

RESOLUTION NO. 15-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION CREATING SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 316 OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING AND PROVIDING ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE FOR STREET LIGHTS, SETTING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF, STATING THE GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE, ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED RATE FOR OWNERSHIP, ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF, AN APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF MAINTAINING SUCH LIGHTS AND SUPPLYING ELECTRICAL CURRENT THEREFORE FOR THE FIRST YEAR, AND THE PROPORTION OF THE COST TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE ABUTTING PROPERTY, AND THE METHOD OF ASSESSMENT OF SAID COSTS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, on the 13th day of April, 2015, passed an Resolution 15-10440, a Resolution of Intention to Create a Special Improvement Lighting Maintenance District designated as No. 316, setting the hearing on the creation of said District and hearing of protests against the extent and creation of said District, or any matter pertaining thereto, and thereafter gave notice by publication and mailing, all as required by law, and at said hearing which was held at the time and place specified in said Notice, all protests were heard and considered; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the protests are insufficient to stop the creation of said district, and the protests are overruled and denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

SECTION 1:

That the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana does hereby create a District, to be known and designated as Special Improvement Lighting Maintenance District No. 316, hereinafter called the District, for the purpose of securing and providing ownership, energy and maintenance for new street lights for lighting said District.

SECTION 2:

That the boundaries of the District are as set forth in Resolution of Intention No. 15-10440, hereinafter called the Resolution, on file in the office of the City Clerk of Billings, Montana, and by this reference is incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

SECTION 3:

That the City Council hereby finds and determines that each of the lots, blocks, pieces and parcels of land, situated within the boundaries of the District, are especially benefited and affected by said improvements, and each and all of the lots, blocks, pieces and parcels, more particularly described in the Resolution are hereby declared to be the property to be assessed for the cost and expense of the ownership, electrical energy, and maintenance of said District.

SECTION 4:

That the general character of the improvements to be made is hereby declared to be as described in the Resolution and is by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

SECTION 5:

The City of Billings intends to establish the approximate contract rate for installation & operation of the street lighting as follows: \$4.58 per 100 watt unit, per month for supplying electrical energy; \$1.24 per unit, per month for operation & maintenance; and \$45.36 per unit, per month for installation and ownership costs. These rates are in accordance with the applicable rate schedules approved by the Montana Public Service Commission. NorthWestern Energy Company shall provide energy to all of the lights and shall at all times own the light fixtures, poles, cables, and other incidental equipment, and shall provide maintenance and repairs to said equipment as part of the monthly rate for these lights. The City Administrator is hereby authorized to sign a contract with NorthWestern Energy for the ongoing energy, operation and maintenance of the District.

SECTION 6:

That based upon the above figures, the estimate of the cost of the District for one year is the sum of \$14,605, and that the entire cost of said District shall be paid by the owners of property within said District. The estimated cost of the District per year for the property owners is on the basis of approximately \$0.032190 per square foot, per year, of property that abuts the District. All of such costs of said District shall be paid by the owners of the property within the District with each lot, parcel or piece of land within said District to be assessed for that portion of the whole cost which its assessable abutting property boundary bears to the assessable boundary of the entire District, exclusive of streets, avenues, alleys, and public places.

SECTION 7:

