

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PLACING A PROPOSITION FOR IMPOSITION OF A 1% SPECIFIC PURPOSE EXCISE TAX IN NATRONA COUNTY, STATE OF WYOMING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING SPECIFIC PROJECTS ON THE BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NATRONA COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii), 39-15-204(a)(iii), 39-16-203(a)(ii), and 39-16-204(a)(ii) a county may impose a sales and use excise tax not to exceed two percent (2%) upon retail sales of tangible personal property, admissions and services made, and upon storage, use and consumption of tangible personal property, within the county, for specified purposes and in specified amounts as authorized by the qualified electors of the county; and

WHEREAS, in February and March of this year, ETC Institute administered a public opinion survey to residents in the cities of Casper, Evansville, Bar Nunn, Mills, and Natrona County to gauge support for a 6th Cent specific purpose tax and gather feedback on items that residents would support with the additional tax; and

WHEREAS, the survey indicated a majority of respondents were supportive of replacing eight miles of potable waterline between Midwest/Edgerton and Casper for a total cost of \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, the survey indicated a majority of respondents were supportive of completing the reconstruction of Midwest Avenue between Walnut Street and Poplar Street in Casper for a total cost of \$2.4 million; and

WHEREAS, the City of Casper has determined to make this source of funding available in the total amount of \$4,400,000 in order to provide these projects, the specific purpose one cent tax is necessary to fund said projects; and

WHEREAS, the tax will expire when the amounts approved have been funded pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 39-15-203(a)(iii)(C) and Wyo. Stat. § 39-15-207(c); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Wyo. Stat. §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii) and 39-16-203(a)(ii), before any proposition to impose the Tax shall be placed before the electors of the Natrona County, the Natrona County Commissioners and the governing bodies of at least fifty percent (50%) of the Municipalities shall adopt a resolution approving the proposition, setting forth a procedure for qualification of a ballot question for placement on the ballot and specifying how excess funds shall be expended; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the other Municipalities and the County plan to consider a resolution approving the proposition at their respective upcoming meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MILLS, NATRONA COUNTY, WYOMING that the City hereby supports the placing of the specific purpose excise tax as authorized under Wyoming Statutes §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii), 39-15-204(a)(iii), 39-16-203(a)(ii), and 39-16-204(a)(ii) at a rate of one (1) percent on retail sales of tangible personal property, admissions and services within Natrona County for continuation of the tax at the specified rate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City approves the following proposition to be included on the official ballots:

“Shall Natrona County, State of Wyoming (the “County”), be authorized to adopt and cause to be imposed a one percent (1%) specific purpose sales and use excise tax (the “Tax”) within the County for the purpose of raising and collecting the total amount of \$4,400,000, the proceeds of which and the interest earned thereon to be used and applied for the following specific projects (the “Projects”):

City of Casper Project

\$2,400,000 to be collected, together with interest earned there to be used by the City of Casper for completing the reconstruction of Midwest Avenue between Walnut Street and Poplar Street in Casper.

Midwest/Edgerton Project

\$2,000,000 to be collected, together with interest earned there to be used by the Cities of Midwest and Edgerton to replace eight miles of potable waterline between Midwest/Edgerton and Casper.

FOR the Proposition: _____

AGAINST the Proposition: _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon distribution of the approved Tax funds to the County, the City agrees that excess Tax funds shall be retained by the Natrona County Treasurer for one (1) year for refund of overpayments. After one (1) year, the excess Tax funds (less any refunds), plus any interest earned thereon, shall be distributed within three (3) days to the Sponsoring Entities on a pro-rata basis, based on the respective ratio which the principal amount that each Sponsoring Entity is to receive bears to the total amount of all Projects for which the tax was approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Natrona County Board of County Commissioners as required by Wyoming Statute § 39-15-203(a)(i)(B) in order to place the issue on the ballot.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of June, 2021.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

CITY OF MILLS, WYOMING

A Municipal Corporation

Christine Trumbull
City Clerk

Seth Coleman
Mayor

Darla R. Ives, Council Member

Sara McCarthy, Council Member

Bradley Neumiller, Council Member

James Hollander, Council Member