



## Mayor's Message

The City Council has approved the budget for 2022. Please keep in mind the city only has control of the city portion of taxes, not the county or school district portions. The Otter Tail County Assessor determines the property values in Vergas. If you have concerns about your property value, please contact them at 218-998-8010. Council has been working hard to establish long range fiscal plans and setting aside funds to better prepare and address the costly aspects of city infrastructure such as streets, water and sewer, parks and municipal buildings. There have also been focused efforts in identifying grants and other funding sources. The city is positioning itself to qualify and apply for funding from Federal, State and County programs. The city has gone 2 years without a budget/tax increase. The City is experiencing increased costs for products, services and challenges in keeping up with administrative costs; such as attorney and engineering fees in addressing street issues and infrastructure. As a result, there will be a 2.96% increase in 2022.

The city is experiencing positive business and housing development and we are very optimistic of the impact and improvement in the quality of life in Vergas going into 2022!

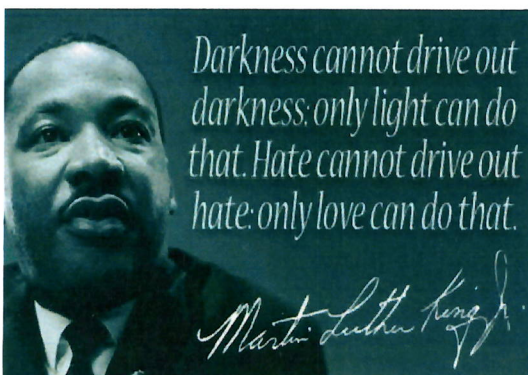
Happy New Year!

## The City Office will be closed

Monday, January 17, 2022

In Observance of

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



PHONE  
218-342-2091  
MON-THU 9am- 9 pm  
FRI-SAT 9am-9:55pm  
SUN 11am – 5pm

**DEAL OF THE DAY**

**Check out our new deal of the day - Everyday we'll be discounting a different product. Some could be at or below cost!**

**Also, great deals on clearance items:**

- Wines
- Tequila
- Brandy
- Vodka
- Rum
- & more!

## 2022 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### Vergas Community Club:

**Monday – Feb . 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.**  
Vergas State Bank  
(1st Monday of the month)

### Vergas Lions Club:

**Tuesday – Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

## 2022 CITY MEETINGS

To access Hybrid Meetings on Zoom

Meeting ID: 267 094 2170

Password 56587

Attend In Person at the VEC Smart Room

### Vergas EDA / HRA:

**Wednesday – Feb. 2nd 11:00 a.m.**

Billy's Bar & Grill

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

### Vergas City Council Meeting:

**Tuesday – Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

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

Vergas Event Center

(If you would like to be on the agenda please have information to City Clerk by the Wednesday before meeting)

### Vergas Event Center Advisory

#### Board:

**Wednesday – Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

Next meeting-

Vergas Event Center

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

### Vergas Planning Commission:

**Monday - Jan. 24 6:00 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center

(4th Monday of the month)

### Park Board Meeting:

**Thursday – Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> 3:30 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center

(4th Thursday of the month)

Changes in our meetings to be posted on the City of Vergas website [www.cityofvergas.com](http://www.cityofvergas.com)

### Comprehensive Plan Meeting:

**Thursday – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 3:30 p.m.**

Vergas Event Center

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## No dream is too big! Contribute to the City's Comprehensive Plan Community Survey

Vergas is working on a comprehensive plan to guide future development decisions. This survey, designed to be taken by each member of the household

of both Vergas and Vergas area residents, allows citizens to provide input on how the community should guide development over the next 15 years.

Your survey answers will be kept completely confidential! The surveys will be tabulated by West Central Initiative. No one from the city will see individual survey results. Only total results of the survey will be used in the comprehensive plan. Complete the survey by picking up a hard copy at the City office or use the QR code below to take the survey online by Feb. 28, 2021.

### Submit survey:

By mail: PO Box 32, Vergas MN 56587

In-person: City Hall or Liquor Store

111 Main St. in Vergas.

Additional copies are available at City Hall

or by going to:

[cityofvergas.com/2021communitysurvey](http://cityofvergas.com/2021communitysurvey)



### Effective JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 NEW UTILITY RATES

**Water** Base - \$28  
Usage - \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons  
**Sewer** Base - \$28  
Usage - \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons

## Thank you!

Vergas Lions for the NEW Highchair  
& refurbishing 2 well-used ones @ VEC.

Happy Kiddos & Adults - **YAY!**

### Vergas Yard Waste Permits 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 by the office  
Mon.-Thur, 10 am - 4 pm,  
Call the City Office: 218-342-2091  
**A permit will be mailed to you.**

#### Non-Property Owners:

Permits are \$60 annually,  
Jan 01 – Dec. 31

The Otter Tail County recycling bins &  
Lions aluminum can recycle trailer  
do not require a permit.

### ' 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;

Penaltv. see ' 10.99

## 2022 Dog Licenses available NOW @ City Office

### 91.02 DOGS AND CATS.

(A) Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for the dog or cat of any person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat, to run at large. A person, who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat which runs at large shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Dogs or cats on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person or accompanied by and under the control and direction of a responsible person, so as to be effectively restrained by command as by leash, shall be permitted in streets or on public land unless the city has posted an area with signs reading "Dogs or Cats Prohibited."

(B) License required.

(1) All dogs over the age of six months kept, harbored, or maintained by their owners in the city, shall be licensed and registered with the city. Dog licenses shall be issued by the City Clerk upon payment of the license fee as established by the Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges adopted pursuant to ' 30.11 of this code, as that ordinance may be amended from time to time. The owner shall state, at the time application is made for the license and upon forms provided, his or her name and address and the name, breed, color, and sex of each dog owned or kept by him or her. No license shall be granted for a dog that has not been vaccinated against distemper and rabies, as evidenced by a certificate by a veterinarian qualified to practice in the state in which the dog is vaccinated.

(2) It shall be the duty of each owner of a dog subject to this section to pay to the City Clerk the license fee established in the Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges adopted pursuant to ' 30.11, as it may be amended from time to time.

(3) Upon payment of the license fee as established by the Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges adopted pursuant to ' 30.11 of this code, as that ordinance may be amended from time to time, the Clerk shall issue to the owner a license certificate and metallic tag for each dog licensed. The tag shall have stamped on it the year for which it is issued and the number corresponding with the number on the certificate. Every owner shall be required to provide each dog with a collar to which the license tag must be affixed, and shall see that the collar and tag are constantly worn. In case a dog tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate shall be issued by the City Clerk. A charge shall be made for each duplicate tag in an amount established in the Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges adopted pursuant to ' 30.11, as it may be amended from time to time. Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another and no refunds shall be made on any dog license fee or tag because of death of a dog or the owner's leaving the city before the expiration of the license period.