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**KRISTINA HANDT NAMED FOREST LAKE INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Forest Lake, Minnesota, January 16, 2024**– The City Council has voted unanimously to terminate the employment of Patrick Casey, the City Administrator, effective immediately. They also voted unanimously to appoint Kristina Handt, as Interim City Administrator. Ms. Handt will serve in this role until the completion of a City Administrator search and a new City Administrator has been appointed by the City Council.

Ms. Handt has worked in municipal administration for over fifteen years. She was most recently the City Administrator for the City of Lake Elmo, from 2012 through 2023. Prior to her work in Lake Elmo, she was the City Administrator for Scandia and before that, she was the Village Administrator in Luck, Wisconsin.

Mayor Mara Bain expressed full confidence in the appointment, saying, “We are incredibly fortunate to have someone of Kristina's caliber to step into the role. Her expertise and unique, comprehensive understanding of Forest Lake is exceptional, making her an ideal steward during this time.”

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