

For Immediate Release – City of Fertile, Minnesota – July 14, 2023

The City of Fertile is aware of a public petition being circulated requesting a response from the City on the recent resignation of former Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator, Angie Leiting. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, the City cannot comment on any specifics related to Ms. Leiting’s employment, work performance, or any other details regarding the work she performed for the City. The City’s silence is for no other reason other than to respect Ms. Leiting’s right to privacy.

The City Council, as elected officials, is tasked with the responsibility of monitoring the financial and operational health of *all* aspects of the City of Fertile, including Fair Meadow Nursing Home. What happens with one operation of the City, whether it be water, sewer, streets, or Fair Meadow, can have a huge financial impact on ALL operations of the City, sometimes for long into the future.

In 2017 the City Council hired a firm to conduct an operational assessment of Fair Meadow Nursing Home, and thereafter continued to closely monitor the financial and operational trends to ensure the long-term viability of Fair Meadow. Earlier this year, the City Council noted negative trends in Fair Meadow’s operations including consistent low end of the month cash balances which in February 2023 resulted in Fair Meadow needing a short-term payroll loan from the City.

On June 20, 2023, the City Council held a closed meeting to evaluate the performance of Ms. Leiting. It is common practice for a City Council to conduct performance reviews of employees under its authority. Ms. Leiting elected to have the evaluation meeting closed, which the City Council respected. During the closed meeting, several items related to Ms. Leiting’s performance were addressed. The meeting resulted in Ms. Leiting resigning from her position as the Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator, which the City Council accepted.

The City of Fertile is appreciative of Ms. Leiting’s dedicated service to our nursing home residents throughout her career and wishes her the best in the future. The Fair Meadow Nursing Home’s talented and dedicated staff look forward to continuing to provide quality and personal care to the residents of the Fair Meadow Nursing Home.

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