



October Mayor Message

Wanted to provide an update regarding the status of City actions to address trains blocking the downtown and Town Line Road railway crossings. This has been an ongoing concern and it's been hard to gain traction on the issue but have started to see some progress. A meeting was held with the new Otter Tail County engineer, who followed up and engaged with the Minnesota DOT (Department of Transportation). The Minnesota DOT noted options for actions, provided information regarding railroad grant opportunities, but most importantly provided a direct point of contact with Canadian Pacific who will take in the moment call from the City to follow up on delay issue. We are hopeful with the relationships established; solutions can be explored and supported. Additionally, the City participated in a training regarding TRAINFO. The system utilizes train detection sensors that can help reroute traffic but can also provide valuable data on delays.

As part of the City of Vergas energy grant, the municipal energy and building audits have been completed. Work is in process to analyze 2 years of energy data and computer building models are being developed that would provide energy savings calculations. A public informational meeting is planned prior to the November City Council meeting where initial findings and recommendations will be shared with the community.

Of Note, if you want to go solar on your home, farm, or small business but don't know where to start? The new Lakes & Prairies Solar Co-op is now open to new members. The co-op is free, no obligation, and can make going solar easier and more affordable than ever. For more information go to www.solarunitedneighbors.org/co-ops/minnesota/lakes-and-prairies-solar-co-op.

Information is also posted on the city website and bulletin boards.

Hope you are enjoying the mild fall and the beauty of fall colors!



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The Vergas Liquor Store

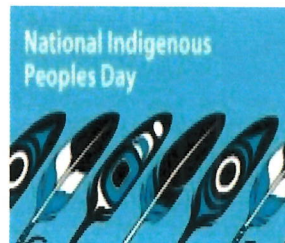
218-302-1516

MON-THU 9 am- 9 pm
 FRI-SAT 9 am-9:55 pm
 SUN 11 am – 5 pm



Try a sample of the "Hairyman Wine" on the Wine Walk. Or buy a bottle now at The Vergas Liquor Store!

The City Office will be closed Mon, October 14 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day



2024

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.

City Council Public Hearing:

Re: Farm Animal Ordinance

Tuesday – Oct. 8th 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

Vergas City Council Meeting:

Tuesday – Oct. 8th 6:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Event Center Advisory Board:

Tuesday– Oct. 22nd 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(4th Tuesday of the month)

Park Board Meeting:

Thursday – Oct. 24th 3:00 p.m.

Government Service Center 131 E. Main

(4th Thursday of the month)

Planning Commission Public Hearing

Monday –Oct.28th 5:45 p.m.

RE: Variance

Vergas Event Center

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RE: Proposed Zoning Map Updated

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EDA/HRA Meeting:

Wednesday– Nov. 6th 2:00 p.m.

Government Service Center 131 E. Main

(1st Wednesday of the month)

Lake Runners Snowmobile Trail thru Vergas will be decided at the Oct. 8 Council Meeting.

The decision will be to have the trail go on Pelican Ave. or Scharf Ave. & Townline Road

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thursday, Oct. 31

4:30 - 6:30 pm

Vergas Event Center

**Sponsored by
the Lions Club**



**A BIG
Thank
YOU**

The Vergas Event Center is currently updating the kitchen. Vanessa Perry, Vergas Community Club Representative for the Vergas Event Center Advisory Board has secured a \$15,000 donation from T.I.P. Gaming to purchase a convection oven, stove top and to repair the wall behind the sink and add backsplash.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Planning Commission

Mon. Oct. 28 6:00 pm

Proposed Zoning Map

Vergas Event Center and on Zoom

VOTE

General Election

Tuesday Nov. 5, 2024

7 AM- 8 PM

-Local Offices-

Mayor (2 yr. term)

Julie Bruhn

Dwight Lundgren

2 Council Members

(4 yr. term)

Bruce E. Albright

Natalie Fischer

Rebecca Hasse

Connie Lee

James Stenger

VERGAS EVENT CENTER

140 W. Linden Street

Voter Registration and

MN Absentee Ballot Applications

available at the City Office or at

ottertailcountymn.us/departments/elections

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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and on the

Vergas Event Center sign

Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday – Oct. 8th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center
(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Arts Club

Thursday - Oct. 10th 2:00 p.m.

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

Community Club Meeting:

Monday – Nov. 4th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center
(1st Monday of the month)

2024 Save the Date

Wine Walk

Oct. 19

Fire & Rescue Fundraiser

Oct. 26

Halloween Party

Oct. 31

General Election

November 5

Festival of Trees

Nov. 23

Small Town Christmas

Nov. 30

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE VERGAS CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Vergas, MN will meet at the Vergas Event Center 140 W Linden Vergas MN 56587 at 6:00 p.m. on October 8, 2024, to consider: Updating the Vergas Chicken Ordinance 91.04:

Current Ordinance:

91.04 FARM ANIMALS.

Farm animals shall only be kept in an agricultural district of the city, or on a residential lot of at least ten acres in size provided that no animal shelter shall be within 300 feet of an adjoining piece of property.

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An exception shall be made for chickens when the following requirements shall be met:

1. No more than four (4) chickens shall be kept on the premises (parcel);
2. Chickens shall be kept in a coop or attached coop run/enclosed at all times;
3. No roosters shall be kept on the premises;
4. The premises must be located in a Single and Two-Family Residential (R-1) or Limited Multiple-Family Residential (R-2) zoning district; and
5. The premises must have a lot area of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet.
6. A license is purchased at the city office.

All interested parties are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to ask questions and to provide public input and/or comments. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you are invited to submit your comments in writing to the City Clerk-Treasurer prior to the scheduled hearing. Written comments or questions will be addressed at the hearing and a written response will be provided by the City. Non-English-speaking residents and other persons with special needs who plan to attend the hearing are asked to contact City Hall (218) 302-5996 prior to the hearing so that arrangements can be made to address any special requirements.

**If you need to talk,
the 988 Lifeline
is here.**

**If someone you know needs
support now, call or text 998 or
Chat 998lifeline.org**

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& CRISIS
LIFELINE**