

RESOLUTION #3243

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF RED LODGE, MONTANA TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER LINE TO THE NEW CAMPUS OF THE BEARTOOTH HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CENTER ON THE WEST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 212**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Montana encourages local units of government to work to improve the present health, safety, convenience, and welfare of citizens by planning for future development within communities to ensure new community centers, such as the Beartooth Hospital and Health Center (BHHC), are able to grow with adequate, necessary and available highway, utility, health, educational, and recreational facilities, MCA § 76-1-102; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Red Lodge considers improving the present health, safety, convenience, and welfare of its citizens to be of utmost importance; and

**WHEREAS**, the facilities planned for the new campus of the BHHC will greatly improve the present health, safety, convenience, and welfare of Red Lodge citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the BHHC constitutes the largest year-round employer in both the City and Carbon County, provides relatively high-paying jobs, and estimates the generation of some \$5 million annually for the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council anticipates the planned facilities will improve the City's economy – both in their construction and in the positive attraction of modern and comprehensive health care facilities to employers, employees, and retirees; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire cost of the planned facilities to the BHHC and its affiliates and partners is currently estimated at between \$30 million and \$35 million, and that amount may require or exceed all the financial resources of BHHC and its affiliates and partners can access; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council both acknowledges and recognizes that the City and BHHC have a long-standing and mutually beneficial and supportive partnership that each desires to continue, reinforce, and extend.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council has determined it will budget for and provide funds necessary to extend water service to the new campus of the BHHC ; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council shall fund the extension of the water service line up to the property line of the BHHC and that the BHHC and/or its affiliates shall then be responsible to pay for the remaining water line from the property line to their facilities; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City will make a reasonable effort to ensure that the installation of the water line will be on a schedule desired by the BHHC to meet its construction needs.

Passed and approved on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

  
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Brian C. Roat, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Debbie Tomicich, City Clerk-Treasurer