

**Vergas EDA/HRA**  
**Billy's Corner Bar & Grill**  
**2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

The City of Vergas Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) met on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 2:15 pm at Billy's Corner Bar with the following members present: Bruce Albright, Paul Pinke and Joy Summers. Absent: Kevin Zitzow and Vanessa Perry. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Bruce Albright.

**Agenda Additions and Deletions**

Approved agenda with addition of the Vergas Comprehensive plan.

**Minutes**

Motion approved as presented for the August 3, 2022, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Status of Recommendations to City Council**

None.

**Financial Update**

Lammers reviewed income and expenses regarding the EDA/HRA. Budget committee has lowered the EDA/HRA City contribution to \$7,000 – committee requested \$8,000. Discussed low interest loans from West Central Initiative and Otter Tail County EDA/HRA for businesses and housing.

**Old Business**

Reviewed 2023 Housing and Economic Goals. Albright questioned if we should move goals to a 3-year plan. Summers suggested putting goals in a 3-month, 6-month, 1-year, 2-year and 3-year timeframe. Added the word "County" to Housing Goal 1. Added goal 11 under Economic Development Goals "Knowledgeable information on programs for employee shortages".

**New Business**

**Construction Permits**

Motion by Summers, seconded by Pinke to waive the construction permit fees for A Step Up-111 East Main St, Next Generation Gaming-Corner of 4 and 35 and Cutting Edge and Tanning-159 East Elm St. Motion passed unanimously.

**Housing-Eva Street and Diane Avenue**

Eleven lots have been transferred to the State of Minnesota and will be auctioned off or used for government approved usage. The County is working on filling lots with homes – currently working with Dynamic Homes to fill lots around Otter Tail County. EDA members asked Lammers to find out if they could purchase lots and build 1 story, 2–3-bedroom homes on the lots. Lammers will get information regarding the EDA/HRA purchasing lots for development from the state or county.

**Meeting Location**

Discussed noise and disturbances while meeting at Billy's and asked Lammers to discuss meeting location with Vanessa.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Julie Lammers  
City Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Vergas

**Council Recommendations**

None.

**Follow up Actions.**

Update 2023 EDA/HRA goals to a 3-year plan.