



September Mayors Message

On July 30th an informational meeting was held with the County Commissioners and the Cities and Townships impacted by Ringdahl Ambulance Service. It is Ringdahl's intention to not renew the license for emergency medical services for our area. Current license would expire March 2027.

Discussed a county option to ensure ambulance response services and the provision of advanced emergency medical care that is not provided by local fire and rescue teams. Emergency Medical Services is a complicated topic as it's critical to communities but is not deemed an essential or mandated service.

Proposed was the development of Subordinate Service District (SSD) using current service boundaries. The same standard would be met in terms of ambulance service within 25 miles and response in 30 minutes. An SSD would allow the county to levy financial support to maintain emergency medical services. The SSD process would entail a request for proposals (RFP) process where bids from ambulance services in the area would be accepted, reviewed and one selected and licensed to provide coverage.

County funding would be through a base fee via a tax levy for property households and other property where people could need medical response services as apartments and business sites. Would not include vacant land parcels as agricultural.

A property tax or service charge would be determined in 2027 and levied in 2028.

A Public Informational Session will be held on Monday, October 5th at 6:30pm, at the Pelican Rapids High School. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 12th at 6:30pm. At the Pelican Rapids High School. Watch for a postcard that is being sent out to all Otter Tail County property parcels noting these important dates. Your input is critical to ensure emergency medical services are maintained and meet our community needs!

Help Shape the Future of Vergas!

The City of Vergas is seeking volunteers to serve on important community boards:

⚡ Energy & Resilience Board

Assist with initiatives that support sustainability, energy efficiency, and community resilience planning.

If you're passionate about our community and would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you! Contact the City Office at 218-302-5996 for more information about these volunteer opportunities.



Where all the profits, profit Vergas

The Vergas Liquor Store

🍷 Uncork Some Savings!

The Vergas Liquor Store is currently offering special savings on select wines. Be sure to stop in and browse our selection while the sale lasts. We look forward to seeing you!



Notice of Sewer Rate Increase

The Vergas City Council has approved an increase to the sewer usage rate. Effective September 1, 2026, the sewer usage rate will increase by \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons, resulting in a new rate of \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Donate Online:



Please select Growing Up Vergas in the project drop down menu

2026 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

Park Board Meeting:

NO SEPTEMBER MEETING

Vergas Government Services Center-
(2nd Thursday of the month)

Vergas City Council Meeting:

Tuesday – September 8th, 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.)

Energy & Resiliency Advisory Board:

Thursday – September 17th, 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center Meeting Room –
(3rd Thursday of the month)

Planning Commission Mtg:

Monday – September 28th, 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Government Services Center
(4th Monday of the month)

EDA/HRA Meeting:

Wednesday– October 7th, 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Government Services Center-
(1st Wednesday of the month)

Growing Up Vergas

Vergas is working to create a new childcare facility serving up to 24 children—supporting families, strengthening our workforce, and growing our community for the future.

Construction is planned for 2026, with a goal of opening in 2027—but first we need your help to reach our fundraising goal.

CITY OF VERGAS
OTTER TAIL COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vergas Council, City of Vergas of Otter Tail County, Minnesota (the "City"), will hold a public hearing, at **6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 8, 2026**, to be held at the **Vergas Event Center, 140 W Linden Vergas, Minnesota**, to consider a tax abatement requests from the following named applicants pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995.

Applicants	Parcel Number	Estimated amount of taxes to be abated
Hunter Ditterich	82000990243000	\$ 5,000.00
Colton Ditterich	82000990250000	\$ 5,000.00

The total amount of taxes proposed to be abated by the City on the above-described property for a period not to exceed five (5) years is to be not more than \$5,000.

A person with residence in or the owner of taxable property in the granting jurisdiction may file a written complaint with the City if the City fails to comply with Sections 116J.993 to 116J.995, and no action may be filed against the City for the failure to comply unless a written complaint is filed.

All interested parties are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to ask questions and to provide public input and/or comments. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you are invited to submit your comments in writing to the City Clerk-Treasurer prior to the scheduled hearing. Written comments and questions will be addressed at the hearing and a written response will be provided by the city. Non-English-speaking residents and other persons with special needs who plan to attend the hearing are asked to contact City Hall (218) 302-5996 prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made to address any specific requirements.

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Property Address: 130 E. Elm Street

Parcel Number: 82000990046000

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment and testimony regarding the proposed abatement of conditions deemed a public nuisance pursuant to applicable city ordinances and Minnesota Statutes.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events in 2026 – Stay Tuned for Updates!

Story Book Trail Open: May 16th-October 31st (Scenic Long lake Trail)

Back Roads Art Crawl -September 19th

Hairyman Festival - September 26th

Wine Walk – October 17th

Small Town Christmas – November 28th

We're excited to share the events planned for 2026! Some dates and times are still being finalized, and additional activities may be added throughout the year.

2026 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday – September 8th, 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Arts Club:

Thursday – September 10th, 2:00 p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar

(2nd Thursday of the month)

Community Club Meeting:

Monday – September 14th, 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(1st Monday of the month, unless noted otherwise)

City Office Hours

Monday- Thursday

10 am-4 pm

Fridays CLOSED

THE CITY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 7TH & 10TH

Or by appointment only call

218-302-5996

Community Resilience & Sustainability Fair

Saturday, October 10, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

140 W. Linden Street, Vergas

Join us as we explore practical solutions, connect with local experts, and work together to help build a stronger, more resilient community. We hope to see you there!

