



### July Mayors Message

On June 13<sup>th</sup> a public hearing was held regarding the update of two city ordinances; Gravel Pit and Open Burning. The Gravel Pit ordinance (151.70) namely had update in language and deletion of not applicable content. The hours of operation remain 7am-7pm Monday thru Saturday and the operation requirements are unchanged related to noise, dust and road conditions. The Open Burning ordinance (92.00) there was an addition to provide the city office a copy of the DNR burning permit prior to said burn. The ordinance has a list of what can and cannot be openly burned. Full details of both ordinances are available on the city website or contact the City Office with questions.

A radar speed sign has been placed by the Loon Park on Hwy 4 coming into the city. The sign was provided by Otter Tail County following results from the speed study conducted last summer. This area is especially concerning with the park and the number of kids in the area. The hope is to add additional signs to the community in areas where concerns have also been raised. There has been an increase in concerns related to traffic and kids on bikes or running on streets. Please be alert!

Another concern that has been raised to the city this summer is keeping lawns mowed and trimmed; as thistle and other noxious weed move into neighboring property and impacts the appearance of the neighborhood. City Ordinance (92.38) notes property owners are responsible for trimming, removal, cutting, or disposal and elimination of weeds, grasses, rank vegetation or uncontrolled plant growth on their property that is in excess of 12 inches in height.

Have a Safe Summer!



Where all the profits, profit Vergas

*The Vergas Liquor Store*

218-302-1516

MON-THU 9am- 9 pm  
 FRI-SAT 9am-9:55pm  
 SUN 11am – 5pm  
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**Hard Mountain Dew**  
 or  
**Hard Lipton**  
**12pk - \$17.99**  
**24 oz Can \$3.49**



### 2023 CITY MEETINGS

To access Hybrid Meetings  
**Via Zoom: Meeting ID:**  
**267 094 2170**  
**Password 56587**  
 or Attend In Person  
**@ VEC Smart Room**

Changes in our meetings  
 to be posted on the  
 City of Vergas website  
[www.cityofvergas.com](http://www.cityofvergas.com)

And Vergas Event Center sign

**Vergas City Council Meeting:**  
**Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center  
 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)  
 (If you would like to be on the agenda,  
 please have information to City Clerk by the  
 Wed. before mtg.)

**Planning Commission Mtg:**  
**Monday – July 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center  
 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month)

**Park Board Meeting:**  
**Thursday – July 27<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room  
 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)

**EDA/HRA Meeting:**  
**Tuesday– August 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room  
 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month)

**Vergas Event Center Advisory Board:**  
**Wednesday–August 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room  
 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month)

The following Ordinances have been adopted by the  
 City of Vergas Council.

#### Ordinance No. 2023-004

#### **CHAPTER 151 – Excavation, Mining and Gravel Pits.**

A printed copy of the ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the office of the City Clerk, 111 Main St, Vergas, Minnesota or on the website, [www.cityofvergas.com](http://www.cityofvergas.com).

#### Ordinance No. 2023-005

#### **CHAPTER 92 – Open Burning.**

A printed copy of the ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the office of the City Clerk, 111 Main St, Vergas, Minnesota or on the website, [www.cityofvergas.com](http://www.cityofvergas.com).

Both Ordinances passed and were adopted on the 13th day of June, 2023.

## The City of Vergas has developed a new position at the Vergas Event Center.

The Event Center Coordinator position summary is the following: Oversees and administers the day-to-day operations of the Event Center in such a manner to maximize profits within the limits of City policy and applicable government regulations as well as assist City staff with development and implementation of programs and services to retain and attract business and residents. Responsibilities include but are not limited to communications and marketing of the Event Center, maintaining inventory, budgeting, and upholding a positive and effective atmosphere.

Please welcome Jezmae Burkett as the new Event Center Coordinator. If you would like to rent or visit the event center, please contact her by calling, texting or emailing at the following:

Cell: 218-850-0594

City Office: 218-32-5996 Option 2

Email: [eventcenter@cityofvergas.com](mailto:eventcenter@cityofvergas.com)

*Welcome Jezmae!*



### Proper Disposal of Fats, Oils and Grease

Fats, oils and grease  
(also known as F.O.G.)  
for pipes as they are for our  
arteries and waistlines.

F.O.G. clogs sewer pipes  
and causes blockages that result in  
costly sewer backups and overflows.

These sewer backups and overflows can cause health hazards, damage home interiors and threaten the environment.

Most of us know grease as the byproduct of cooking. Grease is found in such things as:

Meat fats, Cooking oil, Shortening, Butter and margarine,  
Food scraps, Sauces, Dairy products, Baking goods.

Too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes both on your property and in the streets. Over time, the grease can build up and block the entire pipe. Home garbage disposals do not keep F.O.G. out of the plumbing system. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent F.O.G from going down the drain.

## 2023 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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to be posted on the  
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and on the

Vergas Event Center sign

### Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday - July 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

Long Lake Beach Park  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

### Vergas Arts Club

Thursday - July 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar & Grill

### Community Club Meeting:

**JULY-AUG. COMBO MTG**

Monday - July 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

Vergas State Bank/ Lower Level

### 2023 Save the Dates...

North Stars Water Ski Show  
July 14 & 28 @ 7 pm

Looney Days - Aug. 11-13

North Stars Water Ski Show  
August 12 & 13 @ 5 pm

Hairyman Festival  
Sept. 30

CDH-Vergas  
Fire & Rescue Fundraiser  
- Oct. 14-

Wine Walk - Oct. 21

Pumpkins on Main  
Oct. 28 - 30

Halloween Party  
Oct. 31

Holiday Tour of Homes  
Nov. 18

Small Town Christmas  
Nov. 25