

January

Mayor's Message

The City Council is going through city ordinances to update and ensure they are reflective of current times and are clear as to regulation intent. There was a public hearing on December 28th to review 3 ordinances with proposed revisions. These will be voted on at the January 10th City Council meeting.

1. Change to ordinance regarding snowmobiles. The ordinance was simplified to address designated routes within the City of Vergas and easement requirement when traveling upon or across private property. The detailed Minnesota requirements were removed and the ordinance now refers to license requirements and operator qualifications are in accordance with Minnesota Statutes.
2. Change to ordinance regarding Dogs and Cats. There was a component of the current ordinance that noted cats shall be included in all provisions of ordinance, yet there were a number of other components where only dog is noted. After review of other city ordinances, city received complaints, and history of the Vergas ordinance, it was proposed by the council that the ordinance be all inclusive of cats and dogs, to include running-at-large, licensing, proof of vaccination and impounding.
3. Change to Declaration of Snow Emergency regarding Prohibited Parking. The current ordinance had police chief/officer noted, which do not exist in Vergas. The ordinance was also clarified when there is snow accumulation requiring need for removal a snow emergency may be declared so no motor vehicle is parked on any street. This will ensure snow can be removed by county and city staff and people can safely drive and have access to get onto sidewalks. If no emergency is declared, motor vehicles still need to be moved until the street is cleared on both sides. The communication process for this ordinance when a snow emergency is declared is posting on the City Face Book page and notices posted at the city businesses.

Ordinance updates and improvements will continue in 2023 to ensure the city has relevant, valid, and accurate regulations and will solicit public input via public hearings. This is your opportunity to ask questions and offer feedback.

Happy New Year! A new Council will be sworn in at the January meeting and we look forward to another successful year in 2023 in serving the City of Vergas.



Where all the profits, profit Vergas

The Vergas Liquor Store

278-302-1516

MON-THU 9am- 9 pm
FRI-SAT 9am-9:55pm
SUN 11am – 5pm

We're the first, and only, Liquor Store in the lakes area taking online orders. Mobile app for Android and Apple coming soon!

We now accept online orders at:

www.vergasliquor.com

2022 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 on the

Vergas Event Center sign

Vergas City Council

Meeting:

Tuesday – Jan. 10th 6:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(2nd 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 – Jan 23rd 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(4th Monday of the month)

Park Board Meeting:

Thursday –Jan. 26th 5:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(4th Thursday of the month)

Vergas Event Center

Advisory Board:

Wednesday–Feb. 1st 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(1st Wednesday of the month)

EDA/HRA Meeting:

Tuesday– Feb. 7th 2:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(1st Tuesday of the month)

The City Office will be closed

Monday, January 16, 2023

In observance of

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Lions Club Blood Drive

Fri., Jan. 6, 2023

8 am – 2 pm

Call: 701-866-4301

or 218-790-2829

Register online at [vitalent](http://vitalent.com)

or call 877-258-4825

When you give blood,
you are part of something bigger than
yourself.



Event Center Fundraisers

for the

Kitchen

Renovation

Purse Bingo

Feb. 4 - 5:30 pm

Gun Raffle

Drawing Feb. 18 - 5 pm

Tickets available @
Liquor Store
Billy's Bar & Grill
VEC Board Members

2022

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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Lions Blood Drive:

Friday– Jan. 6th 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday – Jan. 10th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Community Club Meeting:

Monday – Feb. 6th 5:00 p.m.

Vergas State Bank/ Lower Level

(1st Monday of the month)

EVERYONE USING THE YARDWASTE SITE MUST HAVE A PERMIT!

City of Vergas Property Owners:

Stop @ the City office to pick up your

FREE Permit.

If unable to stop @ the office

(Mon.–Thu, 10 am - 4 pm)

Call the City Office: 218-302-5996

A permit will be mailed to you.

Non-Property Owners:

Permits are \$65 annually

Jan. 01 – Dec. 31

Proper Disposal of Fats, Oils and Grease

Fats, oils and grease (also known as F.O.G.) are as bad for sewer 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.

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

ATTENTION ALL CITY RESIDENTS!

Please consider receiving emailed information as we are seeing an increase of time in transit via USPS, up to 2 weeks for local delivery.

To make arrangements, email

rrichards@cityofvergas.com

' 93.03 MATERIALS ON STREET OR SIDEWALK.

(A) No person shall encumber any street, sidewalk, or right-of-way. No owner, occupant, or person having the care of any building or lot of land, bordering on any street, sidewalk, or right-of-way shall permit it to be encumbered with barrels, boxes, cans, articles, or substances of any kind, so as to interfere with the free and unobstructed use thereof.

(B) Except for the actions of the city employees and contractors carrying out their duties, no person shall:

(1) Obstruct any street or sidewalk by depositing snow or ice thereon; Penalty, see ' 10.99

Effective Jan.1,2023 NEW UTILITY RATES

Water: Base - \$28

Usage \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer: Base - \$28

Usage \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons