

City Council
2025 September Council Meeting
Vergas Event Center & Zoom Id number 267-094-2170 password 56587
6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 16, 2025

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Citizens' Concerns**
- 3. Agenda Additions and Deletions**
- 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - A. Council Minutes August 11, 2025
 - B. Bills paid between Council meetings and Council bills
 - C. Liquor Store bills for August 2025
 - D. Late water/sewer bills
 - E. 2025 Investment Schedule/Bond Schedule
 - F. General Fund Special Revenue Money Market Account
 - G. 2025 Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Balances
 - H. 2025 Council Portfolio
 - I. Committee Reports:
 1. Liquor Store Committee
 2. EDA/HRA
 3. Planning Commission
 4. Energy Resilience
- 5. 2025 Parking Lot and Storm Drain Project**
- 6. Siren**
- 7. Committee Reports**
 - A. Park Advisory Board
 1. Pickleball
 - B. Event Center
 1. Resignation
 2. Projector
- 8. Staff Reports**
 - A. Utilities Superintendent Report
 - B. Clerk-Treasurer Report
- 9. 2026 General Fund Budget**
- 10. Information & Announcements**

Trainings:

 - A. Clerks Advanced Academy- September 18-19, 2025 (Lammers) Rochester

Events:

BackRoads Art Crawl - September 20, 2025

Hairyman Festival - September 27, 2025

Holiday Tour of Homes - November 22, 2025

Small Town Christmas - November 29, 2025
- 11. Adjournment**

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Files Attached

- 09.2025 Claims List for Approval.pdf
- 9.2025 City Bill Listing.pdf
- 9.2025 Liquor Store Bill Listing.pdf
- past_due_customers - 2025-09-10T173830.196.pdf
- 2025 Investment Schedule & Bond Schedule.pdf
- 2025 General Fund_Special Revenue Money Market Account Report.pdf
- 2025 Update PortfolioPDF.pdf
- 08.19.2025 Liquor Store Municipal Building License Committee Meeting.pdf
- 9.3.2025 EDA.HRA Minutes.pdf
- 8.25.25 Planning Commission Minutes.pdf
- Aug 2025 Energy and Resiliency Advisory Board.pdf
- City Council Minutes 8.11.25.pdf
- 08.31.2025 Statement of Reciepts, Disb. and Balances.pdf

Date Range : 8/12/2025 To 9/16/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Detail</u>
09/16/2025	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota	Employees Health Insurance Premium 2025	25496	\$4,164.29			
					100-41405-131-	Clerk	\$371.26
					601-49440-131-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$640.86
					602-49490-131-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$640.86
					100-43110-131-	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$267.59
					100-45210-131-	Parks	\$267.59
09/16/2025	Driveway Service	Parks, washed sand	25497	\$891.00	609-49751-131-	Liquor Store - Manager - Off-Sale	\$1,976.13
09/16/2025	Dakota Supply Group	Water, bronze meter	25498	\$160.90	100-45210-210-	Parks	\$891.00
09/16/2025	Michael DuFrane	St, Park, Sewer, Water, cell phone reimbursement, Education meal	25499	\$92.77	601-49440-530-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$160.90
09/16/2025	Michael DuFrane	St, Park, Sewer, Water, cell phone reimbursement, Education meal	25499	\$92.77	601-49440-321-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$18.75
					602-49490-321-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$18.75
					100-43110-321-	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$18.75
					100-45210-321-	Parks	\$18.75
					601-49440-330-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$17.77
09/16/2025	Matthew Engebretson	St, Pk, reimbursed cell phone, education meal	25500	\$39.33			
09/16/2025	Matthew Engebretson	St, Pk, reimbursed cell phone, education meal	25500	\$39.33	100-43110-321-	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$12.50
					100-45210-321-	Parks	\$12.50
					601-49440-330-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$14.33
09/16/2025	Elan Financial Services	GG, computer programs	25501	\$758.48			
09/16/2025	Elan Financial Services	GG, computer programs	25501	\$758.48	601-49440-330-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$74.07
09/16/2025	Elan Financial Services	GG, computer programs	25501	\$758.48	100-41010-200-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$508.46

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					609-49751-210-	Liquor Store - Manager - Off-Sale	\$175.95
09/16/2025	Frazee-Vergas Forum	Gg, publications, legal ads	25502	\$80.08			
					100-41010-350-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$80.08
09/16/2025	Gopher State One Call	Wtr, Swr, One Calls INV #5080810 and 326208	25503	\$8.10			
					602-49490-210-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$4.05
					601-49440-210-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$4.05
09/16/2025	Hawkins, Inc	Wtr, 2025 chemicals INv # 774410, 7176059	25504	\$577.52			
					601-49440-218-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$577.52
09/16/2025	Hansons Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	Park & Event, repairs Inv. 67135579, 67136241, 67164538, 67136241	25505	\$3,146.87			
					100-45210-400-	Parks	\$149.00
					100-45110-400-	EVENT CENTER	\$2,997.87
09/16/2025	INTERNATION INST OF MUNICIPAL CLERK	Clerk, Dues	25506	\$195.00			
					100-41405-345-	Clerk	\$65.00
					601-41405-345-	Clerk	\$65.00
					602-41405-345-	Clerk	\$65.00
09/16/2025	JH Signs & Designs, Inc	Ball Field, sign	25507	\$900.00			
					100-45210-359-	Parks	\$900.00
09/16/2025	Julie Lammers	Clerk, reimbursed clerk mileage (129 miles) and cell phone	25508	\$165.30			
					100-41405-331-	Clerk	\$30.10
					601-49440-331-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$30.10
					602-49490-331-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$30.10
					100-41405-321-	Clerk	\$25.00

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					601-49400-321-	Water Utilities - Source of Supply	\$25.00
					602-49490-321-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$25.00
09/16/2025	League of MN Cities Insurance Trust	All Departments, Workers Compensation Coverage Premium	25509	\$13,740.00			
					609-49751-150-	Liquor Store - Manager - Off-Sale	\$1,893.00
					100-42010-150-	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$4,437.00
					601-49440-150-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$592.00
					602-49490-150-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$421.00
					100-41405-150-	Clerk	\$361.00
					100-41110-150-	Council/Town Board	\$100.00
					100-45110-150-	EVENT CENTER	\$1,721.00
					100-43110-150-	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$1,332.00
					100-41010-150-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$2,883.00
09/16/2025	League of MN Cities Insurance Trust	All Departments, Coverage Premium	25510	\$37,376.00			
					609-49751-361-	Liquor Store - Manager - Off-Sale	\$1,102.00
					100-42010-999-	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$7,894.00
					601-49440-362-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$2,240.00
					602-49490-150-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$1,846.00
					100-45210-362-	Parks	\$3,977.00
					100-45210-361-	Parks	\$609.00
					100-45110-150-	EVENT CENTER	\$4,175.00
					100-43110-150-	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$994.00
					100-41010-361-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$2,887.00
					609-49751-362-	Liquor Store - Manager - Off-Sale	\$3,514.00
					100-43010-362-	City Shop	\$897.00
					100-41010-362-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$976.00
					100-41010-362-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$6,265.00
09/16/2025	Lakes Community Cooperative	Park, operating fuel	25511	\$251.80			

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					100-43110-210-	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$251.80
09/16/2025	Minnesota Life Insurance Company	Employee Life Ins, EmployeeLife Ins. 2025	25512	\$64.30			
					100-41405-131-	Clerk	\$2.70
					100-43110-131-	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$2.70
					100-43110-999-	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$20.50
					609-49751-999-	Liquor Store - Manager - Off-Sale	\$5.40
					609-49751-131-	Liquor Store - Manager - Off-Sale	\$30.30
					100-45210-131-	Parks	\$2.70
09/16/2025	MN Association of Small Cities	Membership Dues	25513	\$290.50			
					100-41010-345-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$290.50
09/16/2025	MN DEPT OF HEALTH/DRINKING WATER	Wtr, 3rd Quarter connection fee	25514	\$410.00			
					601-49440-438-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$410.00
09/16/2025	Minnesota Pump Works	WW, service agreement	25515	\$1,200.00			
					602-49490-400-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$1,200.00
09/16/2025	Olson Oil Co.	St& PK, operating supplies	25516	\$469.66			
					100-43110-210-	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$389.16
					100-45210-210-	Parks	\$80.50
09/16/2025	Otter Tail County Auditor-Treasurer	2025, 2nd half of taxes	25517	\$2,135.07			
					100-45210-440-	Parks	\$400.21
					100-43010-440-	City Shop	\$442.00
					602-49490-440-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$132.86
					100-41010-440-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$820.00
					100-45110-440-	EVENT CENTER	\$340.00
09/16/2025	Otter Tail Power	Park, ballfield electricity	25518	\$25.90			
					100-45210-380-	Parks	\$25.90

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09/16/2025	Otter Tail Power Company	All depts, utility	25519	\$2,123.34			
					602-49490-380-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$527.79
					100-43160-380-	Street Lighting	\$465.95
					100-45110-380-	EVENT CENTER	\$585.57
					100-45210-380-	Parks	\$189.61
					601-49440-380-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$215.56
					100-41010-380-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$49.50
					100-43010-380-	City Shop	\$89.36
09/16/2025	Productive Alternatives, Inc.	Event Center, 2025 Cleaning Inv#4777	25520	\$91.82			
					100-45110-300-	EVENT CENTER	\$91.82
09/16/2025	Refine Homes, LLC	Muni Building, Fire Hall, Event, Energy Resil. Grant	25521	\$20,700.00			
					100-42010-999-	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$8,000.00
					100-42010-999-	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$9,200.00
					100-42010-999-	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$3,500.00
09/16/2025	RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc	Sewer, 2025 Chemicals	25522	\$57.48			
					602-49490-218-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$57.48
09/16/2025	Ramstad, Skoyles & Bakken, PA	Attorney fees	25523	\$350.00			
					100-41010-304-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$350.00
09/16/2025	Steve's Sanitation, Inc.	Event, Parks, garbage pickup	25524	\$447.33			
					100-45110-384-	EVENT CENTER	\$139.53
					100-45210-384-	Parks	\$307.80
09/16/2025	Sweeney Controls Company	Sewer, contol system SCADA	25525	\$1,080.00			
					602-49490-530-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$1,080.00

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09/16/2025	United States Postmaster	GG, Wtr, Swr, postage	25526	\$584.00			
					100-41010-200-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$282.00
					601-49440-200-	Water Utilities - Administration and General	\$151.00
					602-49490-200-	Sewer Utilities - Administration and General	\$151.00
09/16/2025	United States Postmaster	GG, Post Office Box	25527	\$78.00			
					100-41010-200-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$78.00
09/16/2025	Kyle Theisen	LS, Cell Phone Reimbursement	25528	\$25.00			
					609-49751-321-	Liquor Store - Manager - Off-Sale	\$25.00
09/16/2025	Verizon	GG & Event, 2025 internet and cell phone	25529	\$78.39			
					100-45110-321-	EVENT CENTER	\$40.01
					100-41010-321-	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$38.38
09/16/2025	Vestis	Event, mats and cleaning supplies Inv#2520638191, 2520630739	25530	\$262.53			
					100-45110-210-	EVENT CENTER	\$134.51
					100-45110-210-	EVENT CENTER	\$128.02
09/16/2025	Vergas C.D.H. Fire and Rescue	Yard Waste, fire call 8.28.25	25531	\$200.00			
					100-43128-400-	YARD WASTE	\$200.00
Total For Selected Claims				\$93,220.76			\$93,220.76

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	Bruce E Albright		City Council/Town Board				Date
	Dean Haarstick		City Council/Town Board				Date
	James Stenger		City Council/Town Board				Date
	Paul Pinke		City Council/Town Board				Date

CITY OF VERGAS

Bill Listing for Aug. 15 to Sept 12, 2025

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Arvig	All Depts, Internet and security	90.32
City of Vergas	Water/Sewer	62.80
City of Vergas	Payroll	11,199.49
Corporate Technologies	Computer Plan	391.00
Internal Revenue Services	2024 Withholding Tax	3,839.09
Julie Lammers	Clerk, mileage	23.80
Lake Region Electric	Sign, electricity	59.31
MN Dept. of Revenue	Sales Tax	211.00
MN Dept. Revenue	2024 Withholding Tax	316.18
Public Employees Retirement Assoc.	Payroll	2,313.52
Vergas State Bank	HAS contributions	410.00
Total for bills paid between Council Meetings		<hr/> \$18,916.51

City of Vergas Liquor Store Checks Paid in August 2025

Vendor	Description	Total
Absolute Ice		623.85
Artisan Beer Company		281.50
Arvig Communications	Phone, Security	130.97
Bergseth Bros		30,461.88
Beverage Wholesalers		5,416.15
Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN	Employee, Health Ins	1,976.13
Breakthru Beverage MN Wine and Spirits		3,981.05
City of Vergas	Payroll	6,451.35
City of Vergas	Utility	65.22
Corporate Technologies, LLC	Technology, phone	79.20
D-S Beverage		12,728.62
Fricke Consultin Sale	POS System	165.00
Great Plains Natural Gas	Utility	25.70
Hanson's Plumbing and Heating	Furnace, filter	138.94
Internal Revenue Service	Withholding Tax	1,887.74
Johnson Brothers Liquor Co		7,976.66
Lagmitz Paper	Plastic Bags	175.95
Leighton Broadcasting	Advertising	260.00
Merchant Service	Credit Card Fees	3,561.37
MN Dept. of Revenue	Withholding Tax	262.66
MN Dept. of Revenue	Sales Tax	14,384.00
MN Life Ins Company	Employee, Life Ins	37.20
Otter Tail Power Company	Utility	450.27
PERA	Payroll	1,175.15
Phillips Wine & Spirits		4,493.40
Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits		5,929.62
Tammy Kinsella	Window Screen reimbursed by VCC	73.80
Theisen, Kyle	Cell Phone	25.00
Vergas State Bank	HSA Contributions	261.00
Vestis	Rugs	163.47
Vinocopia, Inc.		612.50
Viking Coca-Cola		1,279.00
	Total	<u>105,534.35</u>
	August Receipts	<u>138,939.10</u>
August Balance		<u>\$33,404.75</u>
Jan- July Operating Income (Loss)		(\$65,237.81)
2025 Total Operating Income (Loss)		(\$31,833.06)
	Building Front Project	\$45,346.87
		\$13,513.81

City of Vergas
Past Due Customers

Account Type All
Account Category All
Route: All
Past Due Days 90
Status All
Exclude Payment Plans False

Route	Sort	Account #	Customer Name	Status	Parcel #	Service Address	Aged Days	Past Due Amt.	Total Balance	Deposit Balance	Last Pymt. Date	Last Pymt. Amount	Meter #	Meter Type	Pay Plan
2	0	230	Weldon, Ben & Nicole	Active	82-000-50-0015-000	125 N 3rd Ave	99	111.80	699.80	0.00	05/22/2025	132.99	88805354	WATER	No
2	0	361	Ueke, Rhonda	Active	82000990141000	371 S Pelican Ave	99	130.62	495.70	0.00	06/13/2025	443.21	88707173	WATER	No
2	0	910	Lankow, Benjamin	Active	82000990170000	339 E Frazee Ave	99	99.85	354.88	0.00	06/12/2025	360.49	89621694	WATER	No
Total							Count: 3	342.27	1,550.38						

City of Vergas Investments

	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>12/31/24</u>	<u>Purchase</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>08/31/25</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
General Fund	325657	260,495.85	12,200.00	124,359.77	803.27	149,139.35	0.75%	MMDA
2019 Street Debt								
Fund	325657	201,559.92	0.00	0.00	1,021.97	202,581.89	0.75%	MMDA
Liquor Store Fund	325657	135,000.00	0.00	0.00	693.78	135,693.78	0.75%	MMDA
Sewer Reserve	19753	27,975.18	0.00	0.00	488.22	28,463.40	3.50%	12/27/2026
Sewer and Water								
Debt Service	19759	38,473.23	0.00	0.00	967.84	39,441.07	2.50%	7/17/2026
Liquor Fund	20338	152,802.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	152,802.03	2.50%	12/14/2025
Totals		816,306.21	12,200.00	124,359.77	3,975.08	956,841.06		

City of Vergas Bond Schedule

Title	<u>Purchase Date</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/2024</u>	<u>Interest Paid in 2025</u>	<u>Balance 08/31/2025</u>	<u>Amount Paid in 2025</u>
Street Debt Service Fund									
General Obligation Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A	12/15/2015	\$299,000.00	2.42%	Vergas State Bank	2/1/27	90,000.00	2,000.75	61,000.00	29,000.00
General Obligation Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2019A (412)	6/11/2019	\$985,000.00	3.26%	First National Bank of Omaha	2/1/40	825,000.00	25,046.26	785,000.00	40,000.00
Taxable Lease, 2023	10/24/2023	\$230,000.00	5.90%	Vergas State Bank	2/1/39	230,000.00	14,068.00	224,000.00	6,000.00
Water Fund									
General Obligation Water Revenue Note, Series 2022A	2/1/2022	<u>\$132,000.00</u>	3.25%	Vergas State Bank	2/1/32	108,000.00	2,030.00	<u>95,000.00</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>
Total		\$1,646,000.00			Page 14 of 96	1,253,000.00		1,165,000.00	88,000.00

