

## Message from Acting Mayor Chartrand

### Managing Council Transition

Recently, Mayor Stenson and Council Member Burington resigned. Their resignations were unexpected, but rest assured, the City of Lindstrom is doing well. There was no major event or emergency that led to a leadership change. Lindstrom has a sound budget, a high-performing and experienced staff who will continue to provide excellent services, and a council committed to the best interests of Lindstrom.

Whenever change occurs, people ask “why” and try to fill in the gaps. That is understandable, but I ask that folks not over speculate. The 2023 Council was together for a very short time, but there was universal agreement on core priorities: provide quality services to residents, keep the neighborhoods safe, manage the budget with care, foster a robust downtown business sector. The day-to-day operations of Lindstrom are running smoothly and will continue to do so.

To determine how the open Mayor and Council seats should be filled, we consulted with the League of MN Cities. If there is less than 2 years remaining in the unexpired term, the standard process is for Council to appoint someone to fill the term as quickly as possible. We will follow this standard process.

If you want to be considered for one of the open seats, please contact Missy Glenna (Interim City Administrator) or a Council Member. Council will hold a Special Meeting, open to the public, to vote on the appointments. We have not finalized a date yet, but anticipate the second week of February. The public will be notified as soon as we select a date.

I am confident that we will navigate change with grace and purpose, and the end result will be positive. If people have any questions or concerns, they should reach out to Council Members or Missy Glenna and we will respond.

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