



December Mayors Message

As we enter the close of the year, the Council reviewed and took some beginning steps for funding opportunities into the next year that will maintain and improve the community

The City is applying for a Local Road Improvement Project (LRIP) through Otter Tail County to improve the conditions on West Lake Street. This is a street off Hwy 17 that runs up to the new Lawrence Lake Addition. The road is narrow, with no shoulders, and has steep ditches. It represents a number of safety concerns for those using the road and the increasing traffic.

The City is also making a request to the Minnesota Legislature to consider a local retail sales tax of 0.5% to make Long Lake Park improvements. Priority being the restroom facility. A park improvement plan was developed in 2023 with a 1.2 million dollar price tag if the whole plan were executed. The park is important to Vergas environmentally and economically. Applying a local sales tax would provide an opportunity of funding from all who visit Vergas and use our park facilities, versus relying on local resident funding. Of course, this would not proceed without a vote from the residents. If approved by the State Legislature, it would be on the 2026 November election ballot.

Lastly, the City is filing an intent to apply for the Transportation Alternatives Grant that is consistent with the City of Vergas Trail Feasibility Study that was developed in 2023. There were 2 primary trail connections outlined in the plan. The Maplewood park connection was completed with the work on County Road 35 this past summer. The other trail connection is connecting Vergas to Frazee by extension to the Heartland Trail. Filing an intent does not commit Vergas to complete a full application, but it provides time to consider options and receive feedback from MnDot.

Always appreciate thoughts and feedback on the work of the City Council in meeting the needs and vision for Vergas.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season!



Where all the profits, profit Vergas

The Vergas Liquor Store

Twisted Tea Rocket Pop 6 pack bottles, now only \$4.99!



The Vergas EDA would like to share with you:

Attention Vergas Businesses & Nonprofits!

Exciting news—West Central Initiative is working with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to distribute PROMISE Act Grants to help small businesses and nonprofits in our area.

What are PROMISE Act Grants?
Grants created by the MN Legislature to help organizations that did not receive pandemic relief grants. Over \$1.15 million will be distributed in West Central Minnesota for 2026.

How can you use the grant?
Payroll
Rent or mortgage
Utilities
Equipment
Other business expenses

Important Dates: Apply between December 1 and January 15 (by 4:30 p.m.)

All applicants will be notified by February 27, 2026

How to apply:
Log in or create an account on SurveyMonkey Apply.

Do you want a second set of eyes on your application?

Contact Vergas CEDA Rep Jordan Grossman at 701-219-3718 or jordan.grossman@cedausa.com

Don't miss this great chance to get support for your business or nonprofit!
Link: [Promise Act Grants - wcif.org](https://www.promiseactgrants-wcif.org)

2025 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

And Vergas Event Center sign

Vergas Event Center

Advisory Board:

Tuesday – December 9th 4:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(4th Tuesday of the month, unless

noted otherwise)

Vergas City Council Meeting:

Tuesday – December 16th 6:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(3rd Tuesday of the month)

(If you would like to be on the agenda, please have information to City Clerk by the Tuesday. before mtg.)

2026 Park Board Meeting:

Thursday – January 8th 3:00 p.m.

Vergas Government Services Center-

(2nd Thursday of the month)

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR!



2026 LICENSES

Cat License, Dog License, Chicken License, Yard Waste Permits and Golf Cart Permits are now conveniently available to purchase on our website! Visit www.cityofvergas.com and under the "City" tab you will find "City of Vergas Fee Schedule" and you can purchase them there!

You can also get licenses at the City Office during business hours or the Liquor Store.

\$30 Letter delivery fee after 3/31/2026

RECORD OF VACCINATIONS REQUIRED

Winter City Office Hours

Monday- Thursday
10 am -4 pm

Friday CLOSED

The City Office will be
closed:

THURSDAY 12/25/25

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THURSDAY 01/01/25

2025

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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Vergas Event Center sign

Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday – December 9th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Arts Club

Thursday – December 11th 2:00p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar

(2nd Thursday of the month)

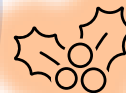
2026 Community Club

Meeting:

Monday – January 5th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(1st Monday of the month)



"71.04 DECLARATION OF SNOW EMERGENCY; PARKING PROHIBITED

(A) The Mayor or other designated official may declare a snow emergency in the city. The emergency shall continue in effect for a period of 24 hours or until the snow has been removed from the city's streets or until the snow emergency has been rescinded by action of the Mayor, Police Chief or other designated officer.

(B) Notice of the declaration of a snow emergency shall be given by notifying the local news media; however, the notification shall be a service aid only and not a duty on the part of the officials.

(C) During a declared snow emergency or enough snow has accumulated to plow, no motor vehicle shall be left parked on any street or public way in the city until the declared emergency is canceled or, if no emergency is declared, until the street is cleared on both sides of accumulated snow.

(D) During a declared snow emergency, any city employee, who finds a motor vehicle in violation of this section shall attempt to contact the owner of the motor vehicle and require the owner to immediately move the motor vehicle so as not to be in violation of this section. If the owner does not immediately remove the motor vehicle or the owner cannot be located, the utility maintenance employees are authorized to have the motor vehicle removed at the owner's expense.

Penalty, see '10.99

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO
HOLD YOUR CHRISTMAS
PARTY?

CALL OR TEXT THE VERGAS
EVENT CENTER TODAY!

218-850-0594

