.
2. The Town Clerk mentioned that she filled out the Clay Electric application for power to be installed at Fire Station. She had to send a check in the amount of \$125.00 for new service. She talked with Mark Williams, M&R construction, and he said he paid the \$125.00 too. The Clay Electric bills during construction will be paid by M&R construction. Mark did tell the Town Clerk he has a check in the amount of \$125.00 to give back to the Town from Clay Electric.

Town Clerk/Finance – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report passed out. Still out \$772.83
2. 1st Public hearing on Budget and Millage will be September 3, 2026 at 7:00p.m. The September meeting had to be changed due to the Bradford County School Board having their Final Public Hearing meeting on our regular meeting night.
3. Our website needs to have ADA compliance userway plugin added. The cost to do this is \$300.00. Nathan Thornton, The Net Group on-line, will be adding this for us. He handles all of our website needs. This is mandatory. The \$300.00 will be added to our website yearly contract in October.
4. Lead & Copper sampling was completed. This will have to be done again in 3 year.
5. I will have the Ethics information available at the September 3rd meeting. It has to be completed by December 31st.
6. Community center will be used on Tuesday, August 18th for county election.

7. The front door glass to Town Hall was broken by mowing people. A rock hit the glass and broke it. I contacted the Mayor and he said to call around and see who we can get to come and repair. I called Shea Glass in Gainesville and they came out and measured glass. I received a quote today in the amount of \$380.00. A motion was made by Chris Caldwell to approve the \$380.00 quote. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.
8. I received an invoice from M&R construction in the amount of \$112,800.00. The invoice was paid on July 27th.
9. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for July 2026. I will do some budget amendments at the September 3rd meeting.

Water Department – Gene Melvin:

1. He reported Bernard Carter was on vacation or in training. Someone else came out and checked the plant in his place.
2. He mentioned we had a water meter break on Tetstone Avenue past double gates. It was brought to his attention by Buddy Webb. He contacted Swamp Cutters to come out and fix. Swamp Cutters did not have the parts to complete the same day so the water was turned off. The water turned off the Town Hall. No one checked to see what the water turned off. The Town Clerk spent the whole day working without any water so she could flush the toilet.

Sanitation – Chris Caldwell:

1. He mentioned Amanda Brown complained to him about her garbage not being picked up. He contacted Waste Pro.

Roads/Streets, Recreation/Parks – Nothing to Report

Ground Maintenance/Mowing – Joe Tolleson:

1. Mayor Gene Melvin mentioned the East end of the sidewalk on Charlotte Avenue needs to have weed killer reapplied. Grass is growing back.

Community Center – Gene Melvin:

1. He mentioned that someone called him and complained saying they didn't like the way the Community Center is being ran. He said they said they would attend the August 11th meeting. No one showed up. The Town Clerk said if anyone on the Town Council would like to take over scheduling rentals and scheduling the cleaning she would be glad to give them the calendar. No one wanted the job.

Town Council report:

1. Chris Caldwell mentioned that Amanda Brown said vehicles are turning in on Pine Street beside her mobile home thinking they can go across the RR tracks but finding out it is a dead end and turning around. She has grand kids and is concerned about their safety. He mentioned maybe putting a sign showing "Dead end Road". No action was taken on this by Town Council.

Old Business:

1. It was mentioned at the July meeting about Town Council considering modifying water rates. This was tabled until the August meeting. Mayor Gene Melvin mentioned about possibly raising the usage from 3000 gallons to 4000 gallons. The Town Clerk mentioned we would not be making as much on water each month by changing the gallons. Chris Caldwell made a motion to modify water rates from \$27.00 to \$28.00 up to 3000 gallons starting October 1st. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed. Town Clerk will have a Resolution ready at the September 3rd meeting for approval.

Checks approved: GFund – 8914-8935, WFund – 6357-6367

A motion was made by Randy Starling to pay the bills. Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.

Gene Melvin made a motion to adjourn. Time: 7:40p.m.

Cecil E. Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk