

October

October Mayor's Message

At the September 12th City Council Meeting, the Otter Tail County Ordinance was adopted that regulates the use of cannabis and cannabis derived products in public places. Note this is not just smoking, but also consumption of a cannabis product. There was no opposition to the ordinance at the public hearing held prior to the City Council Meeting. The Planning Commission is responsible for zoning and will be reviewing the retail of cannabis. There will be no state licensing available for retail sales until January 2025.

Cannabis and cannabis derived products CAN NOT be used in public places, which is public park or trail, public street or sidewalk, indoor area used by the general public or places of public accommodation. This would include restaurants, bars, retail businesses, gyms, places licensed to sell liquor, common areas in buildings. A full version of the ordinance is available on the City website.

I had previously noted I would keep the public informed of the condition of City wastewater pipes and the wastewater pond in regard to fats, oils and grease (FOG). The City continues to actively work on this, and it appears to be stable and not getting worse. Thanks for everyone's attention to this, it makes a difference!

A public comment meeting was held on September 27th regarding City purchase of 131 Main Street. Appreciated those in attendance and providing feedback to the council. Unique in this situation was the short-imposed time frame to make an offer, which did not allow for a public comment meeting prior to the City proceeding with a purchase offer. Though this was a unique situation; it was noted during the public comment meeting the importance and desire of citizens to have the opportunity to provide input with major capital purchases. This is also the goal of the Council and the Council strives for good public communication. The Council considered the comments and the previously reviewed information and impacts and voted to proceed with the purchase.

Overall, the building, at 131 Main, allows needed expansion of the Liquor Store and the space to better serve the public and meet City space needs. It presents the most cost-effective approach versus new building and remodeling.




Where all the profits, profit Vergas

The Vergas Liquor Store

218-302-1516

MON-THU 11am- 9 pm

FRI-SAT 9am-9:55pm

SUN 11am – 5pm



"50s Fridays"

All 50ml shooters

was now

\$0.99 \$0.79

All others \$0.25/off



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

And Vergas Event Center sign

Vergas City Council Meeting:

Tuesday - Oct. 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 – Oct. 23rd 6:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center

(4th Monday of the month)

Park Board Meeting:

Thursday – Oct. 26th 3:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(4th Thursday of the month)

EDA/HRA Meeting:

Tuesday– Nov. 7th 2:00 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(1st Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Event Center

Advisory Board:

Tuesday– Nov. 7th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center- Smart Room

(1st Wednesday of the month)

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Tue. Oct. 31

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Vergas Event Center

Sponsored by the

Vergas Lions Club

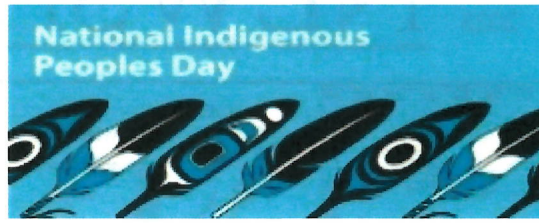


Would you like to receive the Council agenda?

Please email: r-richards@cityofvergas.com

The City Office

will be closed Mon, October 9
in observance of
Indigenous Peoples' Day



Thank You

to the
**Vergas
Community Club**
for planning &
executing another
successful
Hairyman Festival.
Thanks to everyone
who generously
volunteered. **WOW.**
We did again!

Please Note City Office Hours:

Mon. – Thu. 10 am – 4 pm

Need help before or after?

Please call 218-302-5996 and we will
gladly schedule an appointment.



For Sale:

Vergas HRA has 8 lots for sale
in the City of Vergas.
Residential lots vary in size
and have city water and sewer.
If interested, please contact
RE/MAX Lakes Region – Vergas
at 218-844-5253



Celebrating 125 years

*In 2028, The City of Vergas will celebrate a
125th Anniversary!*

Seeking persons interested to serve on a
committee for the celebration!!

The committee will start meeting in 2024 to begin the planning.
If you are interested, please contact the City Office at 218-302-5996.

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday – Oct. 10th 5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center
(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Arts Club

Thursday - Oct 12th 2:00 p.m.

Billy's Corner Bar & Grill

Community Club Meeting:

Monday – Nov. 6th 5:30 p.m.

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

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Save the Dates...

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

Billy's Hook and Slice
Mar. 2, 2024

