

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION AND ADOPTING VOTE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the City of Billings, Montana (the "City"), hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true copy of a resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION RELATING TO FINANCING OF CERTAIN PROPOSED PROJECTS; ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE WITH REIMBURSEMENT BOND REGULATIONS UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE" (the "Resolution"), on file in the original records of the City in my legal custody; that the Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting on January 10, 2005, and that the meeting was duly held by the City Council and was attended throughout by a quorum, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law; and that the Resolution has not as of the date hereof been amended or repealed.

I further certify that, upon vote being taken on the Resolution at said meeting, the following Council Members voted in favor thereof: unanimous
_____; voted
against the same: none; abstained from
voting thereon: none; or were absent:
none.

WITNESS my hand officially this 10th day of January, 2005.

Marita Herold
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 05-18230

RESOLUTION RELATING TO FINANCING OF CERTAIN PROPOSED
PROJECTS; ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE WITH REIMBURSEMENT
BOND REGULATIONS UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. Recitals.

1.01 The United States Department of Treasury has promulgated final regulations governing the use of proceeds of tax-exempt bonds, all or a portion of which are to be used to reimburse the City for project expenditures paid by the City prior to the date of issuance of such bonds. Those regulations (Treasury Regulations, Section 1.150-2) (the "Regulations") require that the City adopt a statement of official intent to reimburse an original expenditure not later than 60 days after payment of the original expenditure. The Regulations also generally require that the bonds be issued and the reimbursement allocation made from the proceeds of the bonds within 18 months (or three years, if the reimbursement bond issue qualifies for the "small issuer" exception from the arbitrage rebate requirement) after the later of (i) the date the expenditure is paid or (ii) the date the project is placed in service or abandoned, but (unless the issue qualifies for the "small issuer" exception from the arbitrage rebate requirement) in no event more than three years after the date the expenditure is paid. The Regulations generally permit reimbursement of capital expenditures and costs of issuance of the bonds.

1.02 The City desires to comply with requirements of the Regulations with respect to certain projects hereinafter identified.

Section 2. Official Intent Declaration.

2.01 The City proposes to undertake certain projects, which projects and the estimated costs thereof are generally described on Exhibit A hereto, which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof (the "Projects").

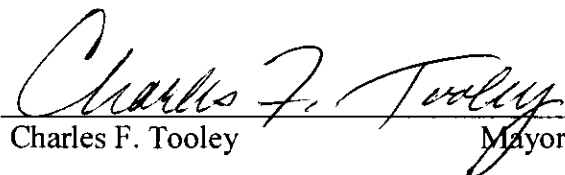
2.02 Other than (i) expenditures to be paid or reimbursed from sources other than the Bonds (as hereinafter defined), (ii) expenditures permitted to be reimbursed under the transitional provision contained in Section 1.150-2(j)(2) of the Regulations, (iii) expenditures constituting preliminary expenditures within the meaning of Section 1.150-2(f)(2) of the Regulations, or (iv) expenditures in a "de minimus" amount (as defined in Section 1.150-2(f)(1) of the Regulations), no expenditures for the Projects have heretofore been paid by the City and no expenditures will be paid by the City until after the date of this Resolution.

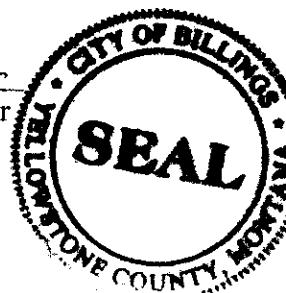
2.03 The City reasonably expects to reimburse some or all of the expenditures made for costs of the Projects out of the proceeds of debt in an estimated maximum aggregate principal amount of \$20,588,700 (the "Bonds") after the date of payment of all or a portion of the costs of the Projects. All reimbursed expenditures shall be capital expenditures, a cost of issuance of the Bonds or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Regulations.

Section 3. Budgetary Matters. As of the date hereof, there are no City funds reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside (or reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside) to provide permanent financing for the expenditures related to the Projects, other than pursuant to the issuance of the Bonds. The statement of intent contained in this resolution, therefore, is determined to be consistent with the City's budgetary and financial circumstances as they exist or are reasonably foreseeable on the date hereof.

Section 4. Reimbursement Allocations. The Financial Services Manager shall be responsible for making the "reimbursement allocations" described in the Regulations, being generally the transfer of the appropriate amount of proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse the source of temporary financing used by the City to make prior payment of the costs of the Projects. Each allocation shall be evidenced by an entry on the official books and records of the City maintained for the Bonds or the Projects and shall specifically identify the actual original expenditure being reimbursed.

Adopted this 10th day of January, 2005.


Charles F. Tooley Mayor



Attest:


Marita Herold, CMC/AEE City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

<u>Description of Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
<u>Wastewater</u>	
Engineering, design and construction of a new headworks building, removal of existing headworks building, miscellaneous electrical and site improvements, and installation of new screening and grit removal and handling equipment	\$5,674,500
<u>Water System</u>	
Engineering, design and construction of improvements to City water treatment plant to increase capacity, reliability and ease of operation, including addition of 4 new water filters, abandonment of 2 existing water filters, addition of air scour backwash and filter-to-waste facilities to the water filters, replacement of existing filter-related piping, control valves, and control instrumentation, removal of existing metal building over the filters and construction of new masonry building, removal of existing maintenance building and construction of a new, replacement maintenance building, upgrading and replacement of miscellaneous electrical components, and miscellaneous site work	\$14,914,200