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Interim City Manger

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City Council Members,

I am writing today regarding the interim city manager position. At your last meeting, the council voted to split the city manager's responsibilities between two all ready overloaded city staff members who recently requested to keep City Hall closed on Fridays. This was approved by the council to allow the doors to remain closed on Fridays while giving the overloaded staff an undisturbed day to catch up on necessary tasks to keep city permitting and business flowing in a timely manner.

So, my question is: why would the council now overburden that same city staff even further by adding the full duties of the city manager to their workload? Scott Anderson had suggested appointing an interim manager from an outside agence this is a common practice in city and county governments. but at your last meeting you voted to not seek outside help, I truly believe you need to revisit the decision to place this responsibility of the city manager on the city staff who already need one full day each week to focus on keeping city business running smoothly. Please don't overload the staff more than they already are.you only have less than 2 weeks to correct your decision to overload staff even more than they already are today

I also think it was Caralin in Public Works who said it best a few times now: the city has gone unmanaged correctly for so long, it's no wonder the sewer failed. This is a huge reason to bring in fresh eyes to see how a small city can be run properly and efficiently. In fact, it may have been a blessing that Leana chose to take on new work and leave the City of Stevenson on such short notice, especially right at budget time. It almost feels like that decision was calculated to me and not something I would consider an act of someone who truly cared about the citizens of stevenson washington whatsoever or she could have stayed longer to a sure her position was filled with a qualified person and that the transition for the new city manager would go over smoothly not a 30 day notice i will be gone at the end of the month and have fun with that budget for next year. not very professional at all.

Thank you for your time

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"Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will
turn."

- Harriet Beecher Stowe, from "Oldtown Folks"