Liquor Store/ 2019 Street Project/General Fund/Special Revenue Money Market Account

	2025		2025	08/31/2025		
	2024 Balance	Interest	Purchased	2025 sold	Balance	
Uncommitted Funds	115,586.18	84.60	8,700.00	115,659.77	8,711.01	1.79%
City Shop	8,132.17	40.91	500.00	0.00	8,673.08	1.78%
Easements	5,258.92	25.84	0.00	0.00	5,284.76	1.08%
Event Center	966.67	4.38	0.00	0.00	971.05	0.20%
Event Center Electronic Sign	10,103.96	49.67	0.00	0.00	10,153.63	2.08%
General	14,632.42	87.02	0.00	0.00	14,719.44	3.02%
Park	35,849.15	163.14	0.00	0.00	36,012.29	7.39%
Sand Seal (Seal Coating)	13,098.34	64.38	0.00	0.00	13,162.72	2.70%
Sidewalk	15,037.80	71.18	1,500.00	8,700.00	7,908.98	1.62%
Street Improvements/Equipment	41,830.28	206.44	0.00	0.00	42,036.72	8.62%
Yard Waste	0.00	5.67	1,500.00	0.00	1,505.67	0.31%
Liquor Store	135,000.00	693.78	0.00	0.00	135,693.78	27.84%
2019 Street Project	201,559.92	1,021.97	0.00	0.00	202,581.89	41.56%
Balance	597,055.81	\$2,518.98	\$12,200.00	\$124,359.77	487,415.02 ***	100.00%

***Committed total should not drop below \$170,000 or be above \$290,000 at the end of the year.

Current Committed Total 140,428.34

2025 City of Vergas Portfolio's/Councils/ Committees/Boards

	<u>Council Appointment</u>	<u>Staff Appointment</u>	<u>Citizen Appointments (as Applicable)</u>
Acting Mayor	James Stenger	Julie Lammers	
Weed Inspector	Julie Bruhn	Mike DuFrane	
Ongoing inepection during the months of May-October			
Budget	Julie Bruhn James Stenger	Julie Lammers	
Annual meeting in July to establish annual budget for City Council review at September meeting			
Liquor Store/Municipal Building/License	James Stenger Dean Haarstick	Julie Lammers Kyle Theisen	
Bi-annual meeting for Liquor Store to review beginning and end of year budget. License meeting when proposing fee changes or new license. Municipal Building meets at call of the Utility Superintendent &/or City Clerk to discuss municipal buildings and required action needs.			
Streets/Sidwalks Yard Waste	Bruce Albright Paul Pinke	Mike DuFrane	
As needed to address issues requiring action			
Water & Sewer	Bruce Albright Dean Haarstick	Mike DuFrane	
Meet annually for budget review and development in November. Other meetings as needed to address issues requiring action.			
Emergency Management Safety	Julie Bruhn	Julie Lammers Mike DuFrane	Fire Chief: Jeff Zitzow Rescue: Byron Zitzow
Annual EM review and excersize/training Safety Training oversight and meet as needed to address safety issues requiring action			
Peronnel	Julie Bruhn James Stenger	Julie Lammers	
Annual Evaluation meeting, new hires, probation reviews and as needed to address issues			
Event Center Advisory Board (3 year term with unlimited terms)	James Stenger	Rachel Nustad	Vanessa Perry (2020-2022/2023-2025) Deb Jacoby (2024-2026) Robert Jacoby (2023-2025)
Monthly Meeting or at the call of the Chair			
Planning (2 year term. 3 term limit)	Bruce Albright	Julie Lammers	Jim Courneya (2024-2026) Alex Ohman-Chair (2024-2025) Shane Hasse (2023-2026) Rebecca Hasse (2023-2026)

2025 City of Vergas Portfolio's/Councils/ Committees/Boards

Meets 10 months of the year (No meeting July or December)			
EDA/HRA (6 year term- 3 term limit)	Bruce Albright	Julie Lammers	Paul Sonnenberg-thru 2027 Vanessa Perry-thru 2028 Joy Summers-thru 2025 DuWayne Ditterich-thru 2026
Montly			
Fire Board	Julie Bruhn	N/A	Fire Chief Candor, Dora, Hobart Township
3 meetings annually-budget, audit and annual meeting			
Park Advisory Board (Park & Recreation) (3 yeat term-unlimited terms)	Dean Haarstick	Rachel Nustad Mike DuFrane	Sherri Hanson (2020-2022/2023-2025) Chuck Hanson (2024-2026) Steph Hogan (2021-2023/2024-2026) Maggie Puetz (2023/2024-2025) Tony Sailer (2022-2024/2024-2026)
Meets monthly or at the call of the Chair			
Energy Resilience Advisory Committee	Julie Bruhn	Julie Lammers	Karie Trupka, Alex Ohman, Virginia Satrom, Luca Moser and Bruce Albright

1. The City Council reviews recorded minutes.
2. Minutes contain recommendations to the council. Be clear and sepcific in terms of backgroundnd of the issue, aspects reviewed and recommended action(s).
3. Minutes must contain when the meeting is held, where the meeting was held, who was present/absent at the meeting, recommendations, and who was the recorder of the minutes.
4. Appointed Council Members to Councils/Committees/Boards are responsible for facilitating communication with the City Council.
5. Appointed Council members are responsible for attending Councils, Committees, and Boards. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact the city office, and an alternate coucil member will be asked to attend that meeting.

City of Vergas
Liquor Store, Municipal Buildings, License Committee Meeting

The Liquor Store/Municipal Building/License Committee was called to order on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 10:00 am at 111 Main Street at the Liquor Store Manager's Office. Present: Council Members James Stenger and Dean Haarstick, Liquor Store Manager Kyle Theisen, Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane, and Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers. Absent: none.

Additions and Deletions:

None.

Municipal Building

Front Remodel

- A. Cleaning – discussed which departments should be cleaning and maintaining the new sitting area in front of the liquor store building.
 - a. Liquor Store Employees –
 - i. Clean tables, benches, and sweep the area.
 - 1. Tables and chairs will stay stacked close to the building during the winter months.
 - ii. Clear snow on weekends and after light snows throughout the day.
 - b. City Maintenance Crew
 - i. Removal of snow and ice Monday-Friday and during storms.
 - 1. Use special salt or chicken grit
 - 2. John Brehm, Zayic Concrete, has a special salt we may purchase.
- B. Roof
 - a. Snow Breaks were a part of the original bid
 - i. Refine Homes provided a bid of \$181.00 for materials and \$150 for labor to add to the roof.
 - ii. Theisen will speak to Joy regarding snow breaks.
- C. Signage
 - a. Refine Homes was to put dormers on the roof as pictured in the designs.
 - b. Theisen will speak to Joy regarding dormers.
 - c. Signage needs to be added to dormers.
 - i. Theisen will request quotes.

Sewer Project & Parking Lot Update

Lammers updated the committee on the sewer line replacement project, which is scheduled for completion this winter. Sonnenberg Excavating will install a new line and cap the old one, while Hanson's will attach the two bathrooms and the backroom sink to the line. Sonnenberg will add the sewer line as part of the parking lot project. The date has not been set for the project to begin. Completion date is in October.

Financial Update

The Liquor Store ended July with a negative balance of approximately \$20,000, and the Council requested the Liquor Store Committee to investigate the cause. As of Aug. 17, the balance is negative \$12,843.61. Theisen stated he has spoken with beer reps and they have said sales are down around 6% everywhere. There have been about 350 fewer customers in 2025 than in 2024, according to reports by Theisen.

Following the suggestions discussed:

- A. Sale (markdown) stale inventory

B. Provide better signage

On building

In the back of the building

Outside of Vergas

Detailed information on the electronic sign so people know we have a liquor store

C. Cut back on purchasing

Lammers provided sales/expenses for 2024 and 2025 for comparisons. Committee members will continue to review, and Theisen will continue to investigate profit strategies.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 pm.

Recorded by,

Julie Lammers CMC

City Clerk-Treasurer

Council Recommendations:

None.

Follow-Up Actions:

Theisen will speak to Joy Deilke at Refine Homes regarding snow breaks and peaks.

Theisen to get quotes for signs.

Theisen to review signage on the outside of the building.

Theisen is to add a Liquor Store location to numerous panels on the electronic sign.

**Vergas EDA/HRA
Government Services Center & Zoom
2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025**

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, September 3rd, 2025, at 2:00 pm in a hybrid meeting at the Vergas Government Services building and on Zoom with the following members: DuWayne Ditterich, Joy Summers and Bruce Albright. Absent: Vannessa Perry and Paul Sonnenberg. Also Present: City Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers; CEDA Representative Maddison Petrick; and Editor Bob Williams of the [Frazee-Vergas Forum](#).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ditterich at 2:00 PM

Agenda Additions and Deletions

None.

Status of Recommendations to City Council

None.

Minutes

Motion by Summers, seconded by Albright, to approve the minutes of August 6th, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Update

2025 Income and Expenses Report

Lammers reported that the expenses remained the same as in June and July, with no changes to the income and expenses report.

2026 Budget

The board discussed the 2026 budget. The city is proposing \$10,000 for the EDA/HRA in the 2026 budget, which includes \$5,000 for the EDA/HRA and an additional \$5,000 for the CEDA representative. This is the same amount that was committed for 2025 after the summer adjustment when CEDA was hired. Originally in 2024, the budget was \$5,000, but was later increased to \$10,000 for 2025.

Albright noted that budgets would likely be tight this year for a number of reasons, and the board would probably need to be satisfied with the proposed amount as he didn't see the council providing more funding. He suggested that the EDA might be able to generate some of its own funding.

Ditterich agreed with this assessment, and the board was in general agreement with the proposed budget.

The board also discussed the CEDA agreement, which needs to be renewed as it starts in October. There are no changes to the contract, and the board had previously agreed to a two-year term to secure the current rate. CEDA is now secured through October 1, 2026, at which point the board will need to decide whether to continue the relationship.

CEDA Update
Child Care

RCCIP Program

Petrick reported that Vergas would be a good candidate for the RCCIP program, and the board had previously given her approval to move forward with the application. One part of the application requires building a core team of 10-20 people. As of the meeting date, 10 people have committed to being on the team, with three alternates, putting Vergas in a good position for the application.

Petrick mentioned that some representatives from the county have agreed to participate, which is something the RCCIP program guidelines like to see. She is still waiting to hear from the school board, which meets on the 8th, about having one participant and one alternate from their group.

The application is due on the 19th, and Petrick is almost finished with it. She only needed to complete a few questions related to the core team, which she can now do since the team is filled.

Municipality-owned daycare

Petrick reported on several aspects of the daycare initiative:

1. She had further conversations with Anderson Homes regarding home specifications. She clarified that their modular homes go on either a crawl space or a basement, while their manufactured homes get blocked up from either a pillar foundation or a slab. The manufactured home option is the 28x48 model, while the modular home is the 24x56 model.
2. Regarding garage options, Anderson Homes does not build garages, but Petrick received quotes ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000, with approximately \$15,000 being sufficient for a single-stall garage. She suggested that storage sheds could be a more cost-effective alternative.
3. Petrick contacted Perham, New York Mills, and Otter Tail about municipality-led daycares:
 - Otter Tail doesn't have a municipality-led daycare but sold a piece of land for \$10 to a construction company to build a privately-owned daycare.
 - Perham and New York Mills both lease buildings to the Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership for Head Start programs.
 - Petrick has obtained copies of Perham's lease with Mahube-Otwa and noted that New York Mills modeled their lease similarly.
 - She has reached out to the director of Mahube-Otwa to gauge their interest in doing something similar in Vergas but hasn't heard back as the director is on vacation.
 - The Mahube-Otwa Head Start programs specialize in care for children from birth to age 5.
4. Petrick is also researching daycare pods in Morris but hasn't received information back yet. She plans to visit Stevens County next week to gather more information about their lease arrangements.

Albright and Sonnenberg reported that they met with the president of a Church, about potentially expanding their preschool program. The church has a new director starting this fall, which is why they were hesitant to commit to expansion previously. The church didn't rule out collaboration but wants to meet with the chair of the preschool committee.

Albright suggested that the EDA should develop a mission statement regarding daycare and set goals with timelines, such as shifting into a higher gear if nothing has happened by April 1, 2026. He emphasized that the EDA's goal is to have daycare in Vergas, regardless of who provides it.

Petrick also mentioned a Child Care Economic Grant through Minnesota DEED. This grant allows municipalities to apply for up to \$300,000 for a single daycare site or up to \$600,000 for multiple locations. The grant was offered last year in two funding rounds but hasn't been confirmed for this year. If it does open, either Vergas or the county could apply.

Petrick mentioned that the county might apply for two different locations - one in Vergas and one in Pelican Rapids. Petrick emphasized that Vergas is the priority.

The board discussed a potential property for daycare, currently listed for \$405,000. The board noted several advantages of this property: it's across from a park, has a gazebo in the back, includes a garage for storage, has a commercial kitchen, and is large enough to potentially serve multiple age groups or incorporate other uses like rental space. Petrick cautioned that the state grant process is not quick, so this would be a longer-term option.

The board generally agreed that they had no opposition to the county being the main applicant for grants if that option becomes available.

Vergas EDA Community Rehab Grant

Petrick reported that she visited Vergas businesses with paper applications and Rural Edge program flyers. Several business owners either didn't know about the facade grant or had forgotten about it. She hopes this outreach will generate more applications.

Crossroads Garden Center contacted Petrick and Lammers about amending their grant application. Due to complications with road right-of-ways and underground pipes, they cannot implement their original plan to expand and improve the outside buildings and greenhouse layout. Instead, they want to proceed with the outdoor signage from their original application and add improvements to the ground cover where customers walk outside, using crushed rock, fabric, and labor. The total project cost is now \$10,500, and they would still utilize the maximum \$5,000 grant amount.

Motion by Albright, seconded by Summers to accept the amended application for Crossroads Garden Center. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

None.

Old Business

SBDC- Rural Edge

It was reported that currently five people are registered for the Rural Edge program, but six are needed for the class to proceed. Petrick mentioned that she would follow up with Lavish Loon, who expressed interest but had not registered.

The board discussed the value of the program, noting that it's excellent training being offered at no cost, and the trainer will be driving from Fergus Falls each week. They agreed to continue promoting the program through email, Facebook, and the newspaper to try to reach the minimum number of participants.

Adjournment

Motion by Ditterich, seconded by Albright to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorded by Rachel Nustad (assisted by ClerkMinutes)

Julie Lammers, CMC
City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Vergas

Council Recommendations

None

Follow up Actions

- Albright and Sonnenberg to continue to speak to church representatives.
- Petrick will apply for the RCCIP grant.

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City of Vergas Planning Commission Minutes
Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Government Services Building and Zoom

The City of Vergas Planning Commission held a regular hybrid meeting on Monday, August 25, 2025, on Zoom and at the Vergas Government Services Building with the following members present: Alex Ohman, Bruce Albright, Shane Hasse, Rebecca Hasse, and Jim Courneya; Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers.

Call to Order

Chairman Ohman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Agenda Additions or Deletions.

Motion by Albright seconded by Courneya to approve the agenda with the following addition: Variance. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Motion by Albright, seconded by Courneya, to approve the minutes of August 4, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Status of Council Recommendations

Sirens Survey

Albright reported that the Council had agreed to proceed with the survey regarding the city sirens, with some slight modifications. The Council wanted to know if respondents actually lived in town versus being outside the city limits.

Lammers reported that 215 survey responses had already been received, with 46 surveys completed within five minutes of posting the survey link on Facebook. She noted that signs had been placed at the liquor store and the bank, and the survey was available on the City of Vergas website. Paper copies were also available, though online submissions were preferred to avoid manual data entry. The survey would close on September 10th.

Lammers indicated that preliminary responses showed a range of opinions, with some suggesting compromise solutions such as limiting siren operation to weekdays only. She planned to discuss options with fire department representatives prior to the Council meeting.

Ohman mentioned concerns about accessibility for people with noise sensitivities, particularly children with neurodevelopmental disorders. Albright also stated this may be considered a noise violation within our ordinances.

Construction Permits

Approved by Clerk-Treasurer Permit

No permits were approved by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Approved by Otter Tail County

Lammers reported she did not have updated information on county-approved permits yet.

Permits Needing Approval

409 Dianne Ave – house

The Commission discussed a new house construction permit for 409 Dianne Avenue. Lammers reviewed the application details, noting the lot size is 18,550 square feet with 4,637.5 square feet available for impervious surface. The house (1,216 sq ft) and garage (546 sq ft) would use 1,762 square feet of impervious surface, leaving substantial space available. The property would have a gravel driveway. Prior to this discussion, the Commission addressed privacy concerns regarding the level of detail included in public permit documents. Several applicants had expressed concern about their information being publicly available online.

Motion by Albright, seconded by R. Hasse, that the Commission no longer post all permit data on the city website. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Albright, seconded by S. Hasse, to approve the construction permit for 409 Dianne Avenue. The motion passed unanimously.

Lammers also informed the Commission about a pending variance request from 880 Scharf Avenue.

Motion by Albright, seconded by Ohman, to schedule a public hearing for the variance request on September 22, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

The motion passed unanimously.

Active Construction Permits

Albright and Courneya reported they had visited properties with active permits to update the status list. They confirmed several completed projects.

Old Business

City Ordinance Update

Lammers presented the first three ordinance updates with additions highlighted in yellow and deletions in blue. She explained that the remaining ordinance updates would be available for the next meeting as they required more extensive revisions. The Commission agreed to review the presented ordinances and email any suggested changes. Ohman indicated he found no issues with the presented ordinance updates.

The Commission tabled further discussion until the next meeting.

Nuisance Properties

Albright and Courneya reported on their inspection of nuisance properties:

- 120 E Elm St. property: Cleaned up behind the house with no garbage or broken glass/windows observed.
- 261 W Hill St.: The property has been cleaned up, and the derby car previously noted is now gone.
- 350 S Pelican Ave: The property was in better condition than previous inspections, with mowed grass and cars parked in the driveway. The Commission discussed the garage that is required to be removed according to property records. Given the owner's financial situation, the Commission recommended getting the new city attorney's opinion on how to proceed.
- 371 S Pelican Ave: The previous demo car is gone, replaced with a trailer.
- 261 West Hill St.: No demo car was observed at this location.
- 201 W. Hill St.: The Commission found multiple unlicensed vehicles, including demo cars, engines, clutches, and transmissions on the property. While the property was neat and orderly with trimmed grass, the unlicensed vehicles violate city ordinance.
- 339 E Frazee Ave.: No nuisance violations were observed. Construction is ongoing but orderly.

Motion by Albright, seconded by Courneya, to have the attorney investigate the 350 S Pelican Ave property situation, send a first letter to 201 W Hill St. regarding unlicensed vehicles, and remove the remaining properties from the current nuisance list. The motion passed unanimously.

Albright noted that overall, the town has looked nice all summer with good mowing and maintenance.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Adjournment

Motion by Ohman, seconded by Albright, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Recorded by Rachel Nustad (assisted by ClerkMinutes)

Secretary,

Julie Lammers, CMC

Vergas City Clerk-Treasurer

Council Recommendation

None

**Energy and Resiliency Advisory Board
City of Vergas**

The Energy and Resiliency Advisory Board met on Thursday, August 14th 2025, 5:30pm, at the Vergas Event Center Meeting Room

Attendance:

2025	Aug 14	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Julie Bruhn	P				
Alex Ohman	P				
Bruce Albright	A				
Kara Trupka	A				
Virginia Satrom	A				
Luca Moser	A				

• **P: Present. A: Absent**

1. Julie Bruhn provided an overview regarding the role of the Advisory Board; as outlined in city ordinance and approved by City Council June 9, 2025. The Board is advisory to the City Council regarding energy, climate, environment action planning and the achievement and tracking of GreenStep Cities best practices.
2. Julie Bruhn provided background and current status information on the following:
 - a. **Energy Grant and Plan:** The energy grant is coming to conclusion with a draft plan compiled by the student working with RSDP and the City of Vergas. Final plan pending completion, following the weatherization work and assistance by WCI in completing the writing of the plan.
 - b. **Energy Survey:** Community energy survey conducted April to mid-May. There were 91 respondents, with 35 (38%) reflecting Vergas Resident. Greatest concern was lake water quality (53%), followed by infrastructure (47%). Strong support was noted for energy efficiency (43%), solar energy (37%), streamlining permitting for renewable energy & efficiency upgrades (42%), and ordinances that protect the natural environment (51%).
 - c. **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Grant:** Applied and received grant from the MPCA to fund the weatherization improvements identified in the conducted energy assessments, as part of the energy grant with RSDP. Received \$21,500 to complete improvements to event center, liquor store building and fire hall.
 - d. **West Central Initiative Solar Grant:** As part of the WCI municipal solar cohort, Vergas will be receiving funding to install solar at the event center. Expected cost of \$104,280.00; which \$97,680.00 would be covered by available incentives; which includes OTP rebates, IRS credit and West Central Incentive Grant Gap. Vergas will pay \$6,528 which will cover battery hub, that supports emergency management plan need. Anticipate energy cost savings of at least \$2,000.00 annually and \$67,848 over the projects lifetime. Holsen Solar approved to do the project.
 - e. **GreenStep Cities** (greenstep.pca.state.mn.us): Vergas has achieved a level 2. Handout information provided regarding the 29 best practices in 5 categories. Discussed best practices that will be added with the energy work, but would like to expand in the other areas. Discussed more focus on environmental management, that was identified as a priority in the Energy Survey related to lake water quality. Community garden, Prairie /pollinating gardens were areas that would support soil conservation efforts. Based on feedback from GreenStep Cities program; to achieve level 3 need a transportation action, sustainable purchasing, inclusive & coordinated decision-making, and prepare to maintain public health and safety during extreme weather. Will meet the last 2 with community survey and this committee and installation of solar with battery hub at the event center.
3. Discussed next steps noting city energy work is moving forward, but future opportunities exist for expansion and education. Noted opportunity in terms of environment actions as pollinating and/or prairie gardens on city property and community garden. Additionally noted air quality, which has been an issue this summer with the wildfires. Julie Bruhn noted the Margaret A. Cargil Foundation had visited Vergas with a strong interest in funding environment projects as pollinating garden and prairie gardens.
4. Meeting schedule to be discussed at next meeting when more members present and interest verified by those members absent.

No Recommendations for action

Recorder
Julie Bruhn

**CITY OF VERGAS
PUBLIC HEARING
VERGAS EVENTS CENTER & ZOOM
Monday, August 11, 2025**

The City Council of Vergas met at 6:00 pm, on Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Vergas Event Center and on a Zoom for a hybrid public hearing with the following members present: Acting Mayor James Stenger, Council Members: Bruce Albright, Paul Pinke, and Dean Haarstick. Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers; Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane; Attorney Karen Skoyles; Editor Bob Williams of the Frazee-Vergas Forum; Jessica Green of Northland Securities and Citizens: Julie Bruhn, Cal Miller and Marcia Huddleston.

Public Hearing

Call to Order

Acting Mayor James Stenger called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Jessica Green explained the purpose of the public hearing on tax abatement and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. She clarified that tax abatement in Minnesota does not involve eliminating taxes but rather designates specific parcels whose city portion of property taxes would equal at least the principal amount of the annual debt service on the bonds. Green noted that nothing changes for those property owners, as their tax statements remain the same, and the debt service is spread across all taxable properties in the city.

Green explained that she and Lammers had selected parcels around the downtown area that would benefit from the parking lot improvements and utilities. She confirmed that the public notice had been published in the newspaper within the required timeframe (10-30 days prior to the hearing).

She provided details on the bond information:

- Principal amount: \$147,000
- Total project amount: \$191,755.18
- Reductions: \$25,000 grant and \$31,775 from upfront assessment payments
- Term: 10 years
- Interest rate: 5.2%
- Structure: Annual principal payments and semi-annual interest payments
- Partner: Vergas State Bank as the private purchaser of the bonds
- Borrowing authority: Combination of chapters 475 and 469 of Minnesota statutes

Green explained that using Vergas State Bank would save the city money as they wouldn't need to pay for a paying agent (approximately \$500 per year).

Stenger asked for public comments. Lammers clarified that the project would include the parking lot behind the liquor store, where the county garage used to be, both of those lots, and the alleyways between them and between the municipal building and post office. Bruhn noted there was a storm drain that wasn't working properly that would be repaired. The project would include parking lot striping.

Albright mentioned that the cardboard dumpster used by the hardware store and grocery store would have a designated spot in the parking lot.

Huddleston asked how Billy's was involved in the tax abatement. Green explained that Billy's was not directly involved; rather, their tax value was part of the calculation to ensure there was enough tax capacity to support the bond payments.

With no further questions or comments, Stenger closed the hearing at 6:11PM

**CITY OF VERGAS
COUNCIL MINUTES
VERGAS EVENTS CENTER & ZOOM
Monday, August 11, 2025**

The City Council of Vergas met at 6:30 pm, on Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Vergas Event Center and on a Zoom for a hybrid regular public hearing with the following members present: Mayor Julie Bruhn, Council Members: Bruce Albright, Paul Pinke, James Stenger and Dean Haarstick. Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers; Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane; Attorney Karen Skoyles; Editor Bob Williams of the Frazee-Vergas Forum; Jessica Green of Northland Securities and Citizens: Cal Miller and Marcia Huddleston.

Call to Order

Acting Mayor James Stenger called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Oath of Office

Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Julie Bruhn.

Introduction of City Attorney

Mayor Bruhn introduced Karen Skoyles as the new city attorney. She explained that the law firm the city had previously would be maintaining oversight of the city's legal matters.

Attorney Skoyles introduced herself, explaining that she works with Ramstad, Skoyles and Bakken law firm. She mentioned they do a lot of work with municipalities in Minnesota. She stated they take municipal business seriously because they understand there are reasons people live in municipalities and expect rules to be followed.

Mayor Bruhn welcomed Skoyles and encouraged her to interrupt if she felt there was something that needed discussion. Skoyles responded that was why she attends the meetings.

Citizens' Concerns

No citizen concerns were reported.

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Stenger to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Bruhn requested to pull out the liquor store bills for discussion. She expressed concern that even with July being a busy month, the liquor store was \$20,000 in deficit, and they hadn't yet paid the \$30,000 to the general fund. She noted this was a significant change from the past when they had been doing well financially.

Lammers announced that the liquor store committee would meet before the next council meeting to discuss this with Kyle Theisen (liquor store manager), who reported that sales were slowly decreasing, a trend also happening in other small cities. She emphasized this could have a huge impact on other budgets if the \$30,000 wasn't transferred to the general fund.

Regarding the council portfolio, Mayor Bruhn explained it was basically the same, but she inserted herself where Dwight Lundgren had been, except for water/sewer which went to Bruce Albright.

Motion by Stenger, seconded by Pinke to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Tax Abatement Bond - Parking Lot and Alley

Green from Northland Securities presented the resolution 2025-007 for the award of the sale of general obligation tax abatement bonds, Series 2025A, with a principal amount of \$147,000. She reiterated that the proceeds would finance improvements to the parking lot and stormwater drainage, with Vergas State Bank as the private purchaser. She confirmed the closing date would be September 10th, when proceeds would be available. (Complete copy of resolution can be found at the clerk-treasurer office)

Motion by Albright, seconded by Pinke to adopt resolution 2025-007 relating to property tax abatement for public infrastructure and parking lot projects granting the abatement. The motion passed unanimously.

Event Solar System

Two resolutions were presented: one for the solar system and one for West Central Initiative financing.

Motion by Albright, seconded by Stenger to adopt resolution 2025-006 to accept solar proposal. (Complete copy of resolution can be found at the

clerk-treasurer office)

Motion by Albright, seconded by Stenger to approve resolution 2025-005 for financing with West Central Initiative. (Complete copy of resolution can be found at the clerk-treasurer office) The motion passed unanimously.

Council Meeting Time

Mayor Bruhn requested consideration of moving the council meetings from Mondays due to her multiple commitments on that day. She understood that Tuesdays were difficult due to Lions meetings at the same location.

Albright mentioned he had conflicts on Tuesday nights in summer with fishing league, but was willing to make accommodations. There was discussion about whether Wednesday would work, but it was noted that rescue meetings were held on the second Wednesday of the month.

After further discussion about various constraints, Albright suggested moving to the third Tuesday.

Motion by Albright, seconded by Stenger to move the council meeting to the third Tuesday at 6:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

A. Pickleball

Lammers reported that the pickleball committee presented to the park board requesting to put cement around the courts as shown in pictures provided. The project had two phases:

1. Phase 1: Install sunshades over the bench area and create an 8 by 40 concrete pad at the entrance for shaded benches
2. Phase 2: Install a sidewalk on three sides of the court

DuFrane expressed concerns about space constraints, particularly whether the 8-foot pad would interfere with the roadway and parking area. He noted that the corner area was already tight with the fence and adjacent properties.

Durfrane suggested alternatives such as placing the benches on the other side facing the ball diamond, but it was noted that the current location allowed viewing both courts simultaneously.

Mayor Bruhn suggested having Shannon Carpenter from the pickleball association meet with DuFrane to work out the details and report back at the next meeting.

Baseball Field Usage Fee

Lammers reported that the park board recommended charging a \$100 fee to any schools wanting to use the baseball field, except for Frazee, which helps with field upkeep.

Albright made a motion to approve this recommendation, but during discussion, Stenger expressed concern that the fee might deter people from using the field, which would hurt local businesses that benefit from visitors (gas stations, restaurants, etc.).

Albright withdrew his motion, and the council agreed to gather more information from the baseball committee and determine whether the fee should apply to schools only or to all outside users.

B. Planning Commission

Albright reported that a citizen had approached him about the city siren, noting it had been turned off during Looney Days and that was appreciated. The planning commission discussed whether the frequent sounding of the siren (7 AM, noon, 1 PM, 6 PM) might cause people to ignore it during actual emergencies—similar to "the boy who cried wolf."

The council discussed conducting a survey to gather public input. After debate about who should be included in the survey (residents, property owners, or business owners), they decided to create a survey that would ask respondents to identify whether they were residents, business owners, or property owners within the city limits.

The survey would be available online and in the newsletter, with responses due by September 10th to allow time for analysis before the next council meeting.

Haarstick emphasized that emergency sirens are critical, and noted there had been many emergency calls this year. Mayor Bruhn clarified they were only discussing the time sirens (7 AM, noon, 1 PM, 6 PM), not the emergency weather siren controlled by the county.

Motion by Albright, seconded by Stenger to proceed with the siren survey. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Utilities Superintendent Report

DuFrane had no specific report. Mayor Bruhn thanked the city utility workers for their work during Looney Days, noting the town looked good and acknowledging the effort required for hauling and garbage management.

Albright asked about the lift station status. DuFrane reported they were waiting on a pump from the original company, as they had to go through Minnesota PubWorks due to a non-compete clause with North Dakota Sewage. He noted that only one pump was currently running, but it served only a few houses so they were managing.

Regarding the water treatment plant fencing that had been discussed previously, DuFrane reported they did not receive the grant, as the state had canceled that particular grant program.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

Lammers requested permission to apply for an OSHA safety grant. She explained this was a 50/50 grant up to \$10,000, and she had applied two years ago but didn't receive it.

She proposed three security projects:

1. City office: Camera at the entrance, camera at the back of the building, and a panic button (\$2,684.88 from Arvig)
2. City shop: Two cameras covering front and back areas (\$2,894.58)
3. Yard waste site: Multidirectional panoramic camera (\$8,018, more expensive due to lack of Internet access)

There was extensive discussion about the yard waste camera. Skoyles cautioned that for effective enforcement, they would need to be able to identify specific individuals, not just license plates, and would need to manage significant amounts of data. DuFrane shared that they had tried using a deer camera but had issues with people tampering with it.

DuFrane also reported growing concerns about fire safety at the yard waste site, noting the fire department had recently responded to a fire that cost the city \$750. He mentioned a previous incident that cost around \$2,000 and warned that the brush pile was encroaching on trees, some of which were dead, creating a significant fire hazard.

Motion by Albright, seconded by Stenger to apply for the OSHA grant for the city shop and office cameras (including panic button). The motion passed unanimously.

Lammers also mentioned that many cities are putting their council meetings on YouTube and suggested that with the deputy clerk's assistance, they could do the same. Council members generally supported transparency, but Skoyles cautioned about the potential for inappropriate comments. The council decided to gather more information about YouTube options, particularly whether comments could be disabled.

Information & Announcements

Lammers would be attending Clerks Advanced Academy in Rochester on September 18-19, 2025.

Adjournment

The business for which the meeting was called having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34PM.

