

JEWSLETTE



Hello from Mayor Dwight Lundgren

I have been elected to serve Vergas as mayor. This position is not new to me but I haven't held this position before.

My desire is to do whatever I can to help the City of Vergas remain a viable and forward looking and acting city.

We have some great opportunities in the process in Vergas and I look forward to continuing these projects.

I have experience in city work and activities. Hopefully this will translate to a good working relationship with the people of Vergas.

I believe in open and honest communication, sometimes difficult but necessary. We need good and bad opinions, sometimes the answer is not always what we want but necessary.

Dwight Ludyn

Looking forward to serving you in 2025 and beyond.

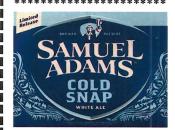


The Vergas Liquor Store

218-302-1516

MON-THU 11 am- 9 pm FRI-SAT 9 am -10 pm SUN 11 am - 5 pm

Please note our winter hours



Begin the New Year with this feature: Sam Adams Cold Snap \$10.99 6-pack



2025 **CITY MEETINGS**

To access Hybrid Meetings Via Zoom: Meeting ID: 267 094 2170 Passcode 56587 or Attend In Person

@ VEC Smart Room or Government Service Center 131 E. Main

Changes in our meetings to be posted on the City of Vergas website www.cityofvergas.com and Vergas Event Center sign

If you would like to be on the agenda of any of these meetings, please have information to City Clerk by the Wed. before the meeting.

Vergas City Council Public Hearing: Tuesday - Jan.14th 6:15 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

Vergas City Council Meeting: Tuesday - Jan.14th 6:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center (2nd Tuesday of the month)

EDA/HRA Meeting: NO JANUARY MEETING

Feb. 8th

2:00 p.m. Government Service Center 131 E. Main (1st Wednesday of the month)

Park Board Meeting:

Thursday - Jan. 23rd 3:00 p.m. Government Service Center 131 E. Main (4th Thursday of the month)

Planning Commission Mtg:

Monday - Jan.27th 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

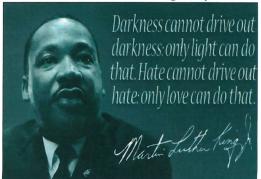
(4th Monday of the month)

Vergas Event Center Advisory Board: Tuesday- Jan. 28th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room (4th Tuesday of the month)

The City Office

will be closed Jan. 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Day



Effective Jan.1,2025 **NEW UTILITY RATES** Water: Base - \$31.50 Usage \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons **Sewer: Base - \$28.50** Usage \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons

Update regarding **CONSTRUCTION PERMITS**:

FOR PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE: Construction or placement of any new structure, relocation of any existing structure or altering any existing structure within 1,000 feet of lakeshore must file construction permits with

Otter Tail County.

 $\underline{ottertail county.gov/licenses-permits-records-and-inspections/environment-and-natural-resources/shoreland-natu$ permit-applications

'71.04 DECLARATION OF SNOW EMERGENCY; PARKING PROHIBITED. (A) The Mayor, Police Chief or other designated official may declare a snow emergency in the city. The emergency shall continue in effect for a period of 24 hours or until the snow has been removed from the city's streets or until the snow emergency has been rescinded by action of the Mayor, Police Chief or other designated officer. (B) Notice of the declaration of a snow emergency shall be given by notifying the local news media; however, the notification shall be a service aid only and not a duty on the part of the officials. (C) During a declared snow emergency or after two inches or more of snow have accumulated, no motor vehicle shall be left parked on any street or public way in the city until the declared emergency is canceled or, if no emergency is declared, until the street is cleared on both sides of accumulated snow. (D) During a declared snow emergency, any police officer or city appointed parking enforcement officer, appointed pursuant to M.S. '169.041, Subd. 2, who finds a motor vehicle in violation of this section shall attempt to contact the owner of the motor vehicle and require the owner to immediately move the motor vehicle so as not to be in violation of this section. If the owner does not immediately remove the motor vehicle or the owner cannot be located, the city appointed parking enforcement officer, appointed pursuant to M.S. '169.041, Subd. 2, is authorized to have the motor vehicle removed at the owner's expense. Penalty, see ' 10.99

2024 Minnesota Statute Section 160.2715

RIGHT-OF-WAY USE; MISDEMEANORS.

(a) Except for the actions of the road authorities, their agents, employees, contractors, and utilities in carrying out their duties imposed by law or contract, and except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to: (1) obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon:

169.42 LITTERING; DROPPING OBJECT ON VEHICLE; MISDEMEANOR.

§Subdivision 1.Objects on highway.

No person shall throw, deposit, place, or dump, or cause to be thrown, deposited, placed, or dumped upon any street or highway or upon any public or privately owned land adjacent thereto without the owner's consent any snow, ice, glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, garbage, swill, papers, ashes, cigarette filters, debris from fireworks, refuse, carcass of any dead animal, offal, trash or rubbish or any other form of offensive matter, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon any such street or highway.

Lions Club Blood Drive

Tue., Feb. 18, 2025 11:30 am - 5:30 pm **Vergas Event Center** Walk-ins WELCOME! For Appointments Call: 701-866-4301 Register online at vitalant.org When you give blood, you are part of something bigger than yourself.



2025 PET LICENSES Valid

Jan. 1 - Dec. 31 Apply for License at City Office or Liquor Store Record of Vaccination REQUIRED. \$30 Letter delivery fee after 3/31/2025.

CITY OF VERGAS OTTER TAIL COUNTY, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the Vergas Council, City of Vergas of Otter Tail County, Minnesota (the "City"), will hold a public hearing, at 6:15 p.m., on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, to be held at the Vergas Event Center, 140 W Linden Vergas, Minnesota, to consider a tax abatement requests from the following named applicants pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995. The requests are to abate 100% of the increase to the City portion of real estate taxes related to the residential building improvements on the subject properties for a period of up to 5 years with a maximum of \$5,0000

rebated.

2025 **COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

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and on the

Vergas Event Center sign

Community Club Meeting:

Monday - Jan. 6th

5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center/Smart Room (1st Monday of the month)

Vergas Arts Club

Thursday - Jan. 9th

2:00 p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar & Grill (2nd Thursday of the month)

Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday - Jan. 14th

5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center (2nd Tuesday of the month)

2025 Save the Dates

Lions Blood Drive - Feb. 18

13th Annual Hook & Slice on Ice -Mar. 1-

Maple Syrup Fest - Apr. 12

Downtown Art Camp - June 14

Looney Days – July 31-Aug. 3

Back Roads Art Crawl -Sept. 20-

Hairyman Festival - Sept. 27

Wine Walk - Oct. 18

CDH-Vergas Fire & Rescue Fundraiser - Oct. 25-

Halloween Party - Oct. 31

Small Town Christmas - Nov. 28 -