

CITY OF VERGAS
COUNCIL MINUTES
Vergas Event Center and Zoom
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

The City Council of Vergas met at 6:30 pm, on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Vergas Event Center for a hybrid regular council meeting with the following members present: Mayor Julie Bruhn, Council Members: Bruce Albright, Paul Pinke, Dean Haarstick and Natalie Fischer. Absent: none. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers, Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane, Blaine Green, Tom Winters and Sherri Hanson.

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Bruhn called the meeting to order.

Citizens' Concerns

None.

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Haarstick to approve the agenda with the following addition: Event Center Advisory Board Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Council Minutes of the March 14, 2023
- B. Bills paid between Council meetings and Council bills for \$39,757.45.
- C. Liquor Store bills for March 2023 for \$64,291.51.
- D. Late water/sewer bills
- E. 2023 Investment Schedule/Bond Schedule
- F. General Fund Special Revenue Money Market Account
- G. 2023 Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances
- H. American Rescue Plan Funding 2021-2026
- I. Committee Reports -requiring no Council Action
 1. Planning Commission
 2. Heartland and Heart of Lakes Trail Plan
 3. Economic Development Authority/Housing Redevelopment Authority
- J. Clerk-Treasurer Training Report

Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Parks

Sherri Hanson reviewed the Park Advisory Board meeting of March 23, 2023 (minutes available at the Vergas City Office). They do not have the agreement drawn up with Dennis Pausch to paint the interior of the bathhouse and help maintain the bathhouse this summer and will submit it at the May Council meeting. Questioned why Park Board was not involved in adding the Freedom Rock to the ballfield area? Bruhn explained the park board is an advisory committee and the council can choose to have committees research things or vote on them. They reviewed their plan and the council felt they were ready to approve without any research needed.

Streets/Sidewalks/Yard Waste

Albright reviewed the Streets/Sidewalk/Yard Waste committee meeting of March 30, 2023 (minutes available at the Vergas City Office). Motion by Albright, seconded by Pinke to enter into an agreement with Widseth for up to \$4,000.00 to inventory and add Vergas Storm Sewers to the GIS map. Motion passed unanimously.

Event Center

Lammers reviewed Event Center Advisory Board meeting of April 10, 2023 meeting (minutes not available yet but will be at the Vergas City Office when available). Motion by Pinke, seconded by Fischer to approve purchase of cabinets for kitchen with the funds raised from fundraisers for \$5,295.75 from Summers Design Center. Motion

passed unanimously. Discussed having an event center employee to set up event center, meet with renters, clean event center and inventory items in the event center. Albright stated EDA/HRA would like to have personnel look at having an employee work 4 hours a week on their agenda items. Motion Albright, seconded by Pinke to have personnel look at both positions and/or added hours. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike DuFrane, Utilities Superintendent

April 2023 Council report from Mike DuFrane

1. Streets
 - a. Plow truck Broke down. Preliminary cost estimates are around 3,000.00.

DuFrane explained the rear end, leaf springs and the braking system are also broken. The City paid \$12,000.00 for the truck and we have a quote of \$7,000.00. We will have another \$3,000.00 in expenses. Proposed the Council wait and look for a used truck. Albright asked if we would be looking at a truck that will be able to use our plow and sander or are we would be looking at replacing everything. Discussed selling the old plow truck. Motion by Albright, seconded by Fischer to authorize Dufrane to work with the streets committee to address the replacement of the plow truck. Motion passed unanimously. The brake line blew on the Ford pickup today and was repaired.

Information & Announcements

Trainings:

- a. IIMC Conference - May 14-17, 2023 (Lammers) Minneapolis
- b. Clerks Advanced Academy- (Lammers)Waite Park
- c. League of MN Cities Annual Conference, June 21-23, 2023 (Bruhn, Haarstick, Albright)
- d. Municipal Beverage Association-April 29-May 2 (MMBA) (Theisen) Arrowwood

Events:

- a. Continuation of Local Board of Review, Monday, April 24, 2023, 3 pm Vergas Event Center
- b. Planning Commission Public Hearing, Interim Use Permit-Mark Sand and Gravel, Monday, April 24, 2023 5:30 pm.
- c. EDA/HRA Annual Meeting, April 25, 2023 Vergas Event Center, 5:30 pm
- d. Otter Tail County Board of Review, June 14, 2023.
- e. Household Hazardous Waste Day, Thursday, June 29, 2023 10:00 - 2:00 volunteers needed

Adjournment

The business for which the meeting was called having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Vergas City Clerk-Treasurer
Julie Lammers, CMC