Vergas Clerk-Treasurer
Julie Lammers, CMC

As on 8/31/2025

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Sale of Investments	Transfers In	Disbursements	Purchase of Investments	Transfers Out	Ending Balance	Investment Balance	Total Balance
General Fund	(35,888.57)	262,953.30	115,659.77	0.00	240,345.15	3,500.00	5,000.00	93,879.35	39,196.20	133,075.55
Small Cities Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Street Debt Service*	(83,754.45)	7,931.07	0.00	0.00	31,000.75	0.00	0.00	(106,824.13)	0.00	(106,824.13)
SEWER AND WATER DEBT SERVICE	886.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	886.02	0.00	886.02
Long Lake Trail Extension Project	(3,020.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,475.00	0.00	0.00	(4,495.00)	0.00	(4,495.00)
2019 Street Project	179,478.01	70,818.96	0.00	0.00	65,046.26	0.00	0.00	185,250.71	200,699.80	385,950.51
Street Project 2006*	29,976.53	4,736.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34,713.39	110,000.00	144,713.39
Government Services Office	(27,170.74)	9,142.00	0.00	0.00	20,068.00	0.00	0.00	(38,096.74)	0.00	(38,096.74)
Water	169,952.38	91,946.06	0.00	0.00	80,941.17	0.00	0.00	180,957.27	15,260.21	196,217.48
Sewage Collection and Disposal	(141,041.91)	72,198.26	0.00	0.00	81,049.45	0.00	0.00	(149,893.10)	51,191.20	(98,701.90)
Municipal Liquor Store	21,887.01	731,938.64	0.00	0.00	752,135.33	0.00	0.00	1,690.32	287,802.03	289,492.35
Vergas EDA	72,271.50	6,986.48	0.00	10,000.00	25,213.59	0.00	0.00	64,044.39	0.00	64,044.39
Total :	183,575.78	1,258,651.63	115,659.77	10,000.00	1,297,274.70	3,500.00	5,000.00	262,112.48	704,149.44	966,261.92

City Council
2025 September Council Meeting
Vergas Event Center & Zoom Id number 267-094-2170 password 56587
6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 16, 2025

6. Siren

Files Attached

- 239 Siren Survey Results ALL RESPONSES AND EXPLANATIONS.pdf
- Siren CHART OF ALL RESPONSES.pdf
- Siren Reponses.pdf
- Siren. CHART CITY LIMIT RESIDENTS WHO STATED THE SIREN DISTURBS THEIR DAILY ACTIVITY OR REST. AND INCLUDED AN EXPLANTION AS TO WHY_.pdf
- SIREN.pdf - 116
- Noise Ordinance.pdf

Do you own property in the city limits of Vergas?	Are you aware that the sirens in our community are used to indicate the time?	How often do you rely on the sirens to know the time?	Do you think the current schedule for the sirens (e.g., 7 AM, noon, 1 PM, and 6 PM) is appropriate?		Would you prefer:	Do the sirens disturb your daily activities or rest?	
Response	Response	Response	Response	No (please explain)	Response	Response	Yes (please explain)
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Rarely	No (please explain)	Why blow sirens at 7am - why not 6am and noon instead of 1pm	Fewer time signals	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	

Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Don't see need	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Too early on weekends, 12 and 1 are useless	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Can't go outside when they are going off
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Not needed, only for FD and monthly weather alert test	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Way to loud, also need a whistle free zone for railroad
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	It disturbs the peace and quiet.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	It is loud.
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	Yes (please explain)	Keep them as is :)
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	No (please explain)	But maybe could be modified to exempt weekends?	Fewer time signals	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	

Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	I work night shift. They wake me up too soon after I go to bed.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	we just moved to Vergas a year ago and we're looking to relocate because of the sirens. they trigger my anxiety and are not friendly for working night shift. please shut them off
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	People don't need alarms we are inside for the most part everyone has a watch or phone and knows the time. I don't see the purpose anymore	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	I think noon six and nine on would be best	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	7am one is a pain!
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	No (please explain)	7 is a bit early. I would prefer 8:00 am	Keep it as is	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	7:00 am and 1:00 pm are not necessary	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	7:00 am is to early
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Should be for emergencies	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Morning's especially
Yes	No	Rarely	No (please explain)	Unsure why the 2 within an hour. I'd do 7a, 12 OR 1p and 6p	Fewer time signals	No	

No	Yes	Occasional	No (please explain)	I think noon and 6 pm should be enough.	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Seems excessive	Fewer time signals	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Rarely	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Rarely	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	No (please explain)	The 7 a.m. one is too early for me as im retired, but may be beneficial for working folks. I actually enjoy the sirens.	Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Rarely	Yes		More frequent time s	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	

Yes	Yes	Daily	No (please explain)	7, noon, 6	Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Too often	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Maybe once at noon is enough	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Rarely	No (please explain)	Switch 7 to 8 am	Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	No (please explain)	I can see why 7am would be tough.	Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Rarely	No (please explain)	7 AM, Noon, 5 PM	Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	

No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	I don't see anything wrong with it, per se, but one at noon seems like it would be sufficient.	Fewer time signals	No	
No	Yes	Rarely	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Too often, too loud	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Young children are woken up by the siren and if we are in town when it goes off they are fearful of the loud noise.
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Excessive	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Rarely	No (please explain)	7am,noon And 6pm	Fewer time signals	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	Yes		Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		More frequent time s	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Annoying	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	I have 4 kids and the sirens have woken them up prior to when they need to be up.
No		Never	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	

Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Only need it once a day. Noon!	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	Occasionally	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	There is no need for the sirens in 2025. They are much too loud	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	Yes		Fewer time signals	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	No (please explain)	Once or twice daily would be more appropriate.. 4x daily is excessive. (especially noon AND 1)	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Just do at noon	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	No	Never	No (please explain)	Once a day is enough.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Comes out of nowhere & is obnoxiously loud. Loud sudden sounds are hard for little ones and elderly to process.

No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	I don't see that they present any useful or necessary purpose.	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Outdated, no other town does this	Fewer time signals	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Desensitization to emergencies, impact on animals, noise pollution. I'm all for noon and 6pm but 4 times a day is overkill.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Stated above in answer 4
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	They wake my sleeping children at nap time and we need to leave the city park before it goes off. It's ear piercingly loud next to the park!
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Rarely	Yes		Fewer time signals	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Don't see need for this frequency or the need	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	When events at event center
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Fewer time signals	No	

				I love them for the most		Yes	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	No (please explain)	part but the 7am Saturday and Sunday could go	Fewer time signals	(please explain)	The early ones on weekends do
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	No	Never	No (please explain)	Too often	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Rarely	No (please explain)	I'm not there on many weekdays.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Just the weekend 7am. I recommend getting rid of that one on weekends.
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Rarely	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Not needed anymore	Fewer time signals	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	

				No, because they are never set for the accurate time. We don't need to know the time of day when this is a digital world now. We have our phones and smart watches for viewing the time. It is just an annoyance, especially for those living by it. I can't imagine how loud it must be for them, when I can hear it clearly where I live!			
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)		Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	No (please explain)	Don't need 7am	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Fewer time signals	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No			Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	

No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	It has made me think there was bad weather around.	Fewer time signals	No	
No	No	Never	No (please explain)	Why not do 7 and 7? So it is less confusing	Fewer time signals	No	
		Rarely	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	I think they are no longer needed	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Rest times
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Rarely	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	4 times a day is way to many times noon and 1 or noon and 6 would be more understandable	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Work over night get home by 6:30 am wake up 1:30-2pm
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	No reason for it	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	I live 5 miles from vergas and can hear the siren. It's to loud and not nessasary.
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Sirens are to loud	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Can't use park due to it being unsafe for hearing.
No	Yes	Never	Yes		Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	It startles my children when we're playing at the park in town.
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	

No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	Yes		Fewer time signals	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	No (please explain)	Skip 1 pm	Fewer time signals	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Not necessary at 7am! I don't feel at 1pm either.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	I would rather not wake up at 7 AM every morning to a siren.
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	I think most people can track time without the siren	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	It truly seems an outdated practice that disturbs people more than helps anyone keep time.	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Rarely	Yes		Fewer time signals	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	No (please explain)	7am noon 3pm 6pm	Keep it as is	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	

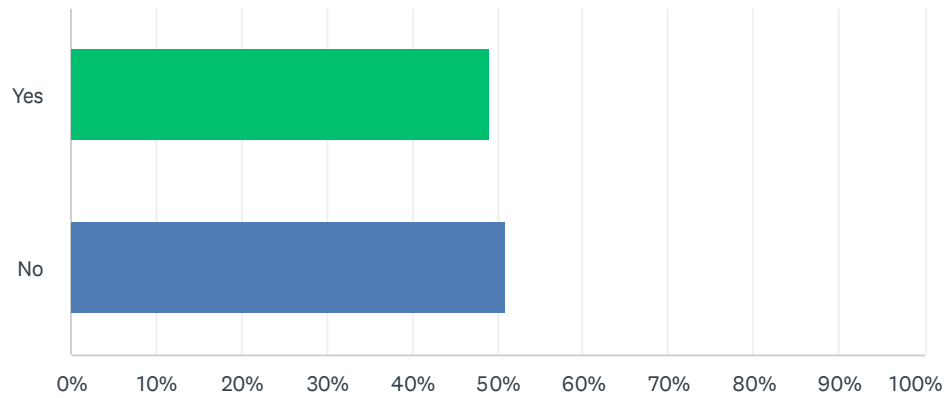
				As a frequent vacationer the sirens make us feel safe by letting us know and reminding us that there are firemen out here to protect us and are on duty. It really does make us feel safer. Keep it just the way it is. Such a beautiful little town cept for the new marijuana company. Clearly Vergas lost its wholesomeness.			
No	No	Never	No (please explain)	It's a black eye for the town.	Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	We all have some sort of way of telling time now	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	To many times in a day.	Fewer time signals	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	It is confusing for tourists, especially in poor weather conditions.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	As a business owner outside of city limits, customers are confused and regularly calling or communicating if the sirens are indicative of severe weather.
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Test 1x weekly	Fewer time signals	No	

No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	Occasionally	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Everyone has a watch or a phone to rely on for the time	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Daily	No (please explain)	I don't see the need for the 1:00 siren. Instead a siren at curfew time, such as 9 pm or 10pm would be nice. I live outside the city limits but hear the sirens.	Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Could probably skip the 1pm one.	Fewer time signals	No	
No	Yes	Rarely	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
No	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Unless farmers or business still rely on it, but phones with alarms being readily available helps with that	Fewer time signals	Occasionally	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	
Yes	Yes	Occasional	Yes		Keep it as is	No	

No	Yes	Rarely	Yes		Fewer time signals	No	
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Q1 Do you own property in the city limits of Vergas?

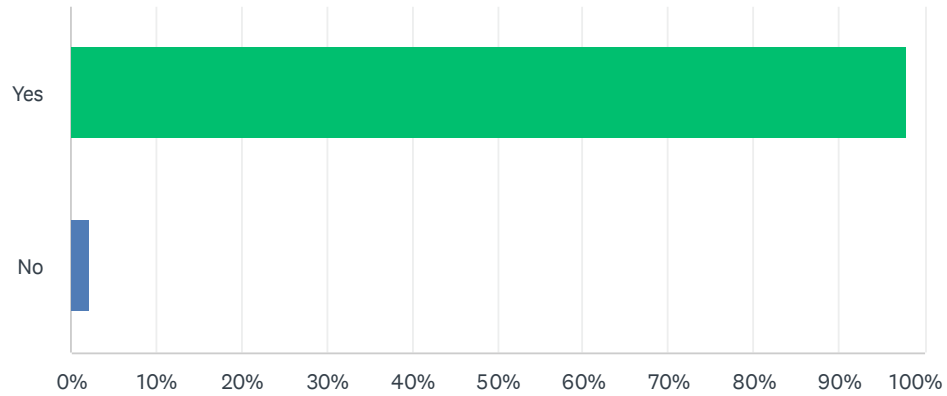
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.95%	116
No	51.05%	121
TOTAL		237

Q2 Are you aware that the sirens in our community are used to indicate the time?

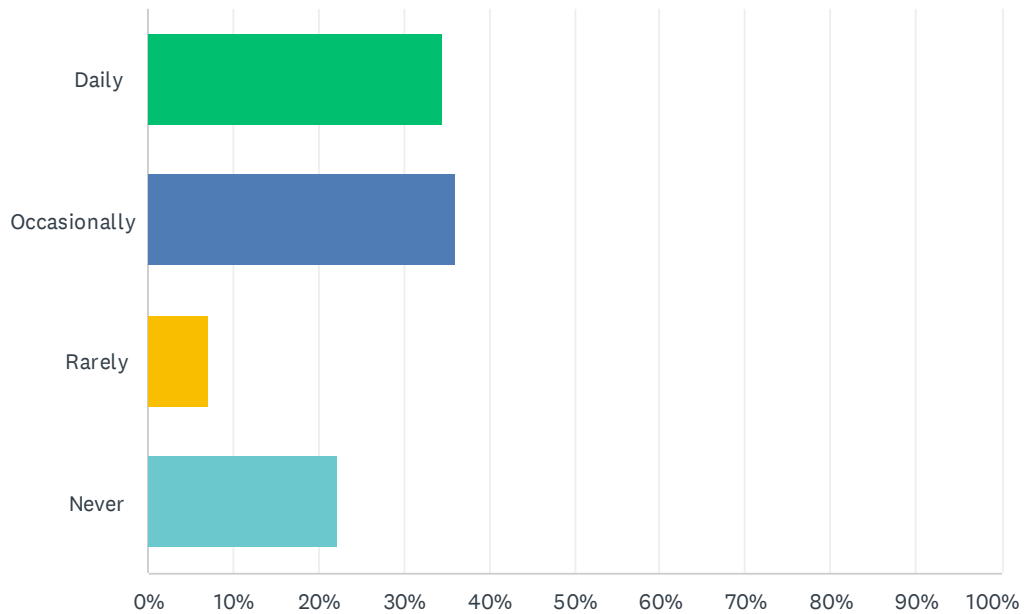
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.88%	231
No	2.12%	5
TOTAL		236

Q3 How often do you rely on the sirens to know the time?

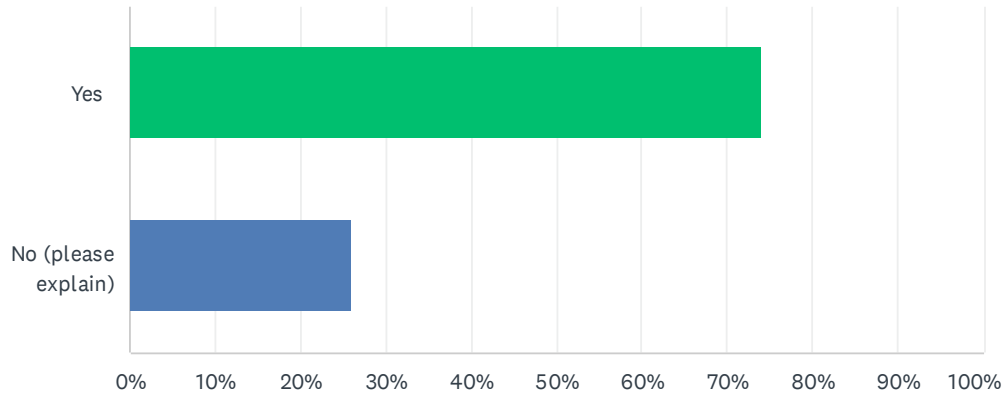
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	34.45%	82
Occasionally	36.13%	86
Rarely	7.14%	17
Never	22.27%	53
TOTAL		238

Q4 Do you think the current schedule for the sirens (e.g., 7 AM, noon, 1 PM, and 6 PM) is appropriate?

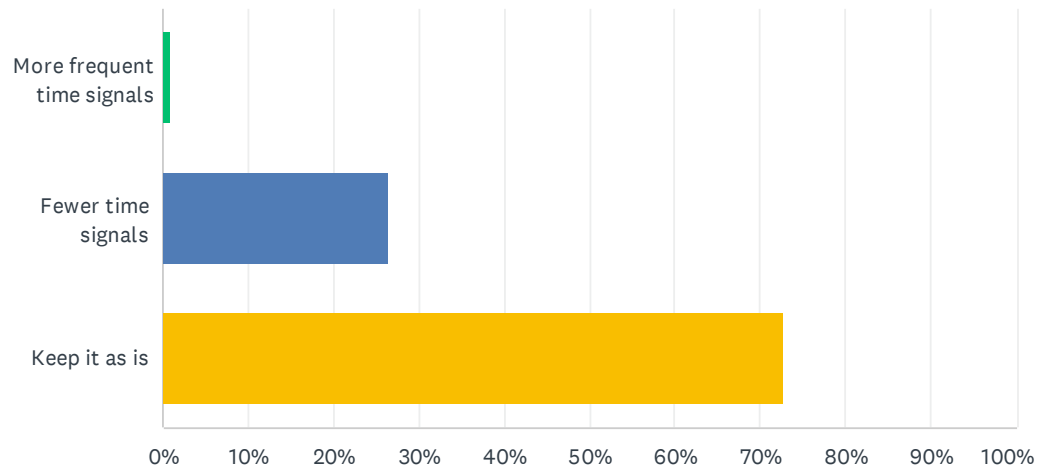
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	74.06%	177
No (please explain)	25.94%	62
TOTAL		239

Q5 Would you prefer:

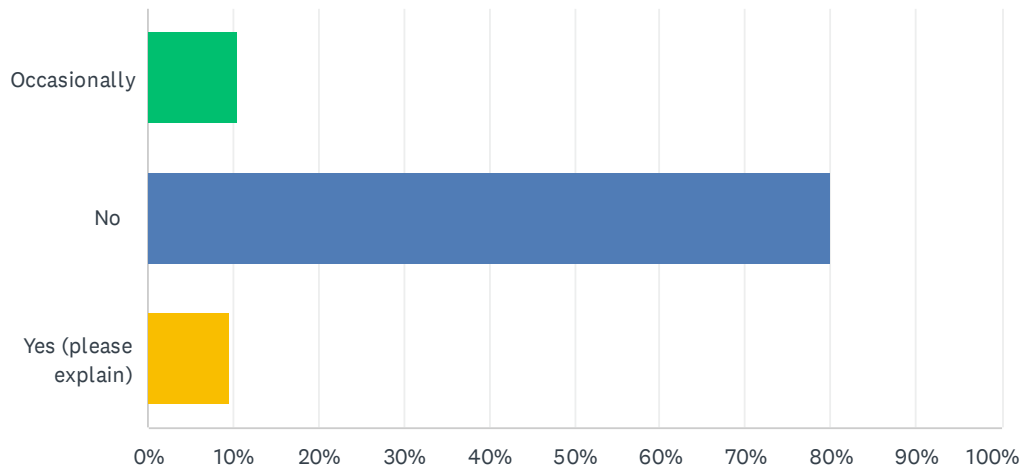
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More frequent time signals	0.84%	2
Fewer time signals	26.36%	63
Keep it as is	72.80%	174
TOTAL		239

Q6 Do the sirens disturb your daily activities or rest?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Occasionally	10.46%	25
No	79.92%	191
Yes (please explain)	9.62%	23
TOTAL		239

CITY LIMIT RESIDENTS WHO STATED THE SIREN DISTURBS THEIR DAILY ACTIVITY OR REST. AND INCLUDED AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY.

