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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT KEVIN LOCAL GOVT. STUDY COMMISSION

To the Kevin City Council and Mayor:

The job of the Study Commission is to evaluate forms of city government as you are aware. However, the public who attended our meetings have expressed many gripes and frustrations which should have been addressed to the City Council. We list these along with our recommendations.

1- The Study Commission highly recommends that the Town of Kevin budget for a complete audit every four years.

2- The public have indicated that they are not being acknowledged at city council meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: The council must find a way to listen to the public's questions, gripes and frustrations at council meetings. The public has a right to be heard.

3- Gripes about fast traffic at the north end of main street in a residential area.

RECOMMENDATION: Where the county road is inside the city limits, it becomes the care and concern of the city. This road is posted at 25 MPH, so the problem is one of enforcement. Check with your city attorney.

4- City does not enforce ordinances:
 dogs running loose
 junk vehicles
 weed overgrown vacant lots

RECOMMENDATION: CITY COUNCIL MUST ACT ON THIS

5- Better service in garbage pickup

RECOMMENDATION: If the city has an option to implement garbage pickup, the city council and the citizens should be able to express their opinions

6- No certified utility person on call in case of emergency

RECOMMENDATION: City Council must deal with this problem

7- The Study Commission is dealing with a lack of cooperation with the local government plus the fact that mail was opened by a city employee which was addressed to Study Commission.

RECOMMENDATION: City Council must deal with this attitude problem. The public must be treated with a professional, polite manner at the city hall, both there and on the phone.

Frustration with our city administration is to the point that disincorporation of the town was suggested to the Study Commission. After much discussion pro and con, along with polling the people present at the meetings, the Study Commission decided this was not an option to solve the city's problems. It was suggested as an option to "get rid of the mayor and city clerk". We will

have to generate more interest in Kevin for people to run for city offices and take an interest in our city government.

State law states that the above report must be published, so you will be reading it in the Shelby Promoter. The City has up to one year to act on our recommendations.

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Tentative/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 Tentative/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 city 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. 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.

Posted at: City Hall
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Respectfully submitted,
TOWN OF KEVIN STUDY COMMISSION
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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