CITY OF VERGAS COUNCIL MINUTES VERGAS EVENTS CENTER & ZOOM Monday, May 21, 2025

The City Council of Vergas and Frazee met at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at the Frazee Event Center with the following members present: Mayor Mike Sharp, Council Members: Jim Rader, Andrea Froeber, Mark Kemper, Andre Daggett, Paul Pinke, James Stenger, and Dean Haarstick: Absent: Mayor Dwight Lundgren and Council Members: Bruce Albright. Also present: Vergas Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers and Frazee City Administrator Stephanie Poegel, and Editor Bob Williams of the Frazee-Vergas Forum.

Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves, stating how long they had been with the city.

Purpose of Meeting

As Frazee and Vergas are sister cities, it may be beneficial for both cities to have an open discussion on what could benefit both communities.

Collaboration of Cities

Discussed nuisance properties, selling lots, and different funding opportunities that each city has worked with.

Discussed the bike and walking trail from Frazee to Vergas. Discussed having a committee to proceed with the trail. The committee would consist of members from Otter Tail County, Becker County, the City of Vergas, and the City of Frazee. Lammers will contact Kevin Fellbaum, Otter Tail County, and Poegel will contact Becker County regarding their position on the trail.

Set a schedule for the Meeting

Discussed having the Council approve a meeting once a year to discuss benefits for each community.

Adjournment

Adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Vergas Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers, CMC

<u>Council Action</u> Decide on the annual meeting with Frazee Decide on involvement with the trail committee.