Do you own property in the city limits of Vergas?	Are you aware that the sirens in our community are used to indicate the time?	How often do you rely on the sirens to know the time?	Do you think the current schedule for the sirens (e.g., 7 AM, noon, 1 PM, and 6 PM) is appropriate?		Would you prefer:	Do the sirens disturb your daily activities or rest?	
Response	Response	Response	Response	No (please explain)	Response	Response	Yes (please explain)
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Too early on weekends, 12 and 1 are useless	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Can't go outside when they are going off
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Not needed, only for FD and monthly weather alert test	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Way to loud, also need a whistle free zone for railroad
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	It disturbs the peace and quiet.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	It is loud.
Yes	Yes	Daily	Yes		Keep it as is	Yes (please explain)	Keep them as is :)
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	I work night shift. They wake me up too soon after I go to bed.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	we just moved to Vergas a year ago and we're looking to relocate because of the sirens. they trigger my anxiety and are not friendly for working night shift. please shut them off

CITY LIMIT RESIDENTS WHO STATED THE SIREN DISTURBS THEIR DAILY ACTIVITY OR REST. AND INCLUDED AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY.

Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	I think noon six and nine on would be best	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	7am one is a pain!
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	7:00 am and 1:00 pm are not necessary	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	7:00 am is to early
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Should be for emergencies	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Morning's especially
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Too often, too loud	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Young children are woken up by the siren and if we are in town when it goes off they are fearful of the loud noise.
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Annoying	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	I have 4 kids and the sirens have woken them up prior to when they need to be up.
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Desensitization to emergencies, impact on animals, noise pollution. I'm all for noon and 6pm but 4 times a day is overkill.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Stated above in answer 4
Yes	Yes	Occasionally	Yes		Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	They wake my sleeping children at nap time and we need to leave the city park before it goes off. It's ear piercingly loud next to the park!
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Don't see need for this frequency or the need	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	When events at event center

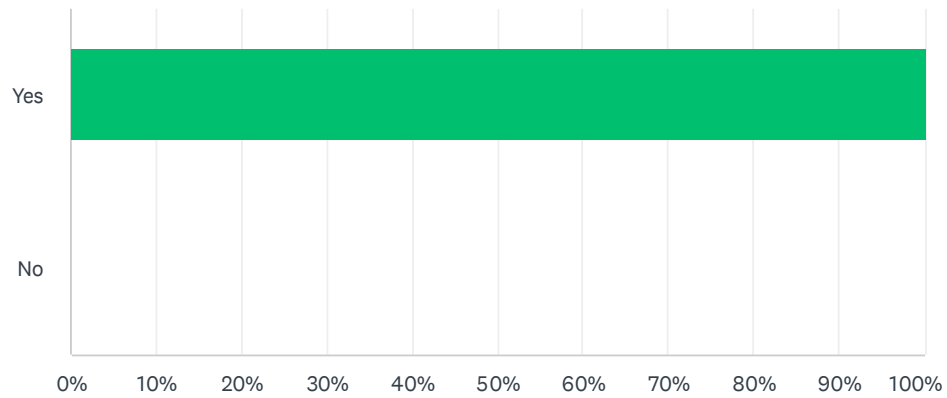
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Yes	Yes	Occasionally	No (please explain)	I love them for the most part but the 7am Saturday and Sunday could go	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	The early ones on weekends do
Yes	Yes	Rarely	No (please explain)	I'm not there on many weekdays.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Just the weekend 7am. I recommend getting rid of that one on weekends.
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	I think they are no longer needed	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Rest times
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	4 times a day is way to many times noon and 1 or noon and 6 would be more understandable	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	Work over night get home by 6:30 am wake up 1:30-2pm
Yes	Yes	Never	No (please explain)	Not necessary at 7am! I don't feel at 1pm either.	Fewer time signals	Yes (please explain)	I would rather not wake up at 7 AM every morning to a siren.

CITY LIMIT RESIDENTS WHO STATED THE SIREN DISTURBS THEIR DAILY ACTIVITY OR REST. AND INCLUDED AN EXPLANTION AS TO WHY.

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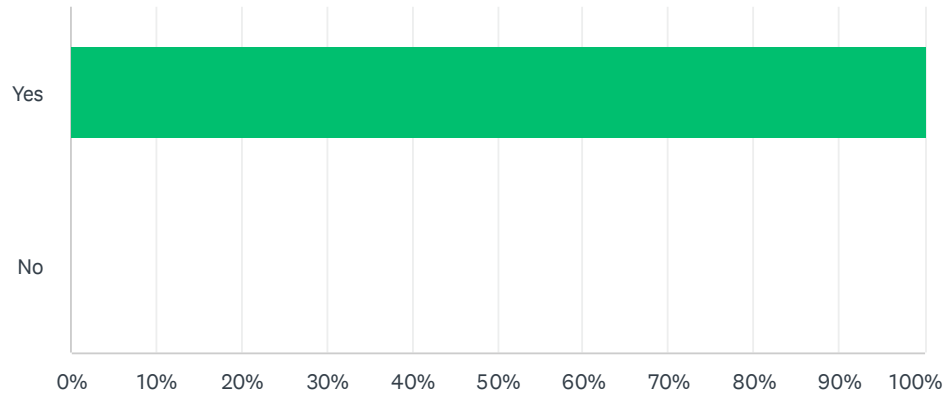
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	18
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		18

Q2 Are you aware that the sirens in our community are used to indicate the time?

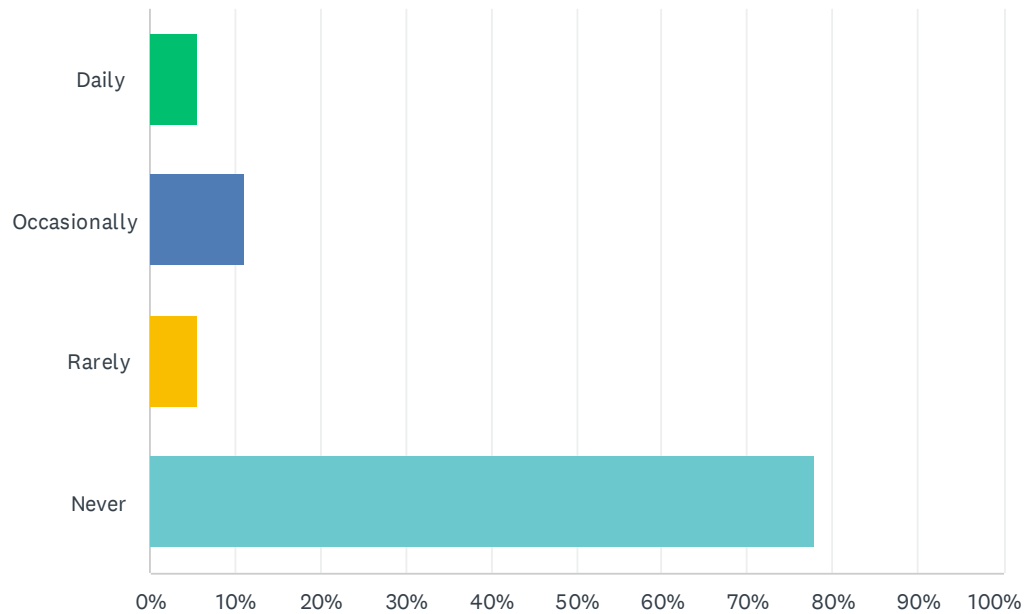
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	18
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		18

Q3 How often do you rely on the sirens to know the time?

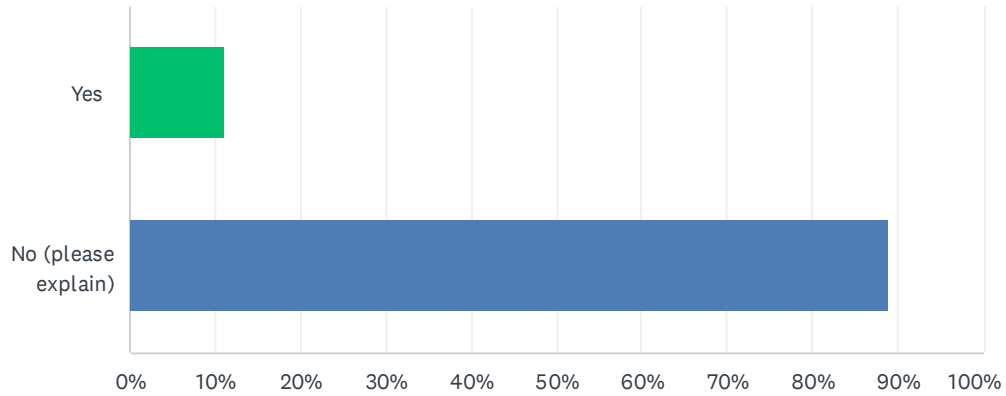
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	5.56%	1
Occasionally	11.11%	2
Rarely	5.56%	1
Never	77.78%	14
TOTAL		18

Q4 Do you think the current schedule for the sirens (e.g., 7 AM, noon, 1 PM, and 6 PM) is appropriate?

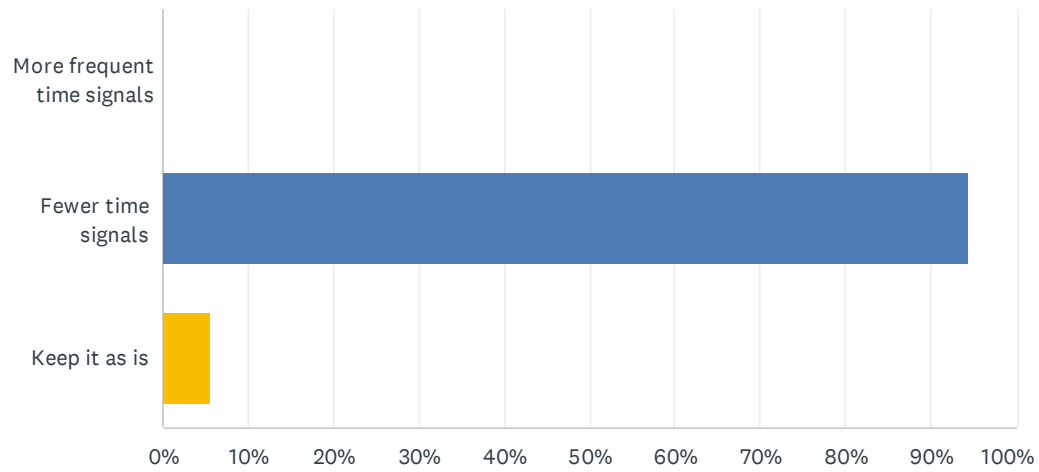
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	11.11%	2
No (please explain)	88.89%	16
TOTAL		18

Q5 Would you prefer:

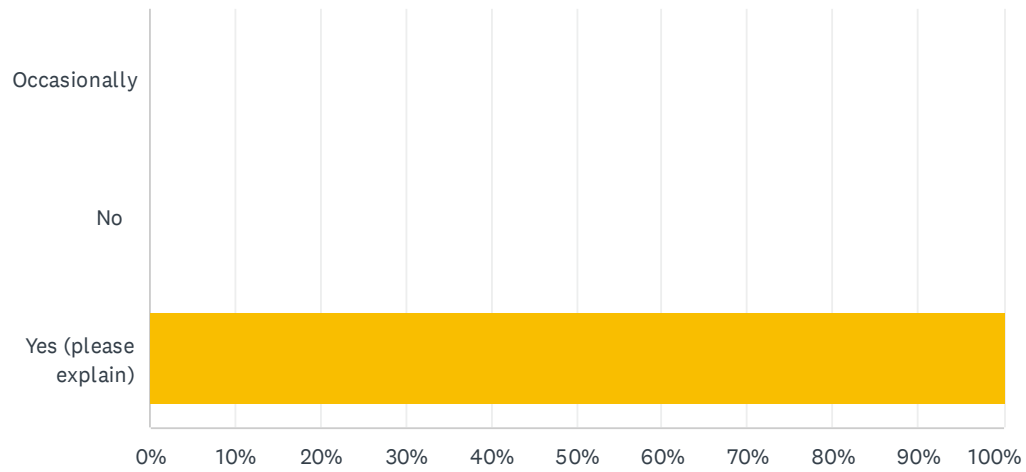
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More frequent time signals	0.00%	0
Fewer time signals	94.44%	17
Keep it as is	5.56%	1
TOTAL		18

Q6 Do the sirens disturb your daily activities or rest?

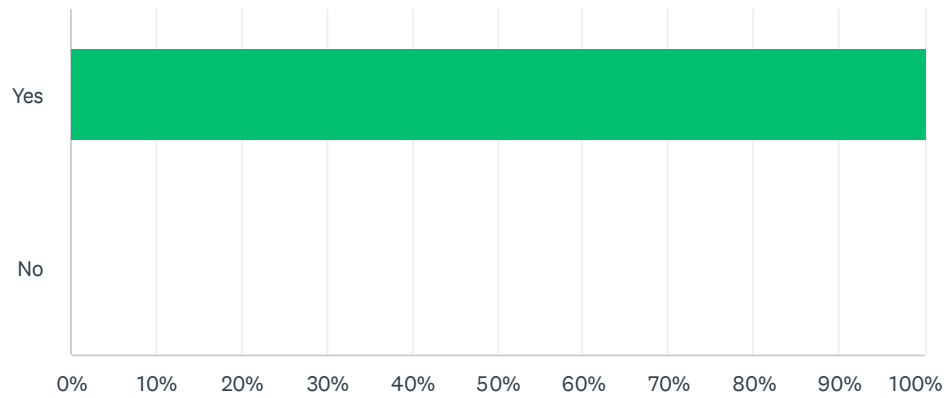
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Occasionally		0.00%	0
No		0.00%	0
Yes (please explain)		100.00%	18
TOTAL			18

Q1 Do you own property in the city limits of Vergas?

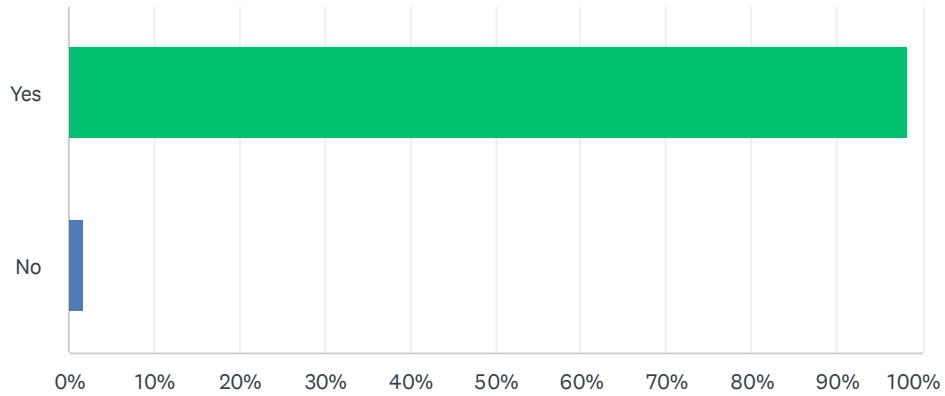
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	116
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		116

Q2 Are you aware that the sirens in our community are used to indicate the time?

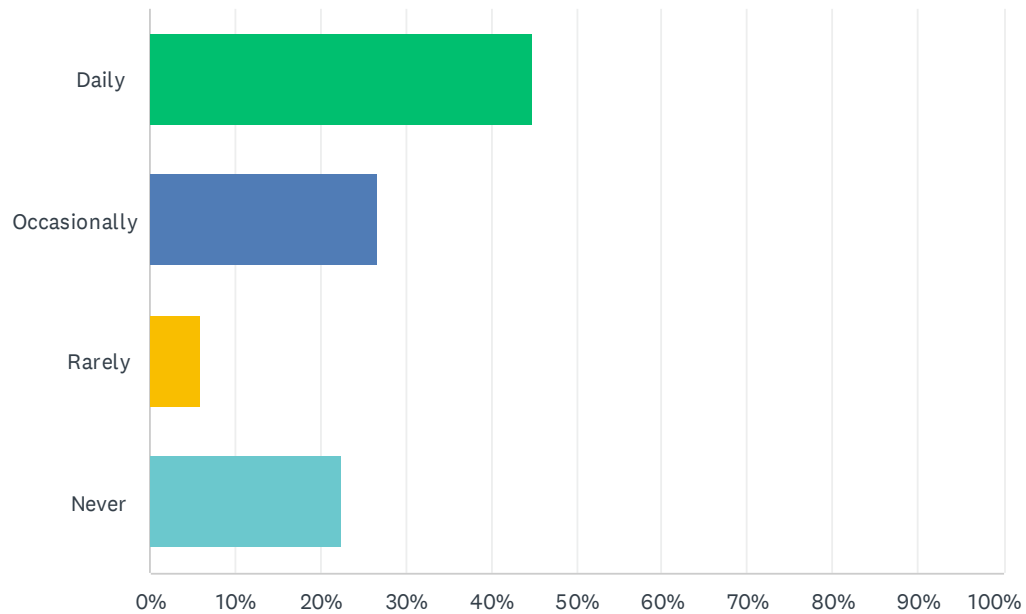
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.28%	114
No	1.72%	2
TOTAL		116

Q3 How often do you rely on the sirens to know the time?

