

Clerk-Treasurer Council Report
March 2024

Elections:

Filled the position as Head Judge for the Presidential Primary Election on March 5, 2024. 43 citizens voted in the City of Vergas. Expenses for the election will be reimbursed by the 3 major political parties. Voters commented on the floors here in the event center-stating they are beautiful.

Grants:

Applied:

Municipal Clerks Advanced Academy Grant, \$100.00. In process.

League of MN Cities: Grant Navigator \$5,000.00 In process.

MN Department of Labor and Industry Safety Grant. This grant was not approved.

Reviewing:

Otto Bremer Trust: Deadline April 18, Informational Meeting March 27/

WCI Grant: Deadline April 30, Information Meeting April 26

Government Services Building

Offices will be ready to be moved into on April 9, 2024 they only item that will not be completed is the front door. Requesting the Council hold an open house on Saturday, April 13 from 10 am -1 pm selling yard waste permits, dog licenses and golf cart permits.

Education and Trainings:

Attended the MN Clerks and Finance Conference:

Utility Rate Analysis

Working on a 5-year budget spreadsheet. Discussed the need for \$250,000.00 per enterprise to keep up with updates for small communities.

Financing Options for your City

All cities need a CIP (this can be a spreadsheet or an engineered document whatever the city is comfortable with).

Adult Use of Cannabis: The year after legislation

Zoning has a 30-day time limit. County makes the rules unless the City takes control of rules. LMC will not cover cannabis claims if city decides to carry or have a dispensary they must get other insurance. Citizens can grow up to 8 plants with 4 of them being mature (flowering). Plants must be kept in a closed space away from public view. City cannot limit edibles but can limit cannabis retailers. State will be holding a lottery for 50 stores to receive their retailers license for cannabis this summer. City cannot make cannabis retailer exclusive to city as they do with liquor.

Drug and Alcohol Testing Requirements for Commercial Drivers

Updated information on retaining files and reporting.

Attending Wednesday, March 27 LMC Loss Control