

November 22, 1995

Judy Mathre, Associate Director  
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Dear Judy:

According to your request, we enclose a copy of our Final Report for the Town of Kevin, Local Government Study Commission.

I want to thank you for all your support and advice given over the phone to our group. It certainly has been a learning experience to serve on the Study Commission.

Sincerely,



Pam Porter

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KEVIN STUDY COMMISSION  
FINAL REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Kevin:

The Town of Kevin Local Government Study Commission elected by the voters on November 8, 1994, present this Final Report to the citizens of the Town of Kevin.

The purpose of the Study Commission, as defined by State Law, is "to study the existing form and powers of our government and procedures for delivery of local government services and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the State of Montana. If some change is deemed necessary, the Study Commission may submit such proposed change to the electors."

In the conduct of their review, the Study Commission has sought advice and information from a number of people in the Town of Kevin. Opinions and recommendations were solicited from the Town Mayor, Councilmen, community leaders and citizens. All meetings of the Study Commission were open to the public. Public hearings were held to determine citizen opinion.

As a result of discussions held with the people and groups mentioned, the Study Commission has concluded that there is a general feeling of frustration and dissatisfaction with some of the policies of the city government. This has resulted in the suggestion being made to the Study Commission to study the pros and cons of putting on the ballot the disincorporation of the city government. After extensive study and public hearings on this subject, the Study Commission has concluded that the present form of city government, i.e., Mayor, Councilmen has served our town well and the problem is not the form of city government. Therefore, this proposal will not appear on your ballot and we do not recommend any change in our present Mayor-Councilmen form of city government. We urge our citizens to take more interest in our city government by attending council meetings, running for office and voting in our city elections. A Public Hearing on this report will be held at the Depot Center on November 14, 1995, before adoption of the Final Report. Copies of this report are available for public examination at the City Hall in Kevin.

Respectfully submitted,  
TOWN OF KEVIN STUDY COMMISSION

Lauretta Miller  
Pam Jester  
Robert J. Jones

TABLE OF COMPARISON

	<u>Existing Form</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1. Form of Government	Mayor-Council	Same	No change
2. Powers	General governing powers as defined by State Law	Same	No change
3. Governing Body	Council and Mayor elected at Large on non-partisan basis	Same	No change
4. Term	Four council members, four year over-lapping terms, Mayor four-year term	Same	No change
5. Presiding Officer	Mayor	Same	No change
6. Duties	Council is the legislative policy-making body	Same	No change
7. Chief Administrative Officer	Mayor	Same	No change
8. Appointive Powers	Mayor with the consent of the council appoints and removes all department heads	Same	No change
9. Budget Preparation	City Clerk prepares the budget with the approval of Council	Same	No change
10. Powers of Mayor	Presides over meetings, administers the local government, has the power of tie-breaking vote, has veto power subject to override of 2/3 of the council	Same	No change