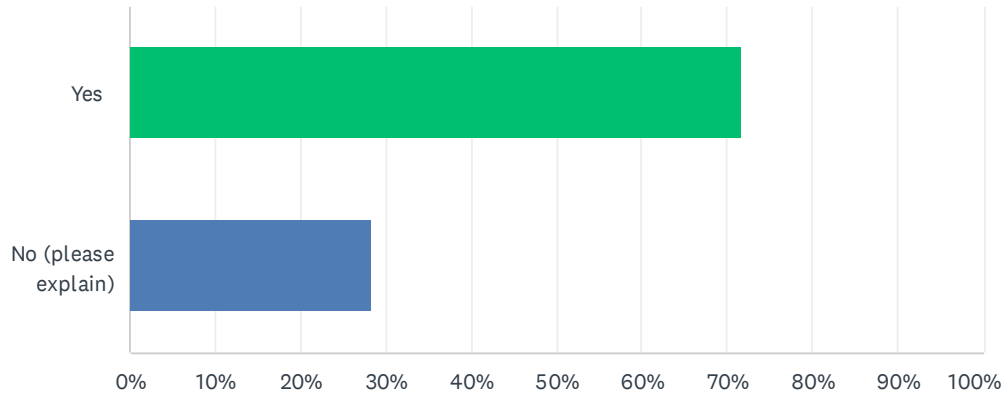
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	44.83%	52
Occasionally	26.72%	31
Rarely	6.03%	7
Never	22.41%	26
TOTAL		116

Q4 Do you think the current schedule for the sirens (e.g., 7 AM, noon, 1 PM, and 6 PM) is appropriate?

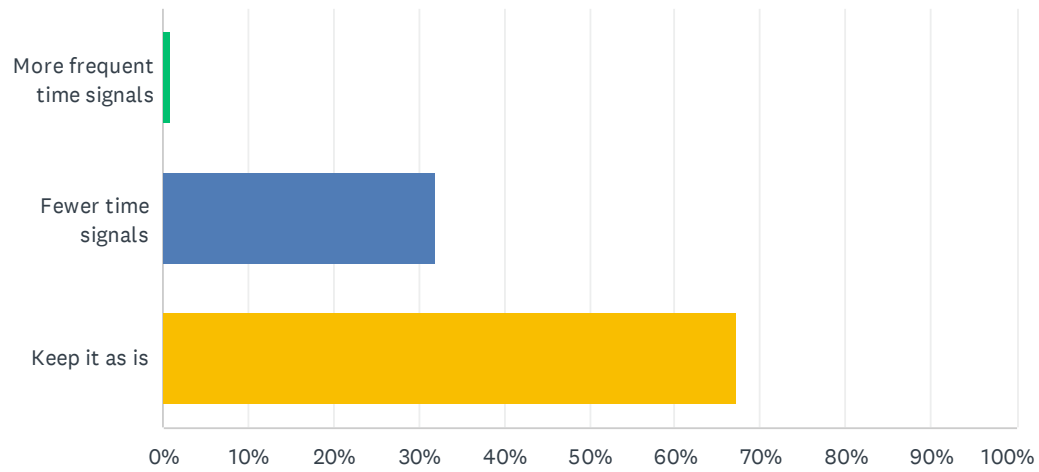
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.55%	83
No (please explain)	28.45%	33
TOTAL		116

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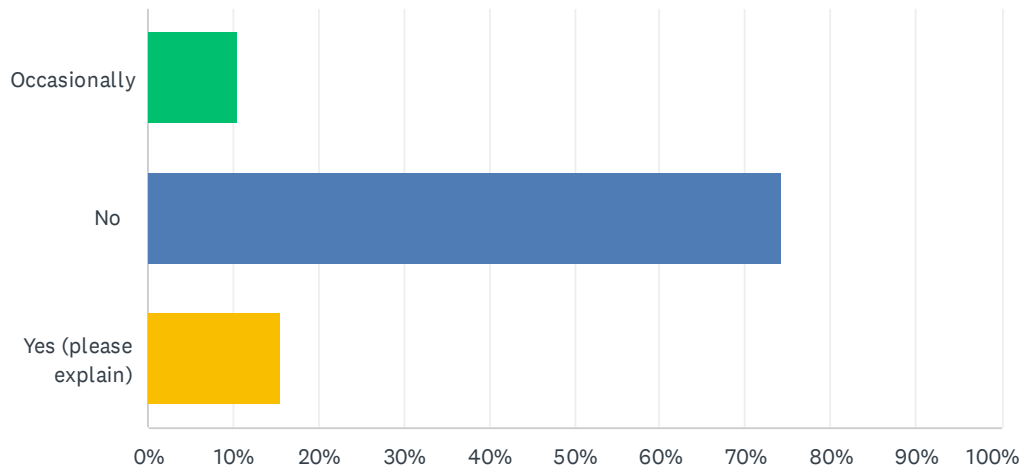
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
More frequent time signals		0.86%	1
Fewer time signals		31.90%	37
Keep it as is		67.24%	78
TOTAL			116

Q6 Do the sirens disturb your daily activities or rest?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Occasionally	10.34%	12
No	74.14%	86
Yes (please explain)	15.52%	18
TOTAL		116

(F) The using or operation or permitting the using or operation of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, paging system, machine or other device for producing or reproduction of sound in a distinctly and loudly audible manner so as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of any person nearby. Operation of any device referred to above between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in a manner so as to be plainly audible at the property line of the structure or building in which it is located, or at a distance of 50 feet if the source is located outside a structure or building shall be prima facie evidence of violation of this section;

(G) No person shall participate in any party or other gathering of people giving rise to noise, unreasonably disturbing the peace, quiet, or repose of another person. When a police officer determines that a gathering is creating such a noise disturbance, the officer may order all persons present, other than the owner or tenant of the premises where the disturbance is occurring, to disperse immediately. No person shall refuse to leave after being ordered by a police officer to do so. Every owner or tenant of such premises who has knowledge of the disturbance shall make every reasonable effort to see that the disturbance is stopped;

(H) Obstructions and excavations affecting the ordinary public use of streets, alleys, sidewalks or public grounds except under conditions as are permitted by this code or other applicable law;

(I) Radio aerials or television antennae erected or maintained in a dangerous manner;

(J) Any use of property abutting on a public street or sidewalk or any use of a public street or sidewalk which causes large crowds of people to gather, obstructing traffic and the free use of the street or sidewalk;

(K) All hanging signs, awnings and other similar structures over streets and sidewalks, so situated so as to endanger public safety, or not constructed and maintained as provided by ordinance;

(L) The allowing of rain water, ice or snow to fall from any building or structure upon any street or sidewalk or to flow across any sidewalk;

(M) Any barbed wire fence less than six feet above the ground and within three feet of a public sidewalk or way;

(N) All dangerous, unguarded machinery in any public place, or so situated or operated on private property as to attract the public;

(O) Waste water cast upon or permitted to flow upon streets or other public properties;

(P) Accumulations in the open of discarded or disused machinery, household appliances, automobile bodies or other material in a manner conducive to the harboring of rats, mice, snakes or vermin, or the rank growth of vegetation among the items so accumulated, or in a manner creating fire, health or safety hazards from accumulation;

(Q) Any well, hole or similar excavation which is left uncovered or in another condition as to constitute a hazard to any child or other person coming on the premises where it is located;

(R) Obstruction to the free flow of water in a natural waterway or a public street drain, gutter or ditch with trash or other materials;

(S) The placing or throwing on any street, sidewalk or other public property of any glass, tacks, nails, bottles or other substance which may injure any person or animal or damage any pneumatic tire when passing over the substance;

(T) The depositing of garbage or refuse on a public right-of-way or on adjacent private property;

(U) All other conditions or things which are likely to cause injury to the person or property of anyone.

(V) (1) *Noises prohibited.*

(a) *General prohibition.* No person shall make or cause to be made any distinctly and loudly audible noise that unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, safety, or welfare of any person or precludes their enjoyment of property or affects their property's value. This general prohibition is not limited by the specific restrictions of this section.

(b) *Defective vehicles or loads.* No person shall use any vehicle so out of repair or so loaded as to create loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise.

(c) *Loading, unloading, unpacking.* No person shall create loud or excessive noise in loading, unloading, or unpacking any vehicle.

(d) *Radios, phonographs, paging systems, and the like.* No person shall use or operate or permit the use or operation of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, paging system, machine or other device for the production or reproduction of sound in a distinct and loudly audible manner as to unreasonably disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of any person nearby. Operation of any such set, instrument, phonograph, machine or other device between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in such a manner as to be plainly audible at the property line of the structure or building in which it is located, in the hallway or apartment adjacent, or at a distance of 50 feet if the source is located outside a structure or building, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

(e) *Schools, churches, hospitals, and the like.* No person shall create any excessive noise on a street, alley or public grounds adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church or hospital when the noise unreasonably interferes with the working of the institution or disturbs or unduly annoys its occupants or residents and when conspicuous signs indicate the presence of such institution.

City Council
2025 September Council Meeting
Vergas Event Center & Zoom Id number 267-094-2170 password 56587
6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 16, 2025

7. Committee Reports

- A. Park Advisory Board
 - 1. Pickleball
- B. Event Center
 - 1. Resignation
 - 2. Projector

Files Attached

- Park Boards Minutes 8.28.25.pdf
- Event Center Minutes 8.26.25.pdf
- Pickleball Information.pdf

CITY OF VERGAS
Park Board Advisory Board Minutes
Vergas Event Center & Zoom Teleconference
3:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 28, 2025

Call to order

The City of Vergas Park Advisory Board was called to order by Sherri Hanson on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 3:00 pm with the following members present: Tony Sailer, Steph Hogan and Chuck Hanson, Sherri Hanson, and Dean Haarstick. Absent: Maggie Puetz. Also present; Shannon Charpentier, Todd Morse, Ann Richard and employees; Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers and Deputy Clerk Rachel Nustad.

Additions and Deletions

Nustad noted that the board received a citizen concern. Nustad explained that the concern was about the beach needing a sign saying no fishing on the swimming dock, as there were little kids swimming and fishing on the same dock with hooks flying everywhere.

The board discussed the issue, with S. Hanson noting that it was a matter of parenting but acknowledging there could be a conflict between swimmers and fishers. After deliberation, the board considered options for signage. C. Hanson suggested labeling it as a swimming dock rather than prohibiting fishing outright.

Lammers raised a legal consideration about whether the city had authority to restrict activities on water, as the city leases the land but the water is open to anyone. She recommended consulting an attorney or the DNR for clarification.

Motion by Hogan, seconded by S. Hanson, to put a sign designating the dock as a "Swimming Dock."
Voting yes: Hogan, C. Hanson, S. Hanson and Haarstick. Voting No: Sailer. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by S. Hanson, seconded Sailer, to approve the minutes from July 24, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Status of Recommendations to City Council

No recommendations to City Council were presented.

Budget

Lammers reported that the 2026 budget was less than the previous year due to lower wages and changes in some items. She noted that the improvements budget was increased from \$15,000 to \$21,000 because they would need to purchase a new lawn mower next year.

Motion by S. Hanson, seconded by C. Hanson, to recommend the increase in the improvements budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Pickleball

Charpentier, Richard, and Morse from the Pickleball Board presented information about the pickleball courts. Richard provided statistics showing that the average number of players per day increased from 19 in 2024 to 24 in 2025, representing a 26% increase. Total player visits for 2024 were 2,300, and they were forecasting 3,000 visits by the end of September 2025, a 30% increase.

Richard noted that the courts were bringing people to Vergas who might otherwise go to Detroit Lakes or Perham, benefiting local businesses. S. Hanson mentioned that she noticed teenagers were increasingly using the courts in the evenings.

Charpentier presented a proposal for improvements including a sunshade and concrete apron. She explained that they had adjusted the original plan and now had exact costs. The improvements for the pickleball club would cost around \$15,000, which they were close to raising through donations. Charpentier also mentioned that at Utilities Superintendent Mike Dufrane's suggestion, they had inquired about adding concrete in front of the bathrooms at a cost of \$2,310.

The board discussed ADA compliance for the proposed steps leading to the bathroom area. Sailer questioned whether a slope would be better than steps for accessibility. Charpentier explained that the concrete contractor had recommended steps due to the 14-inch drop between the bathroom exit and the ground.

Motion by Sailer, seconded by S. Hanson, to recommend to City Council that whatever portion of the concrete pad in front of the bathrooms is not covered by the Community Club, the Park Board would pay through their budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Baseball Committee

Sailer reported that they had not met since the baseball field dedication. He mentioned they would need to block off the infield before the Hairyman event on September 27th.

The board discussed the baseball field dedication, with S. Hanson noting positive feedback. There was discussion about potentially adding more names to the dedication sign in the future. C. Hanson explained that they had chosen to honor financial contributors, coaches, and volunteers rather than players, as it would be difficult to differentiate between players.

The board discussed the possibility of having a nomination form for 2026 but being clear that they were not looking for player nominations. S. Hanson also mentioned that someone had suggested creating a permanent display for baseball memorabilia, possibly in the Event Center.

New Park Property on Glenn Street

Lammers reported that Dufrane was in favor of planting wildflowers on the new park property. The board discussed contacting East Otter Tail Soil and Water for suggestions, similar to what they had done for previous projects. Ideas included creating a walking path through the wildflower area, adding benches made from recycled plastic, and possibly creating a butterfly garden.

Nustad agreed to contact East Otter Tail Soil and Water for guidance.

City Worker Update

None.

Other Business**Next Meeting Date/Time**

The board discussed changing their meeting schedule since the City Council meetings had moved to the third Tuesday of the month. They considered meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM to ensure their recommendations could reach the Council in a timely manner.

Given the proximity of the September meeting date (September 11th) and the lack of pressing business, the board decided to skip the September meeting and next meet in October unless something urgent arose. They agreed that email communication could be used if needed before the next meeting. Next meeting date will be Thursday October 9, 2025.

The board also discussed preparations for the Hairyman event, noting that Sailer would be the contact person in case of rain. S. Hanson mentioned that the entrances for the event would be at Veterans Park and the entrance closest to the road, not the entrance by third base.

Adjournment

Motion by S. Hanson, seconded by Hogan to adjourn at 3:40 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Nustad, Deputy Clerk (assisted by ClerkMinutes)
Secretary of the Park Board

Council Recommendations

-Park board to cover the remaining costs of the pickleball improvements

Follow Up Actions

Nustad will contact East Otter Tail Soil and Water for suggestions on the new park property on Glenn Street

CITY OF VERGAS
Event Center Advisory Minutes
Vergas Event Center & Zoom Teleconference
5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 26, 2025

The City of Vergas Event Center Advisory Committee was called to order by James Stenger on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 5:30 pm with the following members present: James Stenger, Deb Jacoby, Robert Jacoby, and Event Center Coordinator Rachel Nustad. Absent: Vanessa Perry.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Stenger at 5:30 PM.

Additions or Deletions

Motion by R. Jacoby, seconded by D. Jacoby, to approve the agenda with the following addition: Member resignation. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Motion by R. Jacoby, seconded by D. Jacoby, to approve the minutes of July 22, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Status of Recommendations to City Council

None

Income and Expense

2026 Budget

Nustad presented the 2026 budget, noting they would likely need to replace the furnaces which is why that line item was higher than the previous year.

R. Jacoby and D. Jacoby noticed that the Looney Days pancake breakfast was missing from the revenue list. Nustad acknowledged this oversight and noted it would add another \$350 in projected income.

Nustad proposed changing the discount for city residents from a \$500 credit for large events to a 10% discount on any event. After discussion, R. Jacoby suggested tabling this topic, until Perry could be present, as they also needed to consider whether business owners who pay taxes in the city should receive similar benefits. The board agreed to table this discussion.

2025 Income and Expense

Lammers provided the income and expenses, and no further discussion was needed.

Rental

Schedule of Events

No updates

Free and Reduced Rental Form

Nustad presented information about the free and reduced rental form that Perry had previously worked on. R. Jacoby mentioned they were trying to understand the rationale behind excluding events with liquor from receiving reduced rent, suggesting it might be related to increased risk. Stenger suggested tabling this discussion until Perry could be present at the next meeting, and the board agreed.

Building Review

Kitchen

Window/Door Closure

No update

Stove Top

No update until confirmation of the electrical system being compatible with the stove tops.

Sink Backsplash

Nustad reported that Maintenance Worker Matt Engebretson had examined it and found it would be difficult to remove the tile, suggesting it might not need replacement. Stenger strongly disagreed, noting

the tiles were already falling off and would continue to cause issues since they weren't waterproof. He recommended replacing them with a 4x8 sheet of milk board (plastic material), which would be more sustainable, easier to clean, and prevent potential mold issues. Nustad confirmed the sheet was already available in the maintenance room and just needed to be installed.

