

## October

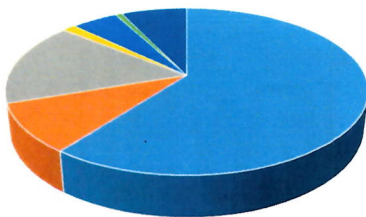


### Mayor's Message

The most important community task for the City Council is setting the annual city budget.

The General Fund that operates the city is primarily funded by property taxes, government aide (i.e. local government aid), license & fees, and rental of the Event Center/Municipal Building and contribution from the Liquor Store. Refer to Graphic below. Water & Sewer and the Municipal Liquor Store have self-sustaining budgets and are not part of the General Operating Fund. Property taxes accounts for the largest portion of revenue in building the annual budget, approximately 60%. This percent has been held consistent. For many cities the budget portion by property taxes is much higher at 70% or more. Our goal is to maintain operations and improvement needs without significantly increasing property taxes. However, the city is only one part of property taxes as the county and school also impact the amount, which we have no control over. The last 3 years the City had small incremental property tax increases. In 2020 there was no increase, in 2021 it was less than 1% at 0.5%, and last year it was 2.9%. This year is especially challenging with inflation that has significantly increased insurance, supplies and services. The proposed 2023 budget, presented at the September Council meeting, increased by 9% and does include property tax and license & fee increases; as well as increased funds from the Liquor Store. The budget is not finalized until December and the Council will continue to review. Contact a Council Member with concerns and idea's regarding City operations and the budget. The Council did use the Comprehensive Plan this year to prioritize budget items based on feedback from residents as to what is most important.

2023 Proposed Budgeted Income



- General Property Taxes 60.3%
- Fees & Licenses 9.41%
- Federal and State Aids & Grants 16.28%
- Municipal Building Rent 1.4%
- Event Center 4.91%
- Dividends & Interest .71%
- Liquor Store 6.98%

### 2022 CITY MEETINGS

To access Hybrid Meetings  
Via Zoom: Meeting ID: 267

094 2170

Password 56587

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 –Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(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.)

**Please Note: The Nov. meeting  
will be re-scheduled to Nov. 10,  
due to the 2022 General Election**

### Planning Commission Mtg:

Monday –Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

### Park Board Meeting:

Thursday –Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

### EDA/HRA Meeting:

Tuesday– Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month)

### Vergas Event Center

#### Advisory Board:

Wednesday–Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center & Zoom

(1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month)



# City of Vergas will be flushing hydrants Mon., Oct 17 – Wed., Oct. 19. 4 a.m. to 11 a.m.



## General Election

**Nov. 8, 2022**

**7 AM- 8 PM**

**-Local Offices-  
Mayor (2 yr. term)  
Julie Bruhn  
2 Council Members  
(4 yr. term)**

**-Incumbent -**

**Paul Pinke**

**-New candidate-  
Dean Haarstick**

**VERGAS EVENT  
CENTER**

**140 W. Linden ST.**



where all the  
profits, profit  
Vergas

*The Vergas Liquor Store*

**218-302-1516**

MON-THU 9am- 9 pm

FRI-SAT 9am-9:55pm

SUN 11am – 5pm

Check out some of our  
new products!

- Whistle Pig
- Peerless bourbon
- Rinna Wines –  
endorsed by Lisa  
Rinna
- Mom Water
  - Julie
  - Karen
  - Linda
  - Sandy

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Mon. Oct. 31**

**4:30 – 6:30 pm**

**Vergas Event  
Center**

**Sponsored by the  
Vergas Lions Club**



# THANKS

**To ALL ...**

**who created, volunteered,  
attended, participated,  
And most of all, ENJOYED  
the Hairyman Festival  
2022**

**2022**

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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### Vergas Lions Club:

**Tuesday – Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30  
p.m.**

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

### Community Club Wine Walk:

**Saturday – Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Noon - 4 p.m.**  
Vergas Businesses

### Lions Halloween Party

**Monday – Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30 – 6:30  
p.m.**

Vergas Event Center

### Community Club Meeting:

**Monday – Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.**  
Vergas State Bank/ Lower Level  
(1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month)

### 2022 General Election

**Tuesday – Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

**City of Vergas and Dora Township  
Vergas Event Center**

Connecting  
with the  
*Arts.*

Are you interested in the arts-  
specifically, the arts in Vergas?

Seeking interest in meeting as a group to  
explore opportunities to further the arts  
in Vergas. If you have an interest in  
brainstorming ideas, contact  
Carol Albricht at 218-329-3648.

## CDH–Vergas

## Fire & Rescue

## Raffle & Banquet

**Saturday, October 15**

**5 – 9 pm**

**Vergas Event Center**

**Ticket sales from**

**Fire or Rescue members**



**Saturday, October 22 • Noon-4 pm**



- Entry forms will be available at participating businesses •
- Every participating business will be serving a different wine •
- You must visit every participating business to qualify for door prizes •

Bring your friends and enjoy  
sampling wines while you do your  
holiday shopping at Vergas businesses!

**door prizes  
appetizers  
sales**

*The Village of Vergas  
Welcomes You!*

TAMM KUSELA