

Here is my statement:

I am saddened by the resignation of the City of Glendive's Director of Operations/Finance/Admin Assistant.

This was a direct result of harassment, discrimination, and hostility. Not one person in the entire State of Montana would help her.

The impact of losing of professional of this quality is devastating to any city, but especially to the City of Glendive.

The skillset of municipal finance, legal/paralegal, Montana municipal law, operations of local government, grant writing, etc. is unique and rare.

Glendive was blessed to have two professionals with the experience and ability to work in such a capacity.

The Montana League of Cities and Towns is addressing the entire State's inability to recruit, train, and retain municipal finance professionals.

When a City or Town has these experienced individuals employed, it is very important to value and respect them. Actually ALL employees should be valued and respected.

I do not know what the long term effect of this event will be, but short term: this is an emergency.

The City of Glendive has operated with this top level professional for decades very successfully.

Sincerely,

Mayor Teresea Olson