Large Meeting Room

Projector

Stenger presented his research on projector options. He had been recommended a \$2,600 model but found another with similar specifications for \$1,400. Other options explored were \$339 and \$905, but his contacts in the projection field recommended the \$1,400 model for better quality.

Stenger noted the current projector was 11 years old. He emphasized the need for a projector that could display a clear image with the lights on, which would make the space more usable for meetings and events. He confirmed he could install it himself and test it before installation to ensure it met their needs.

Lammers had informed him that since they had not spent any of their improvement budget for the current year, this would be a good time to get approval from the council, especially considering future budget constraints and the need for a new furnace.

Motion by R. Jacoby, seconded by D. Jacoby, to recommend to City Council to purchase the \$1,400 projector. The motion passed unanimously.

Tables (donation from Lion's)

D. Jacoby reported that this matter had been initiated by someone from the Lion's Club without bringing it to the Event Center Advisory Board first. She explained there was confusion about which tables were to be replaced - the Lion's Club thought the board wanted to replace the round tables, but the actual need was to replace three smaller wooden tables that were wobbly. D. Jacoby stated they would measure these tables and bring the information back to the Lion's Club. No decision had been made yet by the Lion's Club regarding the donation.

Committee: "To-Do" List

Nustad brought up the carpet on the stairs to the stage. Stenger confirmed people were falling due to the slipperiness, especially since it was dark in that area. Nustad suggested removing the carpet and applying black grip tape to prevent slipping. The board discussed not knowing what was underneath the carpet, which covered both the stairs and the landing.

Stenger also provided an update on the solar panels, confirming they were scheduled to be installed in October and operational by December. He also noted that dirt work had been done around the building to insulate the foundation, which was part of an energy grant they had received.

Meeting Date and Time

Stenger explained that the city council meeting had been pushed back with the new mayor, making it only about a week before their current meeting schedule. This timing issue meant that any items needing council approval would take almost a month to process.

There was discussion about potentially moving their meeting date to better align with the council's schedule. Various constraints were mentioned: R. Jacoby noted the second Tuesday conflicted with Lions Club meetings, and Stenger mentioned he had work commitments starting on Wednesdays.

After discussion, the board decided to table the decision until they could consult with Perry and the new Lions Club representative who would be replacing D. Jacoby.

Member Resignation

D. Jacoby formally announced her resignation from both the Lions Board and the Event Center Advisory Board. She confirmed she had already informed the Lions Club, who would be appointing a new representative, and had submitted her resignation letter to Lammers.

Motion by R. Jacoby, seconded by Stenger, to recommend that the council accept D. Jacoby's resignation. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion by Stenger, seconded by R. Jacoby, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Nustad, Deputy Clerk
Event Center Coordinator
(Assisted by ClerkMinutes)

Council Recommendations

Purchase projector for \$1400
Accept D. Jacoby's resignation

Follow Up Actions

Nustad and D. Jacoby will do more research on the tables after speaking with other Lions Board Members.

Find out what's under the carpet on the stairs.

Nustad will have Engebretson install the sink backsplash.

Perry will look into options for window/door closures.



Vergas Pickleball 2025 Court Improvement Executive Summary

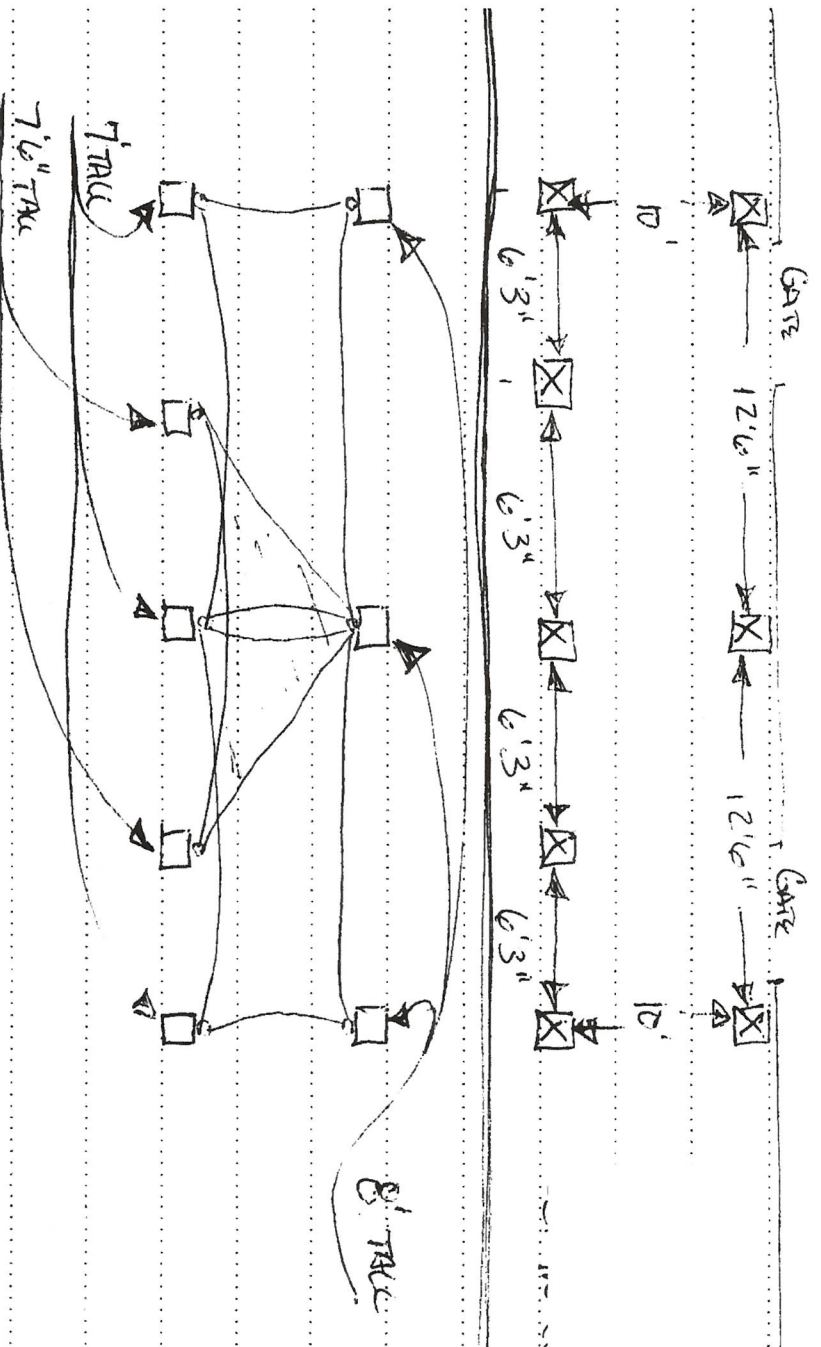
Historical court usage statistics:

- The Vergas Pickleball Court Club tracks play from 8 am-12 noon daily and during Tuesday Ladies' Night. In July 2025, Monday Men's Night was also added and tracked. The player counts do not include usage outside of this time frame which could be substantial.
- **In 2024, May – September**, there were 2,309 player visits to the Vergas pickleball courts. Play continued into early November but wasn't tracked. The average number of players per day was 19.
- **For year-to-date 2025 (May – August 20)** the total number of player visits was 2,145. This equates to 24 average number of players per day which is 26% higher than 2024. Player visits through September 2025 is forecast to exceed 3,000 player visits, **which will be a 30% increase over 2024.**
- If the courts were not in Vergas, many of the 3,000 visits by players would be going to Perham or Detroit Lakes to utilize their pickleball courts.

How the sunshade and concrete apron are beneficial to the community:

- The club will be able to organize additional events during the warmer parts of the day and evening, bringing in more players.
- The new shade structure will provide a better environment for all players, including families and children who are learning the game.
- The new apron will enhance the facility and court usage. As well as protect the courts by diminishing the tracking of sand and gravel onto the courts.
- Visits to Vergas will be expanded which will translate into an even greater economic impact for main street.

Construction Sketch Revised 8.28.25



2025 Vergas Pickleball Improvements

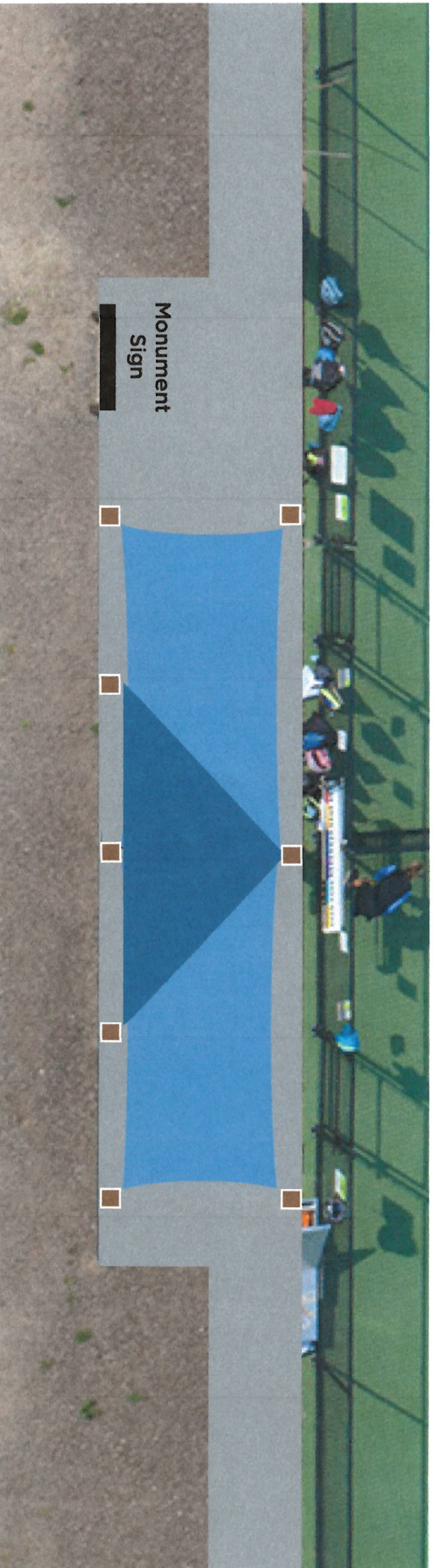
SunShade Details

- 6' x 6' treated posts set in concrete
- 2 rectangular sails
- 1 triangular sail
- Misc hardware

Cost: \$1,135

Vendors:

- Franklin Fence
- Vergas Hardware
- Haugen Construction, Moorhead - Concrete





2025 Vergas Pickleball Improvements

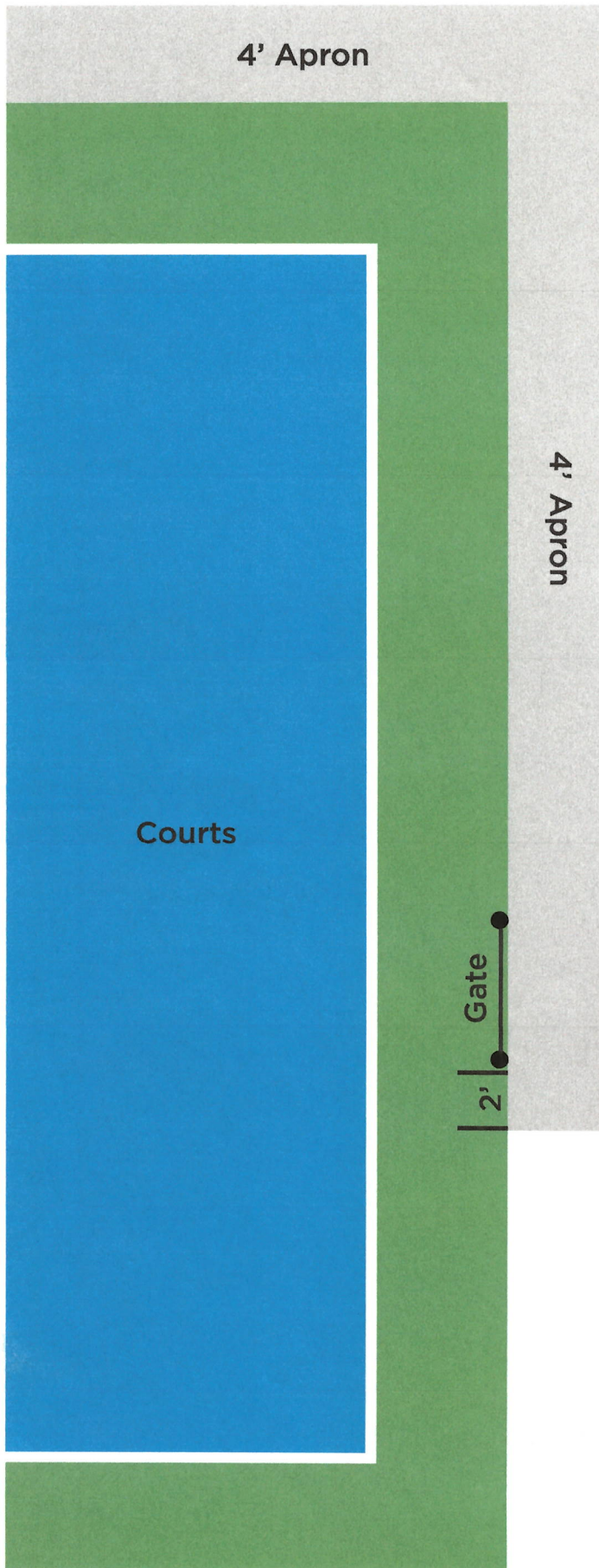
Concrete Apron Details

Cost: \$12,101

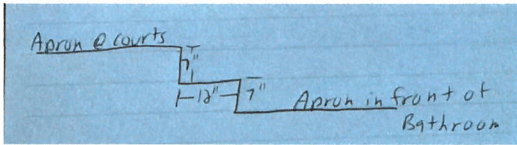
Cost: \$2,310

Gray indicates concrete apron planned and paid for by the Pickleball Club.

Purple indicates possible concrete addition paid for by the Park Board, Comm. Club or the City of Vergas.



Possible addition to concrete, paid for by Vergas Park Board or City or Comm. Club.



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6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 16, 2025

8. Staff Reports

- A. Utilities Superintendent Report
- B. Clerk-Treasurer Report

Files Attached

- Aug 2025 DuFrane council report.pdf
- 9.25 Clerk_Treasurer_Report.pdf

Council Report from Mike DuFrane

1. Water

- A. 1.125 million gallons of water was pumped from city wells. 22.5 gallons of chlorine were used, 71 gallons of polymer were used, 2.5 gallons of fluoride were used and 132 gallons of KMnO_4 were used also in August of 2025

2. Streets

- a. Parking lot project has started. 3 curb stop boxes were replaced, 1 for the liquor store, 1 for city office and 1 for Paul Bruhns property. The sewer service line for the liquor store is installed on the outside of the building.

3. Parks

- a. We will be closing the restrooms after the hairy man festival.

4. Sewer

- a. 1/3 of the sewer mains have been jetted, camera work has started but not finished as of 9-12-25 . .
- b. Annual inspection of lift stations is done. Will be reporting to the water and sewer committee on the next committee meeting.
- c. No discharge of treated wastewater in the month of August

Clerk-Treasurer Council Report

Date: September 2025

Meetings Attended

- MCFOA Region 1 Clerk's Meeting – Grygla, August 14, 2025
- Energy Resilience Workshop

Upcoming Meetings

Clerk Advanced Academy

Location: Wood Lake Meeting Center, Rochester, MN

Dates: September 18–19, 2025

Topics Include:

- Artificial Intelligence in Municipal Governance
- Data Practices
- Digital Government & Cybersecurity
- Writing, Advocacy, and Communication

State and Federal Funding Summit

Location: Thumper Pond Resort, Ottertail, MN

Date & Time: November 6, 2025 | 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Topics Include:

- Funding for Local Transportation
- Public Facilities Authority (Drinking Water & Wastewater Infrastructure)
- DEED Employment & Economic Development Funding
- Support for Local Housing
- USDA Rural Development
- Project Process & Collaboration with State and Federal Agencies

Council Meetings – Video Recording Proposal

Proposal to post recorded Council meetings on YouTube the morning following each session.

- Platform: Zoom (for recording), YouTube (for posting)

- Posting Schedule: Tuesday mornings following Council meetings
- Announcement: Mayor to announce recording at start of meeting
- Comments: Disabled on all videos

Employee Review

Deputy Clerk Nustad received a 3-month performance review and is performing at a fully successful level.

Grants

OSHA Safety Grant

Deadline: October 15, 2025

Purpose: Panic button for city office, security cameras for office and shop

Grant Type: 50/50 match, up to \$10,000

Vendors Contacted: Arvig and S&S Security Services

LCA Implementation Grant

Awarded Amount: \$21,500

Purpose: Energy improvements at Event Center, Fire Hall, and Municipal Building

Status: Work completed by Refine Homes; reimbursement paperwork to be submitted after the September Council meeting

WCI Solar Grant

Total Grant Approved: \$75,384.00

Battery Backup Grant: \$28,896.23 (covers full cost)

Website Form Update

Foundational work completed: domain names, database, login system, Stripe account

All forms will be live before the October Council meeting

Current Projects

- EDA/HRA: Daycare initiative
- Park: City Sales Tax
- Planning Commission: Ordinance book update for review and recommendation to Council

Council Recommendations

- Begin posting Council meetings on YouTube

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9. 2026 General Fund Budget

Files Attached

- WCI Letter.pdf
- 2026 Proposed Budget comparison.pdf

August 19, 2025

Dear Mayor, City Council Members, and Staff;

As you prepare your annual budgets for 2026, please consider a contribution to West Central Initiative. Many of you have given in past years and we are so grateful for your support. For those of you who fall into this category, we made a promise that we would not be asking for large increases in our ask this year.

