

City of Vergas

Liquor Store, Municipal Buildings, License Committee Meeting

The Liquor Store/Municipal Building/License Committee was called to order on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 1:00 pm at 131 E Main St at the Government Services Center.

2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Kyle Theisen, Liquor Store Manager	N/A	P/P	N/A	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	A	P	
James Stenger, Council Appointment	N/A	P/P	N/A	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	P	P	
Dean Haarstick, Council Appointment	N/A	A/P	N/A	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	P	P	
Julie Lammers, Clerk-Treasurer	N/A	P/P	N/A	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	P	P	
Mike Dufrane, Utilities Superintendent	N/A		N/A			N/A	N/A		N/A	P	P	

P: Present A: Absent N/A: No Meeting

Call to order

Lammers called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Additions and Deletions

None

Municipal Building

A. Step Up Thrift Boutique Lease Signage

Lammers reported that the Step-Up Thrift has requested to add the following signage: a 30x24 outdoor metal sign on bricks by entrance, ornament on window, and pictures along the entrance door to the step up.

Lammers read the following snippets from the lease:

Location of premises. Lessor shall lease to Lessee the entire second floor of the Vergas Municipal Building and shall have the use of the restroom on the first floor of the building located at 117 East Main Street, Vergas MN.

Signs. Lessee shall ensure that all signs for Lessees business are attractive, of reasonable size, and do not detract from the Berga Municipal Liquor Store signs or other signs advertising business or enterprises in which the Lessor is engages in. Lessor shall obtain prior approval for all signs from the Mayor of the City of Vergas.

Theisen discussed building and not wanting to put holes in brick or stucco as it may cause permanent damage. Committee discussion about liquor store signage, no other businesses on Main Street having this much signage, and the blocking of view with a window cling. Discussed options of making permanent mounting plates for signs to protect the building and adding permanent hooks to hold signs.

Motion by Stenger, seconded by Haarstick to recommend to Council to have wall signs including the Liquor Store in sign and for it to be mounted with a mounting plate, to allow signage on wall by entrance with the following restrictions: wall restored when removing or lease is finalized and no other items are located in the entry way. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Stenger, seconded by Haarstick, to recommend to Council to not allow drilling into building. Motion passed unanimously. Theisen was asked to investigate permanent hooks for the pillars.

B. Front remodel

1. Roof - Snow break and gutter system

Snow break is complete, and dormer has been removed from the plan.

2. Signage

Theisen is waiting for JH Signs to provide documentation. Theisen will provide the committee with samples for approval as soon as he receives them.

THC

Discussed if committee would like to allow children under twenty-one into the liquor store as the city does not have to register with the county due to having their own ordinance. Theisen stated he has had only a small number of complaints and feels we can leave the policy in place.

Financial Update

Lammers provided a financial update on the liquor store's status. She reported that as of October 31, 2025, the liquor store had a balance of \$22,302.50. Theisen stated he is trying to get the transfer amount as close to \$30,000 as possible and will bring a recommendation to Council at the December meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Secretaty,

Julie Lammers, CMC
Vergas City Clerk-Treasurer

Council Recommendations

Approve wall signs including the Liquor Store in sign and for it to be mounted with a mounting plate, to allow signage on wall by entrance with the following restrictions: wall restored when removing or lease is finalized and no other items are located in the entry way. Motion passed unanimously.

Council to make policy to not allow drilling into municipal building.

Follow Up Actions

- Theisen to investigate permanent hooks for the pillars.
- Theisen to provide the committee with samples of signs for approval as soon as he receives.