

VERGAS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
VERGAS EVENT CENTER & ZOOM
Tuesday, August 2, 2022

The City Council of Vergas met at 6:30 pm, on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at the Vergas Event Center and on a Zoom for a hybrid regular council meeting with the following members present: Mayor Julie Bruhn, Council Members: Natalie Fischer, Paul Pinke and Logan Dahlgren. Absent: , Bruce Albright. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers, Utilities Superintendent Michael DuFrane, Robert Williams of the Frazee-Vergas Forum, Engineers Jeff Kuhn and Blaine Green, Sherri Hanson, Keith Bunkowske, Attorney Tom Winters, Scott Kolbinger and Celeste Koppe.

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Bruhn called the City Council meeting to order.

Citizens' Concerns

None.

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Dahlgren to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Dahlgren to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. Council Minutes of the July 12, 2022
- b. Bills paid between Council meetings for a total of \$44,364.36
- c. Liquor Store bills for May 2022 for a total of \$95,227.82
- d. General Fund/Special Revenue Money Market Account Report
- e. 2022 Investment Schedule/Bond Schedule
- f. American Rescue Plan Funding 2021-2026
- g. Late water/sewer bills

Motion passed unanimously.

Vergas Comprehensive Plan

Celeste Koppe, West Central Initiative, provided the Vergas Comprehensive Plan 2036 and reviewed the updates made since the public hearing. Koppe thanked Widseth for their comments and explained the plan will need to have a proposed map, the resolution and vision statement added to the copy provided. Motion by Pinke, seconded by Fisher to approve the Vergas Comprehensive Plan 2036. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Pinke, seconded by Dahlgren to approve Resolution 2022-006, (complete text available at the City Office) accepting the Vergas Comprehensive Plan 2036. Motion passed unanimously.

West Central Initiative

Celeste Koppe reviewed West Central Initiative and encouraged the City to reach out to them.

Lawrence Lake Acres Final Plat

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Dahlgren to approve the Lawrence Lake Acres Final Plat. Motion passed unanimously

LMC-Liability Coverage Waiver

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Fischer for the City of Vergas to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.06 accepting liability coverage limits of \$1,000,000 on a single occurrence from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. Motion passed unanimously.

Sewer Refund Request

Lammers reviewed request for 2/3's of sewer bill to be refunded due to watering a property owners' lawn in June. Motion by Fischer, seconded by Dahlgren to deny the request. Motion passed unanimously. Council requested information regarding lawn water should be put in newsletter annually in May.

Engineering

Street Condition Survey

Engineer Blaine Green reviewed the request for a comprehensive street condition survey requested by the street committee. Motion by Pinke, seconded by Dahlgren to approve the comprehensive street condition survey for \$5,500.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Keilley Shores 3rd Addition

Bunkowske stated construction on his road in Keilley Shores would not begin until after Labor Day and he has spoken with them regarding a pre-construction meeting. Hogue Construction (Bunkowske contractor) would prefer to have the meeting on Thursday's. Council asked Street Committee to review the work order and bring a recommendation to the September Council meeting.

Committee Reports

Park Board

Sherri Hanson reviewed the Park Board meeting held on July 28, 2022, (minutes available at the Vergas City Office). Motion by Pinke, seconded by Dahlgren to proceed with two dugouts on the main ballfield and the repairs covered by insurance. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Pinke, seconded by Dahlgren to allow the Vergas Community Club trailer to be parked by the City Shop on Glenn Street until October 1, 2022. Motion passed unanimously. Long Lake Park does not currently have a name and the park board will be looking at naming the park.

Planning Commission

Lammers reviewed Planning Commission meeting minutes of July 25, 2022 (minutes available at the Vergas City Office). There were no council recommendations.

2023 Budget

Bruhn, Dahlgren and Lammers will meet as a budget committee with their recommendations for the preliminary budget which needs to be approved in September.

Staff Report

Utility Superintendent

City Council Report from Mike DuFrane.

1. Wastewater
 - a. The second phase of jetting sewers was done on 7-28-22 and 7-29-22. Three lift stations were also cleaned due to the grease buildup.
 - b. The lift stations had annual check by Tri-State Pump on 8-1-22. There is concern on the Scharf lift station as there has been acid dumping.
2. Parks
 - a. Grill was installed at the beach by the boat dock.
 - b. Steve's Sanitation delivered 10 garbage cans that we will be leasing from them for \$2.00 each per month.
3. Water
 - a. There have been three service line leaks this month. One at Billy's bar (which has been repaired) and two on Dianne Ave (the water is turned off).
4. Streets
 - a. Roads were graded on 8-27-22 by Driveway Service.

- b. The housing development on Dianne Avenue and Eva Street was mowed due to nuisance property “tall grass and weeds” and charged \$600.00.
 - c. The 1-ton pickup the City is looking at purchasing will not be available until October 1, 2022.
- 5. Josh Hanson Property
 - a. We cleaned up the property. Josh had a local contractor come in and finish the rest .

Information & Announcements

MN Rural Water, (DuFrane & Engebretson) September 1, 2022, Waconia, MN

Clerks Advanced Academy- (Lammers) September 15-16, 2022 New Ulm MN

Easements- Townline Road

Winters reviewed discussions with 3 of the 4 property owners the City is requesting easements from. Maynard Johnson, Terry Engel and Larry Golkowske have expressed agreement with the offer of double the agricultural value for their easements. Terry Engel has requested the City inform him of where his fence should be located to avoid the snow from the road hitting it. Discussed survey stakes that have already been placed on the properties. Motion by Pinke, seconded by Dahlgren to have Winters draft easement agreements for Maynard Johnson, Terry Engel and Larry Golkowske for the total amount of \$9,042.24. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed meeting per state statute 13.005 at 7:46.

Recording available in City Office.

Opened meeting for discussion of Easements of Townline Road

Motion by Dahlgren, seconded by Fischer to offer Keith and Shelly Bunkowske \$9,000.00 for road easement along Townline Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Julie Lammers, CMC

Vergas Clerk-Treasurer