

# Fair Meadow “not out of the woods yet” but the mayor is cautiously optimistic

The mood was cautiously optimistic at the Oct. 8 meeting of the Fertile City Council.

“We are not out of the woods yet for reserves. You have come a long, long way and we are proud of you,” Mayor Dan Wilkens told Fair Meadow Administrator Angie Leiting.

She presented a report for the nursing home and assisted living for the fiscal year running from Oct. 1, 2017, to Sept. 30, 2018.

“These are un-audited totals,” she told the council.

The total current and fixed assets amount to \$6,060,948.

The total current and long term liabilities amount to \$7,839,947.

The accumulation of previous losses amounted to \$2,770,166 so the total equity is minus \$1,778,998.

For the fiscal year 2017-2018, the total income was \$5,288,360, a profit of \$110,279.

“The changes we have put into place total \$237,365 annually,” Leiting said. “Some changes have been

implemented for several months, some we just started.”

Some of the cost-cutting changes include:

- No nurses on activity trips

- Nursing assistant cut a half shift on the p.m. shift

- Therapy aides cut seven hours a week

- Clothing coordinator cut

- Maintenance cut 16 hours a month

- Van rides cut from four to two a month

- No food provided for the staff in the lounge

Leiting said cuts have been made and are still being implemented for the purchase of supplies.

She emphasized shifts are always staffed and these cuts haven’t affected the level of care residents receive.

Leiting told the council the call-in situation has gotten much better.

Under the new policy, after the sixth call-in the employee will receive a verbal warning.

After the seventh they will receive a written warning,

after the eighth a three-day suspension and after the ninth they will be terminated.

This applies to all staff, Leiting said.

In other business, Leiting reported the nursing home started and ended September with 42 residents and provided 391 home delivered meals.

The assisted living facility has one two bedroom and one efficiency apartment available but these will be filled in the near future.

The proposed budget for October 2018 through September 2019 was approved by the council.

Projected income for the nursing home was \$4,700,975 and assisted living \$585,385.

Projected expenses for both the nursing home are \$4,494,497 and for assisted living \$358,870.

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