June 26, 2014

Ms. Tina Volek  
Billings City Administrator  
City Hall

Dear Ms. Volek,

This is a written request for public records made pursuant to Article II, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution. The Gazette requests any record, written or electronic, the City of Billings has in its possession related to an investigation of City landfill funds or property being mishandled, misused or misappropriated from the time period of June 1, 2013 to today. This request includes but is not limited to:

1. Any correspondence, memos or emails regarding the misuse, mishandling or misappropriating of City landfill property or funds;

2. Any records relating to any disciplinary actions of personnel who were involved with mishandling, misusing, or misappropriating any City landfill property or funds.

This is a request made in my capacity as editor of the Billings Gazette. A timely response is appreciated, and we will accept these records in either electronic or written format. If there are charges for these records, we ask for an itemized accounting of the charges. If the charges exceed, $100, we would kindly like permission or authorization to proceed with the request.

Finally, if this request is denied in whole or in part, please cite the specific authority which allows this record to be withheld.

If you have any questions about the request, please feel free to contact me.

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