

July 28, 2026

Mark Zeigler, City Manager

RE: Resignation from City Council

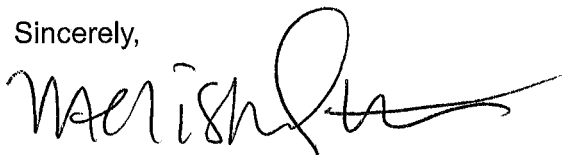
Dear Mayor Schirman, Council Members, Mark Zeigler and Mary Ricker:

It is with mixed emotions that I submit my resignation from City Council, effective immediately.

Over the past several months, it has become increasingly difficult for me to be available for meetings and dedicate the time needed to the council, while also keeping up with work and the needs of my children. This hasn't been an easy decision for me, but I no longer have the time and flexibility in my schedule that I once did. I'm grateful for the past 2.5 years and the experiences, knowledge, and opportunities I've gained.

At this point in my life, I need to prioritize being more available to my family. With that in mind, I have decided to step down from my position on the council. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Stearns", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Melissa Stearns