

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO THE WYOMING
BUSINESS COUNCIL UNDER THE BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND
LOAN PROGRAM FOR A COMMUNITY READINESS PROJECT ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GILLETTE**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: City of Gillette Fiber Improvement Project

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Gillette, Wyoming desires to participate in the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program to assist in financing the above-referenced project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Gillette, Wyoming recognizes the need for enhanced communication and technology within the City of Gillette, including the development and installation of a fiber optic network system to link businesses and governing agencies within the City of Gillette; and

WHEREAS, the public benefit(s) of this project will be to enhance communication and technology within the City, to assist in business growth, development and expansion, and allow for the City of Gillette and its local businesses to remain competitive in an ever-changing technological world; and

WHEREAS, the specific goals and measures of success of this project include, but are not limited to installing Fiber Optic Conduits around the City of Gillette and within its public easements and rights of way, for the systematic development of a communication and technology within the City to assist small businesses and others within the Community; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the development of these fiber optic pathways throughout the City will assist in the future development, growth and potential expansion of existing businesses in the City of Gillette which rely on such cutting-edge communication technology as a requisite for their continued success; and

WHEREAS, the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program requires that certain criteria be met, as described in the Wyoming Business Council's Rules governing the program and to the best of our knowledge this application meets those criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Gillette, Wyoming plans to provide cash match to the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program Community Readiness project from the following sources:

Optional 1% Sales Tax

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the City of Gillette, Wyoming has a comprehensive operation and maintenance plan including projected expenses and project income sources extending the life of the assets; and

WHEREAS, in the event of any project cost overruns, the City of Gillette, Wyoming will provide funding in the amount necessary to complete the project utilizing Optional 1% Sales Tax proceeds associated with the installation, maintenance and development of this fiber optic project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the City of Gillette, Wyoming has considered other possible funding solutions for this project which include any potential for self-funding of the project, and seeking a partnership with businesses looking to make use of such fiber optic technology; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gillette, Wyoming is working in partnership with private industry, including Visionary Communications, Inc. (Gillette, WY) and Advanced Communications Technology (Sheridan, WY) to assist in planning, developing, and implementing the City's fiber optic technology plan; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the City of Gillette, Wyoming held a public hearing on November 21, 2017 to elicit testimony from citizens and other concerned individuals in the community, and gave full consideration to all comments received; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GILLETTE, WYOMING:

1. A grant application in the amount of one million three hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred fifty-six (\$1,332,256.00) be submitted to the Wyoming Business Council for consideration of assistance in funding the City of Gillette Fiber Improvement Project;
2. The Mayor, the City Administrator, and the Utilities Director, or their designee, shall be designated as the authorized representative of, to act on behalf of the Governing Body on all matters relating to this grant application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of November 2017.

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION FOR GRANT APPLICATION

I, Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk of the City of Gillette, Wyoming hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Gillette, Wyoming at a public meeting held on November 21, 2017, and that the meeting was held according to law; and that said Resolution will be duly entered in the record of the Governing Body of the City of Gillette, Wyoming.

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk