



**Mayor Message**

Vergas recently had a comprehensive street condition survey completed. The survey will be valuable in establishing a pavement management system to guide future street planning and budget. Overall, Vergas has 6.3 miles of local street. 2.7 miles of this is gravel. Otter Tail County has approximately 3.5 miles of highway in Vergas. The survey entailed assessing paved streets by length and condition and based on condition the projected cost to get streets to a level 1 condition.

Condition	Street length/% of city streets	Improvement Cost
1 Nearly New	1.16 miles (18%)	\$52,811.00
2 Thin overlay	1.32 miles (21%)	\$319,317.00
3 Major overlay	0.07 miles (1%)	\$23,798.00
4 Reclaim	0.99 miles (16%)	\$630,903.00

\*2.77 miles of gravel not included in this  
 Total cost to improve city streets, based on current condition, is \$1,026,829.00. The survey provided recommendations to not focus on worst first. A more cost-effective approach is to focus on level 2 & 3.  
 The City Planning Commission will be further reviewing the survey information and will be developing a street improvement plan.  
 With the start of a new year, the Annual Mayor State of the City Address was given at the January City Council meeting. Highlighted was the important work that has been accomplished to position Vergas for the future by creating a future oriented vision to align with continued success. The full Address is available on the city website [www.cityofvergas/city-officials](http://www.cityofvergas/city-officials).



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**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 on the Vergas Event Center sign

**Vergas City Council Meeting:**

Tuesday – Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Please Note: CDH - Vergas Fire Hall  
 No Zoom

(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 – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

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

**Park Board Meeting:**

Thursday – Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 p.m.

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

**Vergas Event Center Advisory Board**

Tuesday – Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room  
 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month: May – Sept.)  
 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of months: Mar., Apr., Oct. – Dec.)

**EDA/HRA Meeting:**

Tuesday– Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.

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

**The Vergas Event Center**  
 Will be closed Feb. 7 - 17 for  
 New Flooring Installation

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**The Following Ordinances passed by the Vegas City Council January 10, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-001**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VERGAS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CHAPTER 71.04 OF THE VERGAS CITY CODE DECLARATION OF SNOW EMERGENCY; PARKING PROHIBITED.**

**Section 1: Purpose:**

The City Council of the City of Vergas, Minnesota finds that it needs to update the declaration of snow emergency; parking prohibited.

**Section 2: Adoption**

NOW BE IT ORDANINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERGAS that the follow subsections of 71.04 of the Vergas City Code are hereby amended to read:

- (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.

**Section 3: Effective Date**

This ordinance shall become effective following its passage and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

**Section 4: Penalty**

See section 92.99

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-002**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VERGAS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CHAPRTER 72.03-72.07 OF THE VERGAS CITY CODE SNOWMOBILES.**

**Section 1: Purpose:**

The City Council of the City of Vergas, Minnesota finds that it needs to update the declaration snowmobiles.

**Section 2: Adoption**

NOW BE IT ORDANINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERGAS that the follow subsections of 72.03-72.07 of the Vergas City Code are hereby amended to read:

- A. Designated routes. Travel by snowmobile shall be permitted on designated trails along the following routes.
  - 1. From County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 17 on the west side of right-of-way to the business district on 1<sup>st</sup> street and or East Lake Street to Railway Avenue to CSAH 60.
  - 2. From CSAH 4 to Linden Avenue to Railway Avenue to CSAH 60.
  - 3. From Old Detroit Rd to CSAH 60.
- B. Direct access and use. All snowmobiles operating within city limits shall use as direct route to access the designated routes. Designated routes are intended to be means of ingress, egress and movement of snowmobiles to and from adjoining snowmobile trail systems and not as a primary trail for other snowmobile riding.
- C. License requirement. All snowmobiles operating within city limits shall be properly licensed and authorized for use in accordance with Minnesota Statues.
- D. Qualifications of operators. All persons operating a snowmobile within city limits shall be properly licensed and authorized in accordance with state statue.
- E. Easement required. Snowmobile clubs shall obtain proper easements for all designated routes which travel upon or cross private property.

**Section 3: Effective Date**

This ordinance shall become effective following its passage and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

**Section 4: Penalty**

See section 92.99

**The City Office will be closed Mon., Feb. 20, 2023  
In observance of President's Day**

**2023**

**COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**Changes in our meetings to be posted on the City of Vergas website**

**[www.cityofvergas.com](http://www.cityofvergas.com)**

**and on the**

**Vergas Event Center sign**

**Vergas Lions Club:**

**Tuesday – Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30 p.m.**

**NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

Vergas Event Center  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

**Gun Raffle VEC Fundraiser  
Saturday -Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.Drawing-5:00 p.m.**

Billy's Bar & Grill

Buy Tickets: Liquor Store, Billy's, VEC Board Members, Vergas 66, Cenex Ditterich's Mercantile

**Community Club Meeting:**

**Monday – Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.**

Vergas State Bank/ Lower Level  
(1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month)

**2023 Save the Dates...**

- Maple Syrup Fest - Apr. 1
- Chmielewski Polka Dance - Apr. 16
- Seltzer Stroll - May 2023
- Downtown Art Camp - June 10
- Business Expo/Craft Beer Tour- June 17
- Prairie Fire Theatre - July 16-22
- Looney Days - Aug. 11-13
- 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

**2023 Dog Licenses Documentation of Distemper & Rabies Vaccination Required \$10.00 per dog OR \$8.00 per dog if your pet has been neutered.**



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