

## RESOLUTION 2020-02

### A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TWIN BRIDGES, MONTANA, ADOPTING A POLICY ALLOWING TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL MEETINGS VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS

**WHEREAS**, Town Council members who are out of Town or otherwise unable to attend Council meetings for various reasons occasionally desire to participate in Council meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, there may be the need to act on short notice, it may be necessary to have Town Council members participate in Council meetings by electronic means (examples would be: telephone, teleconference, tele-video conference, etc.) in order to establish the necessary quorum; and

**WHEREAS**, state law does not prohibit Town Council members from participating in Council meetings via electronic means; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be in the best interest of the Town of Twin Bridges, and its inhabitants, to provide a means by which Town Council members can participate in Council meetings via electronic means;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Twin Bridges, Montana as follows:

1. Town Council members who are unable to attend a Council meeting for good reasons (as deemed by the Mayor of the Town of Twin Bridges) shall be entitled to participate in a Council meeting via electronic means in accordance with the standards set forth herein. A Town Council member who wishes to participate in the Council meeting via electronic means shall notify the Town Clerk/Treasurer as soon as the Council member becomes aware of the need to do so. Upon approval of the Mayor, participation by electronic means shall be allowed only if the connection is arranged so that the Town Council member can hear all comments occurring at the meeting, including public comment, and those in attendance at the meeting can hear the Town Council member. A Town Council member who desires to participate via electronic means must participate for the entire length of the meeting, including any public sessions. The Town Council member is responsible for all costs of the electronic connection (examples: telephone charges, conference call fees, etc.)
2. The Council hereby ratifies any action taken in the past by Town Council members who participated in Council meetings via electronic means.
3. That in the event any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or other part of this resolution is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgement shall affect only that part held invalid, and the remaining provisions hereof shall continue in full force and effect.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Twin Bridges, Montana this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_Signature on File\_\_\_\_\_

Joe Willauer, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_Signature on file\_\_\_\_\_

Kristi Millhouse, Clerk/Treasurer