

**CITY OF VERGAS  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
VERGAS EVENTS CENTER  
6:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 9, 2019**

(Reminder the Frazee-Vergas Forum is recording this meeting and all information discussed is public information)

Additions or Deletion to Agenda

Council Resignation

Council Minutes of the April 11, 2019

Financial Report

- a. Bills Paid Between Council and Council Bills
- b. Liquor Store Bills for April 2019
- c. Late Water/Sewer bills

Planning Commission Report

Bennett Road

Construction Permits

- a. 1210 Frazee Ave E-addition
- b. 103 Park View Dr – 12x24 lean-to on existing pole building
- c. 240 W Linden St – siding and windows and 12x16 shed
- d. 330 S Pelican Ave – steel roof
- e. 818 E Scharf Ave – water oriented accessory structure
- f. 301 Lake St W – concrete existing building

2019 Street Bonding

Security Camera Access Policy

CDH-Vergas Fire Board Funds Request

Vergas Long Lake Trail Report

Utilities Superintendent Report

Water Bill Removal

Mayors Minute

**Information**

League of MN Cities Annual Conference June 26-28, 2019 (Mayor Haarstick and Lammers) Duluth  
Hazardous Waste Day July 12, 2019 (volunteers needed)

**CITY OF VERGAS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, May 9, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of Vergas met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019 in Council Chambers, Event Center with the following members present: Mayor Dean Haarstick, Council Members Julie Bruhn and Logan Dahlgren. Absent: Terri Smith and Sandee Stall. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers, Jessica Green, Barbie Porter of the Frazee-Vergas Forum, Lynnae Salveson, Shane Poss, and Steve Peloquin of Peloquin Law Firm.

Mayor Dean Haarstick called the meeting to order.

Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Dahlgren to accept agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Green of Northland Securities presented bond documentation for the General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2019A needed for the street project in the amount of \$985,000.00. Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Dahlgren to accept Resolution 2019-06 (a complete text of the amendment is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's office) regarding General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2019A. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Dahlgren to accept the resignation of Sandee Stall. Motion passed unanimously. Council requested Lammers to post on web page, put ad in Frazee-Forum, put signs up on bulletin boards and put on electronic sign board. Council will accept application for the next month and appoint a new Council member at the June meeting.

Motion was made by Dahlgren, seconded by Bruhn to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Bruhn, seconded by Dahlgren to approve City bills totaling \$22,375.13 and Liquor Store bills totaling \$50,663.65. Motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed late water/sewer bills.

Bruhn reviewed planning commission report. Discussed nuisance property at 350 Pelican Avenue which has been given letters requesting them to clean up their yard and have not seen satisfactory results. Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Dahlgren to accept an Resolution 2019-07 (a complete text of the amendment is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's office) adopting an order of abatement for 350 Pelican Avenue giving them 30 days to clean up the yard, remove garbage consisting of wood pallets, hot tub, beer cans, paper, garbage bags, both interior and exterior liter and removing the unlicensed vehicles and 60 days to repair garage door, windows, repair siding and repair or remove the shed. Motion passed unanimously.

DuFrane stated the Bennett Road and the road has been graveled and graded. Shane Poss reviewed the repairs done on Bennett Road and the final step of putting gravel into a hole you need to put it about 3 inches higher than the road. DuFrane stated that as soon as road restrictions are off he will bring more gravel out to Bennett Road and pack down the road. Haarstick and DuFrane thanked Poss for coming.

Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Dahlgren to accept the following construction permits 1210 Frazee Ave E for an addition, 103 Park View Drive for a 12x24 lean-to, 240 W Linden St for a siding and windows and 12x16 shed, 330 S Pelican Ave for a steel roof and for 301 Lake St W for concrete existing building and a public hearing for a variance for 818 E Scharf Ave the water oriented accessory structure to be held Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Motion passed unanimously. Discussed the property 431 W Lake Street that has failed to get a grade and fill permit. Peloquin Law Firm will send letter to them to cease and assist until permit is purchased.

Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Dahlgren to approve the security camera access policy. Motion passed unanimously.

Bruhn reviewed CDH-Vergas Fire board request for funds to paint and put flooring in the bathrooms at the firehall. Cost would be no more the \$1,100 to the City. Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Dahlgren to provide up to \$1,100 to the Fire department from the 10% gambling fund for repairs to the building. Motion passed unanimously. \*Correction from the June 13, 2019 minutes the request is to paint and put flooring in the training room and the bathrooms at the firehall.

Lammers reviewed Long Lake trail report. Hairyman event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 5, 2019. We currently have scheduled a contest to name the hairyman and one to take a selfie with the hairyman on the visitingvergas face book page.

Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane reviewed his departments.

Parks: DNR has help put in the pier.

Bathrooms will be open in the park when we no longer need to be concerned with freezing temperatures.

It is to wet to move picnic tables.

Vandalism at ballfield caused locks to need replacing and door has hits on it.

Streets: The roads have been graded.

Requested thank you letters be sent to people and businesses who allowed city to store snow on their property. Richard McGrady, Carl Hoffman, Paul's Insulation, Olson Oil, Goodman's, Cenex and Kading's Farm & Home.

Water and Sewer: There are 4 hydrants left to be flushed.

Bruhn requested information regarding the water meter system. DuFrane stated putting in the meters has starting to take off. He has put in 5 meters that are reading and three more that will be ready as soon as he can confirm with the meter reading programmers on how the system works.

Received a request for removal of service fees at 831 Scharf Ave. Council discussed, and no action was taken regarding removing the service fees.

Haarstick discussed Mayors meeting, Amy Baldwin of Otter Tail County Community Development spoke at the meeting and reviewed different things happening around the County. Discussed changing the meeting day for Council meetings.

The business for which the meeting was called having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer  
Julie Lammers, CMC