

**City of Vergas
Budget Committee Meeting**

The Liquor Store/Municipal Building/License Committee was called to order on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 6:45 pm at The Vergas City Office. Present were Julie Bruhn, Logan Dahlgren and Julie Lammers.

Agenda: 2022 Budget

Committee reviewed the 2022 Budget passed by Council in September with a 10.69% increase in taxes. Bruhn stated she would like to see no more than a 3% increase in taxes. Committee discussed the sale of the West Lake Street property and what the money would do for the current budget. Committee decided to propose 2 budgets one with the Council deciding to sell the property and one without the sale of the property. Differences between the 2 budgets include the following:

With proposed sale of property: Lower City Shop expenses (due to having only 1 shop location) and raising the improvements for addition or repairs to buildings, EDA \$8,000 transfer, employee raises of 2.5%, Yard Waste improvements \$10,000, Event Center improvements \$20,000, Park Improvements \$21,000 and a 2.97% increase in general property taxes.

Without sale of property: EDA \$7,000 transfer, employee raises of 2%, Yard Waste Improvements \$5,500, Event Center improvements \$5,000, Park Improvements \$18,000 and a 3.2% increase in general property taxes.

Council Recommendations:

Review and pass budget for 2022 at the December Council meeting.