Because we want to be true to our word, we are asking you for a slight increase. Many of you have heard us talking about 2026 being the 40th Anniversary Year of the Minnesota Initiatives, created by the McKnight Foundation back in 1986. In recognition of this milestone, you'll notice that (if you've given this past year) we're suggesting a \$40 increase, in the attached commitment form. We hope you agree with the significance of this "slight" increase.

For those who have not contributed recently you'll notice that, in the attached commitment form, there is no suggested dollar amount. In the spirit of generosity, we ask that you consider a gift of an amount in an increment of \$40 (\$40, \$80, \$120, \$160, etc.). We thank you in advance for this consideration and hope that because of your donation we can add you to our list of City donors. Wouldn't it be a celebration to have ALL of our Cities and Counties on that list?

Thank you in advance for your support and partnership with West Central Initiative and our shared enthusiasm for the part of Minnesota that we call home.

With Gratitude,



Rebecca Lynn Petersen, Director of Development and Philanthropic Services

*So excited
about your
Solar Project!
Rebecca*

August 11, 2025

City of Vergas
Julie Lammers
PO Box 32
Vergas, MN 56587-0032

Subject: West Central Initiative Request for Donation

Ms. Lammers:

Thank you to the Vergas council members, mayor, and city staff for considering our request for a donation to WCI to support our work in economic, community and workforce development in Vergas and the nine-county region we serve along with White Earth Nation. Please reach out to me at (218) 998-1612 with any questions about your contribution, this agreement, WCI's services and/or opportunities for us to partner on initiatives in your community. Please return this agreement at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,
Rebecca Lynn Petersen, Director of Development

For the calendar year 2026 \$_____ to WCI Annual Fund

WCI, please send invoice for payment on: _____/_____/ 2026

The City of Vergas understands that this document is not legally binding to the City but is a statement of charitable intentions and plans for West Central Initiative.

City of Vergas

Date

Anna Wasescha, President & CEO, West Central Initiative

Date

As on 9/17/2025 Receipts:

	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 2026 Budget</u>	
General Property Taxes (31001 through 31299)	290,165.00	161,286.41	302,378.00	
Total Acct 310	290,165.00	161,286.41	302,378.00	4.20%
10% Gambling Tax	7,000.00	1,769.79	7,000.00	
Total Acct 313	7,000.00	2,158.23	7,000.00	
LICENSES AND PERMITS	9,000.00	9,400.00	9,400.00	
Alcoholic Beverages	6,400.00	0.00	3,200.00	
Cannabis	0.00	50.00	500.00	
Non-Intoxicating Malt Liquor	500.00	0.00	250.00	
Set-Up License	200.00	375.00	375.00	
Cigarette Licenses	400.00	0.00	400.00	
Total Acct 321	16,500.00	9,825.00	14,125.00	
Conditional Use/Variance	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	
Building Permits (Excludes surcharge)	2,000.00	4,031.00	5,000.00	
Grade and Fill Permit	300.00	300.00	75.00	
GOLF CART PERMIT	140.00	160.00	160.00	
Camper Permit	0.00	50.00	100.00	
YARD WASTE PERMIT	17,000.00	18,321.00	18,300.00	
Animal Licenses	700.00	673.00	700.00	
Total Acct 322	20,140.00	24,267.00	24,335.00	
Federal Grants and Aids	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Acct 331	0.00	0.00	0.00	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	131.00	0.00	131.00	
Total Acct 332	131.00	0.00	131.00	
State Aids/Fire Relief	31,000.00	4,968.00	31,000.00	
Total Acct 333	31,000.00	4,968.00	31,000.00	
Local Government Aid	40,321.00	20,160.50	36,911.00	
Small Cities Assistance	11,270.00	3,991.50	13,258.00	
Total Acct 334	51,591.00	24,152.00	50,169.00	
County Grants and Aids for Highways	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	
Total Acct 336	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,200.00	206.14	1,200.00	
Letter Delivery Charge	0.00	210.00	0.00	
Total Acct 340	1,200.00	416.14	1,200.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	
Total Acct 342	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	
OTHER CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Acct 349	0.00	660.00	0.00	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	0.00	5,001.54	0.00	
Interest Earning	350.00	293.62	400.00	
Rent/Municipal Building	7,200.00	4,950.00	7,200.00	
RENT/EVENT CENTER	10,000.00	9,159.75	13,000.00	
Event Center/Keg Deposit/Lions	0.00	1,878.20	2000.00	
EVENT CENTER/SECURITY AND OTHER RELATED	1,000.00	165.00	1,000.00	
Contributions and Donations from Private Sources	2,000.00	0.00	500.00	
Contributions and Donations to Event Center	0.00	347.00	0.00	
Contributions and Donations to Parks	0.00	14.83	0.00	
Refunds and Reimbursements	0.00	14,675.58	0.00	
DIVIDENDs	1,356.00	59.78	1,356.00	
Total Acct 362	21,906.00	35,417.67	25,456.00	
Total Revenues	458,633.00	263,150.45	474,794.00	3.52%
Other Financing Sources:	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	
Total Acct 392	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	
Total Revenue and Financing Sources	488,633.00	263,150.45	504,794.00	

Disbursements:

	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 2026 Budget</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Operating Supplies (211 through 219)	1,300.00	0.00	4,600.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (301 through 319)	0.00	1,156.94	2000.00
Professional Services: Auditing and Accounting Services	2,150.00	2,225.00	2,225.00
Professional Services: Legal Fees	0.00	547.65	1000.00
Communications: Telephone	5,000.00	1,742.64	3,000.00
Transportation: Travel Expense	0.00	295.00	500.00
Dues	2,300.00	714.00	2,300.00
Printing and Binding (351 through 359)	5,000.00	472.12	4,000.00
Utility Services (381 through 389)	1,650.00	1,998.84	3,300.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - CONTRACTUAL	400.00	670.00	1,100.00
City Share/Assessments	800.00	820.00	800.00
Refund & Reimbursments	11,825.00	406.45	814.00
WAGES AND SALARIES (101 through 109)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wages and Salaries: Part-time Employees	0.00	1,479.36	2460.00
Employer Contributions for Retirement: FICA			
Contributions	8,000.00	2,296.43	7,880.00
Repair and Maintenance Supplies (221 through 229)	500.00	2730.23	500.00
Insurance (361 through 369)	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00
Capital Outlay: Office Equipment and Furnishings	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Capital Outlay: Improvements Other Than Buildings	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total Acct 410	48,425.00	17,554.66	45,979.00
Council/Town Board			
Operating Supplies (211 through 219)	100.00	0.00	100.00
WAGES AND SALARIES (101 through 109)	5,600.00	2,474.81	5,600.00
Wages and Salaries: Part-time Employees	0.00	1,134.95	1880.00
Employer Contributions for Retirement: FICA	2,100.00	715.04	2,100.00
Office	250.00	496.00	600.00
Supplies			
Transportation: Travel Expense	2,000.00	2,592.74	3,000.00
Insurance (361 through 369)	300.00	100.00	300.00
Total Acct 411	10,350.00	7,513.54	13,580.00
Mayor			
WAGES AND SALARIES (101 through 109)	1,200.00	683.43	1,200.00
Employer Contributions for Retirement: FICA	0	113.26	0
Office	0.00	124.00	200.00
Supplies			
Transportation (331 through 339)	0.00	594.78	600.00
Transportation: Travel Expense	1,000.00	732.80	1,000.00
Dues	30.00	30.00	30.00
Miscellaneous (431 through 499)	100.00	0.00	100.00
Employer Contributions for Retirement: PERA	200.00	0.00	200.00
Total Acct 413	2,530.00	2,278.27	3,330.00
Clerk			
Worker's Compensation (151 through 159)	300	0	300
WAGES AND SALARIES (101 through 109)	21,245.00	28,880.00	31,245.00
Wages and Salaries: Part-time Employees	0.00	2,407.06	6000.00
Employer Contributions for Retirement: FICA Contributions)	10,000.00	9,476.42	10,000.00
Employer Paid Insurance: Health	4,400.00	2,941.14	4,500.00
Communications: Telephone	250.00	200.00	250.00
Transportation (331 through 339)	0.00	20.00	0.00
Transportation: Travel Expense	1,500.00	954.76	1,500.00
Dues	0.00	165.00	165.00
Insurance (361 through 369)	0.00	205.00	205.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - CONTRACTUAL	0.00	162.28	200.00

	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 2026 Budget</u>
Capital Outlay	0.00	480.72	500.00
Refund & Reimbursements	0.00	612.34	0.00
Total Acct 414	37,695.00	46,504.72	54,865.00
City/Town Attorney			
Professional Services: Legal Fees	3,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Total Acct 416	3,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Planning and Zoning			
OFFICE SUPPLIES (201 through 209)	0.00	1,035.00	300.00
Operating Supplies (211 through 219)	3,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Refund & Reimbursements	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
Total Acct 419	12,000.00	1,035.00	10,300.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Operating Supplies (211 through 219)	0.00	44.62	50.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (301 through 319)	0.00	545.58	600.00
Transportation: Travel Expense	0.00	67.19	70.00
Refund & Reimbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Acct 420	0.00	657.39	720.00
Fire Administration			
Refunds and Reimbursements	16,600.00	12242.88	16,600.00
V-CDH Maintenance	15,200.00	7529.66	15,200.00
Total Acct 422	31,800.00	19,772.54	31,800.00
City Shop			
Repair and Maintenance Supplies (221 through 229)	200.00	0.00	200.00
Insurance (361 through 369)	1,157.00	0.00	1,157.00
City Share/Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Outlay: Improvements Other Than Buildings	500.00	0.00	500.00
Operating Supplies (211 through 219)	300.00	267.96	300.00
Small Tools and Minor Equipment	1,000.00	301.21	1,000.00
Communications: Telephone	975.00	557.92	975.00
Utility Services (381 through 389)	5,500.00	2,575.80	5,500.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - CONTRACTUAL (401 through 409)	350	156.3	1000 garage door
Total Acct 430	9,982.00	4,430.15	10,632.00
Highways, Streets & Roadways			
Dust Gaurd	2,500.00	3351.04	3,500.00
WAGES AND SALARIES (101 through 109)	29,125.00	22,585.22	29,855.00
Employer Contributions for Retirement: FICA Contributions	16,000.00	10,700.44	17,000.00
Employer Paid Insurance: Health	4,500.00	2,209.29	4,500.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES (201 through 209)	400.00	485.50	500.00
Operating Supplies (211 through 219)	9,000.00	5,618.66	8,000.00
Repair and Maintenance Supplies (221 through 229)	3,600.00	376.84	3,600.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (301 through 319)	0.00	1,983.00	0.00
Professional Services: Engineering Fees	28,000.00	20,930.12	28,000.00
Communications: Telephone	375.00	250.00	375.00
Transportation: Travel Expense	0.00	20.00	0.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - CONTRACTUAL (401 through 409)	7,000.00	7,876.30	8,000.00 gravel, tractor tires
Transportation (331 through 339)	20.00	0.00	20.00
Worker's Compensation (151 through 159)	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
Small Tools and Minor Equipment	600.00	0.00	600.00
Clothing Allowance	350.00	0.00	350.00 jackets
Insurance (361 through 369)	7,400.00	0.00	7,400.00
Seal Coating Roads	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00

	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 2026 Budget</u>	
Capital Outlay: Improvements Streets	32,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	W Lake St
Capital Outlay: Other Equipment	7,500.00	0.00	20,000.00	snow plow
Sidewalk				
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - CONTRACTUAL (401	500.00	0.00	500.00	
Capital Outlay Buildings and Structures	0.00	9,500.00	500.00	
Ice and Snow Removal				
Operating Supplies (211 through 219)	0.00	1,516.78	1500.00	
Rentals: Other Equipment	750.00	0.00	750.00	
Operating Supplies: Lubricants and Additives	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	
Capital Outlay: Improvements Other Than Buildings	500.00	0.00	0.00	
Yard Waste				
OFFICE SUPPLIES (201 through 209)	400.00	0.00	400.00	
Repair and Maintenance Supplies (221 through 229)	2,000.00	0.00	2,500.00	Gravel and Grading
Printing and Binding (351 through 359)	400.00	0.00	400.00	
Capital Outlay: Improvements Other Than Buildings	1,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	Brick Boarders, Loader, skidsteer
WAGES AND SALARIES (101 through 109)	8,420.00	3,054.67	5,400.00	
Wages and Salaries: Part-time Employees	0.00	1021.81	0.00	
Employer Contributions for Retirement: FICA Contributions	5,000.00	2,055.57	5,000.00	
Operating Supplies (211 through 219)	0.00	473.11	0.00	
Utility Services (381 through 389)	200.00	103.72	200.00	
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - CONTRACTUAL (401 through 409)	0	750.00	2250	3 Fire Calls
City Share/Assessments	416.00	442.00	416.00	
Refunds& Reimbursements	0.00	65.00	0.00	
Street Lighting				
Utility Services (381 through 389)	9,000.00	5,014.10	12,000.00	
Total Acct 431	187,356.00	99,633.17	191,916.00	
EVENT CENTER				
WAGES AND SALARIES (101 through 109)	0.00	101.89	0.00	
Wages and Salaries: Part-time Employees	8,000.00	1,172.30	4,940.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES (201 through 209)	100.00	376.80	500.00	
Operating Supplies (211 through 219)	3,000.00	2,110.36	3,165.00	
Repair and Maintenance Supplies (221 through 229)	2,000.00	150.07	2,000.00	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (301 through 319)	2,500.00	1,301.07	2,231.00	
Communications: Telephone	2,110.00	1,050.53	1,800.00	
Advertising (340 through 349)	4,000.00	1,676.50	2,000.00	
Licenses/Permits	0.00	25.00	25.00	
Utility Services (381 through 389)	8,200.00	4,023.10	4,400.00	
Utility Services: Refuse Disposal	1,600.00	884.11	1,600.00	
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - CONTRACTUAL (401	3,000.00	2,821.83	4,570.00	
City Share/Assessments	800.00	340.00	680.00	
Refunds and Reimbursements	0.00	828.20	0.00	
Insurance (361 through 369)	4,000.00	0.00	1,500.00	
Capital Outlay: Improvements Other Than Buildings	5,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
Employer Contributions for Retirement: PERA	1,600.00	446.92	1,976.00	
Total Acct 451	45,910.00	17,308.68	41,387.00	
Parks				
Worker's Compensation (151 through 159)	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	

	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 2026 Budget</u>	
Clothing Allowance	100.00	0.00	100.00	t-shirts, waders
Insurance (361 through 369)	3,000.00	0.00	3,300.00	
Capital Outlay: Improvements Other Than Buildings	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	Lawn Mower
Professional Services: Engineering Fees	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	
Ball Field	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	
WAGES AND SALARIES (101 through 109)	29,000.00	14,806.13	25,000.00	
Other Pay (111 through 119)	0.00	1,440.00	0.00	
Employer Contributions for Retirement: FICA Contributions	12,840.00	6,695.83	9,840.00	
Employer Paid Insurance: Health	4,200.00	2,125.57	3,900.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES (201 through 209)	350.00	485.50	350.00	
Operating Supplies (211 through 219)	7,000.00	2,526.08	3,500.00	wood chips
Repair and Maintenance Supplies (221 through 229)	2,000.00	118.74	1,500.00	
Communications: Telephone	375.00	250.00	375.00	
Transportation: Travel Expense	20.00	20.00	20.00	
Licenses/Permits	360.00	35.00	360.00	
Utility Services (381 through 389)	4,000.00	2,406.47	4,000.00	
Utility Services: Refuse Disposal	3,500.00	2,469.98	4,200.00	
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - CONTRACTUAL (401	3,000.00	1,844.91	3,000.00	
City Share/Assessments	700.00	400.21	700.00	
Refund & Reimbursements	240.00	23.74	240.00	
Total Acct 452	94,585.00	35,648.16	84,285.00	
Economic Development and Assistance				
Interfund Transfers	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	CEDA Rep \$5,000, donation \$5,000
Total Acct 465	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Total Disbursements	488,633.00	308,841.00	504,794.00	
Beginning Cash Balance		(35,888.57)		
Total Receipts and Other Financing Sources		379,760.02		
Total Disbursements and Other Financing Uses		252,923.08		
Cash Balance as of 12/31/2025		90,948.37		

City Council
2025 September Council Meeting
Vergas Event Center & Zoom Id number 267-094-2170 password 56587
6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 16, 2025

10. Information & Announcements

Trainings:

- A. Clerks Advanced Academy- September 18-19, 2025 (Lammers) Rochester

Events:

- BackRoads Art Crawl - September 20, 2025
- Hairyman Festival - September 27, 2025
- Holiday Tour of Homes - November 22, 2025
- Small Town Christmas - November 29, 2025