



March Mayors Message

Small towns can have big accomplishments! If you have had an opportunity to read the annual state of the city address, it clearly demonstrates this. Since writing the address, exciting news for Vergas was being selected as one of 18 cities to participate in the Community and Economic Development (CEDA) Rural Capacity Program (RCP). This entails receipt of valuable resources, expertise and support to the EDA/HRA and a \$15,000 grant. In addition to this exciting news, the Fire Department received a \$1000 grant from West Central Initiative.

There is historic significant funding available to small communities; federal, state, and private entities. City of Vergas is working on taking advantage of these funding opportunities. One area is the funding available for energy efficiency and clean energy; which would have long lasting economic and environmental benefits to the community. This has entailed grant applications and working with the Empowering Small Minnesota Communities (ESMC) Program and West Central Initiative. The City of Vergas is also actively looking for and preparing funding applications for Long Lake park improvements, with a priority being restrooms.

There are challenges for small communities to access federal, state and private grants. This includes time, capacity, expertise, the technical requirements of grants, and navigating complex funding programs. However, we feel it's important to community long range plans and improvements and the associated economic impacts for Vergas and its residents. If you are aware of funding opportunities or have expertise and talent to support these efforts, contact us. We would love to hear from you!

On the move update... the City Office will be moving to 131 E. Main Street on March 11. We look forward to serving you in our new office March 12. Thanks for your patience!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

Notice a new looking billing statement? We switched to a new software program 2.1.24. In the lower lefthand area is the link (<https://cityofvergas.secure.munibilling.com/>) to log on to your customer portal. This will allow you access to your personal data at your leisure. Call 218-302-5996 for support.



Where all the profits, profit Vergas

The Vergas Liquor Store

218-302-1516

MON-THU 11am- 9 pm

FRI-SAT 9am-9:55pm

SUN 11am – 5pm

We now offer low-dose THC beverages and edibles. THC is an alcohol-free option with little to no negative side-effects.

2024

CITY MEETINGS

To access Hybrid Meetings

Via Zoom: Meeting ID:

267 094 2170

Password 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 Meeting:

Tuesday - Mar. 12th 6:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Planning Commission Mtg:

Monday – Mar. 25th 6:00 p.m.

Government Service Center 131 E. Main

(4th Monday of the month)

Vergas Event Center

Advisory Board:

Tuesday– Mar. 26th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(4th Tuesday of the month)

Park Board Meeting:

Thursday – Mar. 21st 3:00 p.m.

Government Service Center 131 E. Main

(4th Thursday of the month)

EDA/HRA Meeting:

Tuesday– Mar. 12th 2:00 p.m.

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Government Service Center 131 E. Main

(Usually 1st Tuesday of the month)

The Mayor's State of the City Address

Can be found at

www.cityofvergas.com

under the City tab.

Click on City Officials



2024 Cat & Dog Licenses
 Available at the City Office or LiquorStore
 Documentation of Distemper & Rabies
 Vaccination Required



\$10.00 per pet OR \$8.00 per pet if your pet has been neutered.
 All Cat & Dog Residents are required to have current a City License & up to date vaccinations. If your pet's license tag is **PURPLE**, it's expired & needs to be replaced now. **Deadline for current license holders is March 31.**

Munibilling is now live for the City of Vergas utility billing.
 You can view & pay your utility bill 24 hours a day.
 Website:

<https://cityofvergas.secure.munibilling.com>.

To register your new account, use the account code that can be found on the lower left side of your bill. This website will show your water usage and let you change how you get your bill – email or mail.

You can sign up for e-check payments, credit card payments or ACH payments.

Any questions regarding our new system, please don't hesitate to call us @ 218-302-5996.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
 COLLECTION**

Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:00am – 2:00pm
 121 W Linden Street
 (behind the Event Center)

Accepted materials include: Paint (Latex & Oil),
 Pesticides & Cleaners, Automotive fluids,
 Gasoline, Oil & Oil Filters, Fluorescent bulbs
 (maximum of 10).

Volunteers are needed to help with collections!
 Please call City Office at
 218-302-5996 for more info.



**Hansel & Gretel
 Musical & Theater
 Production
 Coming to Vergas!
 July 8 – 13, 2024**



**Sponsored by the Vergas Community
 Club**

2024 Golf Carts

Permits

Available at the
 City Office or
 Liquor Store

**2024 Non-Resident
 Yard Waste**

Permits

Available for
 everyone who
 does not reside
 within the City of
 Vergas.

If you ARE a City
 resident, there is a
 special FREE
 permit for you.

They were
 available last year
 & are valid as long
 as you own your
 property. If you've
 not picked one up,
 please stop by.
 It's purple, so if
 that's what you
 have, you're good
 to go!

These are
 available in the
 City Office only.

**2024
 COMMUNITY
 MEETINGS**

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 to be posted on the
 City of Vergas website
www.cityofvergas.com

and on the

Vergas Event Center sign

Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday – Mar. 12th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center
 (2nd Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Arts Club

Thursday - Mar. 14th 2:00 p.m.

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

Community Club Meeting:

Monday – Apr. 1st 5:30 p.m.

Vergas State Bank/ Lower Level
 (1st Monday of the month)

2024 Save the Date

Jesus Little Lambs Fundraiser
 - Mar. 10-

Maple Syrup Fest - Apr. 13

Fire & Rescue Pancake Fundraiser
 - Date to be determined –

Lions Blood Drive – June 6
 Shops & Hops – June 8

Downtown Art Camp - June 15

Hazardous Waste – June 20

Hansel & Gretel Musical

- July 8 – 13 -

Looney Days - Aug. 8 - 11

Presidential Primary - Aug 13

Backroads Studio Art Crawl

-Sept. 21 –

Hairyman Festival - Sept. 28

Wine Walk – Oct. 19

CDH-Vergas

Fire & Rescue Fundraiser

– Oct. 26 -

Halloween Party – Oct. 31

General Election November 5

Festival of Trees - Nov. 23

Small Town Christmas

-Nov. 30-