

RESOLUTION OF THE BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL
APPOINTING MEMBERS TO A COMMITTEE
ON EXPANSION OF THE YELLOWSTONE VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter (YVAS) has contracted with the City of Billings since 2008 to provide housing, care and, if necessary, adoption to animals presented to it by Billings Animal Control, residents and other sources; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter is owned by the City of Billings and also is the home for Billings Animal Control, which provides on-street enforcement of the City's animal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the partnership has increased adoptions and neutering of the City's animals, reduced euthanization and complaints, and increased enforcement time, all while keeping costs as low as possible; and

WHEREAS, the current Animal Shelter at 1735 Monad Road was built in 2002, and, with an average 2% a year increase in the City population since that time, needs to be expanded to meet the growing needs of the animals, public and staff; and

WHEREAS, at a March 20, 2017, City Council Work Session, YVAS presented information on a \$5.29 million proposed expansion that would both renovate and add space to the existing shelter; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion would require the use of a half of a vacant City-owned parcel between YVAS and Met Transit's property and would possibly include remodeling and additions to the City's portion of the facility at an estimated cost of \$1.172 million; and

WHEREAS, YVAS has proposed, and the City Council has agreed, to create a joint committee to study the proposed shelter, and the methods for joint planning and fund-raising, prior to the development of preliminary plans for the building.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES to appoint Council Members Richard Clark and Mike Yakawich to be its representatives on the study committee; and

FURTHER, resolves to direct the City Administrator to provide staff as needed to assist in the group's investigations and deliberations.

APPROVED this 10th day of April, 2017.

CITY OF BILLINGS

Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Bohlman, City Clerk