City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **January 22, 2018**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 5

From: Gary Cohen, City Attorney

Subject:

Discussion and possible action on the appointment of an interim City Manager

Discussion:

City Manager Stephen's resignation raises the question of what the City should do to ensure that its affairs are properly administered until a new City Manager is selected and on board. In this situation, the League of Cities and Towns recommends that "local government officials must avoid acting impulsively and succumbing to the temptation to hurriedly appoint a new permanent manager. Local government officials need an interim period to carefully select the best possible successor who meets their criteria. To ensure a smooth transition and to allow the city/town the time necessary to consider the right skills and qualifications needed, an interim manager can help buy valuable time" In accordance, this item is placed on the agenda to allow the Mayor and Council, if it desires in its discretion, to clarify who will be responsible for directing the city/town until a new permanent manager is appointed.

Staff Recommendation:

Council pleasure