

**CITY OF VERGAS
COUNCIL AGENDA
Vergas Event Center – Council Chambers
6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

(Reminder the Frazee-Vergas Forum is recording this meeting and all information discussed is public information)

Additions or Deletion to Agenda

Council Minutes of the September 14, 2015

Planning Commission Member

Financial Report

- a. Bills Paid Between Council and Council Bills
- b. Liquor Store Bills for September
- c. General Fund Budget 2016
 1. EDA Land Request
 2. Bond Refinance

Construction permit - 301 W Looney Lane to re-shingle detached garage

Event Center Advisory report

Otter Magazine Update

Vergas Community Fund

Park Lease

Mayors Minute

Report from Public Utilities Superintendent Michael DuFrane

Personnel - Step Scale

Information

League of MN Cities Regional Meeting will be held Oct. 21 in Battle Lake MN 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

League of MN Cities Annual Conference will be held June 15-17, 2016 in St. Paul, MN.

October 17, 2015 CDH Vergas Fire and Rescue Banquet 5:00 p.m.

October 24, 2016 Fundraiser for Long Lake Trail Connection 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**CITY OF VERGAS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of Vergas met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 in Council Chambers of the Vergas Event Center with the following members present: Mayor Dean Haarstick, Council Members Paul Pinke, Scott Goodman, Sandee Stall and Keith Bunkowske. Absent: none. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers, Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane, Public Maintenance Employee Tyanne Jacobson, Barbie Porter of Vergas-Frazee Forum and Steve Peloquin of Peloquin Law Firm.

Mayor Dean Haarstick called the meeting to order.

Motion by Goodman, seconded by Bunkowske to accept agenda with following additions: Event Center walking and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Goodman, seconded by Bunkowske to approve the September 14, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed the need for another Planning Commission member and asked Council to look for a member.

Motion was made by Bunkowske, seconded by Goodman to approve City bills totaling \$43,630.68. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Stall to approve Liquor Store bills paid in September totaling \$77,100.36. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pinke to allow Economic Development Authority (EDA) to use the land that was donated to the City on Bennett Road for housing development. Motion died for lack of second. Goodman questioned why developers would want to talk to EDA when they could just come to the Council if they wanted to build on property. Lammers explained the EDA does not have a prospective investor but would like to increase home development and search out investors and having a plot they could encourage someone to build on would be helpful. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Pinke to allow EDA to proceed with looking for investors and could speak with them regarding the City lot but will need to come to Council for final decision. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed refinancing the City's General Obligation Improvement Bonds of 2006. Motion by Pinke, seconded by Stall for Lammers to proceed with getting information to refinance the City's General Obligation Improvement Bonds of 2006 . Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Stall to approve construction permit for 301 W Looney Lane to re-shingle detached garage. Motion passed unanimously.

Bunkowske reviewed the Event Center Advisory minutes.

Motion by Goodman, seconded by Pinke to open the Event Center Tuesday-Friday from 8 am to 12 pm for people to walk when the Event Center is not being rented out. Motion passed unanimously.

Pinke updated the Council regarding the marketing of the Otter Tail Tourism.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Stall to accept Resolution 2015-57 for the City of Vergas to be a fiscal agent with West Central Initiative Community Fund (A complete text of the resolution is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's office.). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Goodman to approve Transportation Alternatives Program Resolution 2015-0058 (A complete text of the resolution is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's office.). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Goodman to approve County State Aid Highway No. 4-Vergas City Park and County State Aid Hwy No. 60 – Vergas City Park 100 year leases with Otter Tail County for \$2.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Haarstick reviewed October Mayors meeting.

DuFrane requested payment on repairs for the main lift pump. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Pinke to purchase replacement elbows at the lift station for \$4,616.38 from Minnesota Pump Works. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Pinke to include pumper fee for lift station for \$1,206.47. Motion passed unanimously.

Bunkowske and Goodman reviewed personnel meeting. Goodman stated that they still needed to review step scale. Jacobson has asked for extra pay when working at night. Council questions how much she was requesting and after some discussion they asked personnel to review.

The business for which the meeting was called having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Julie Lammers, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer