

**Vergas EDA/HRA
Government Services Center & Zoom
2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 2, 2024**

EDA/HRA Mission: Retain and promote business in our community, adding housing so that we prosper and increase our tax base, keeping Vergas a vital community.

The City of Vergas Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) met on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 2:00 pm in a hybrid meeting at the Vergas Government Services building and on zoom with the following members: DuWayne Ditterich, Paul Sonnenberg, Joy Summers, and Bruce Albright. Absent: Vanessa Perry. Also Present: City Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers; CEDA Representative Jordan Grossman; and Editor Bob Williams of the Frazee-Vergas Forum.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair DuWayne Ditterich at 2:00 pm.

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Approve agenda with the following deletion: Spec House. Motion passed unanimously.

Status of Recommendations to City Council

None.

Minutes

Motion by Sonnenberg, seconded by Summers to approve the minutes of August 7, September 17 and September 23, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Update

2024 income and expenses were reviewed. Lammers updated committee on the 2025 budget.

New Business

Comprehensive Plan Review

Committee updated the comprehensive plan areas they worked on in 2024.

Old Business

CEDA First Impression Report

CEDA Representative Jordan Grossman presented information regarding workshop to be held on October 17th from 3-4 pm. This will include digital marketing for small businesses. Encouraged all members to sign up and attend. Grossman has applied for Community Grant form Otter Tail County and the CDA board meets on Oct. 15, 2024. If approved Grossman will apply for CEDA funds to be distributed to Vergas.

Vergas EDA lots on Eva and Diane

Discussed water accessibility charge and sewer accessibility charge on lots and most members felt this is a standard charge in all cities. Our listing is expiring soon. Motion by Sonnenberg, seconded by Albright to extend listing with Summers for 1 year. Voting yes: Sonnenberg, Albright, Ditterich. Voting no: none. Abstain: Summers. Motion carried.

Discussed advertising the lots for sale. Committee asked Lammers to check with Sherri Hanson regarding pricing of electronic sign by Walmart as presented at the past Vergas Community Club meeting.

Ottertail County is ending the Big Build program as of December 31, 2024 and the City will need to take over the program or end in Vergas. We currently have one application needing a public hearing for approval. Motion by Sonnenberg, seconded by Summers to recommend to Council to end current program. Motion passed unanimously.

EDA Funding Ideas

Marina tabled until next month's meeting.

Adjourn

Adjourned meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Julie Lammers, CMC

City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Vergas

Council Recommendations:

Council to end Bid Build in Vergas as of December 31, 2024.

Follow up Actions

None.