

CITY OF VERGAS
PUBLIC HEARING
VERGAS EVENT CENTER
6:15 P.M.
Monday, March 5, 2012

Conditional Use Permit: 520 S Pelican Avenue

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COUNCIL AGENDA
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Additions or Deletion to Agenda

Council Minutes of the February 6 and 21, 2012 Meetings

Resolution Reestablishing Precinct Polling Place

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Community Club

Co-Ed Kittenball Tournament- March 24

Event Board Report

Trail Committee

Planning Commission

Ulteig Survey-Town Line Road and Scharf Avenue

Municipal building exterior design

Attic Shoppe

Mayors Minute

Report from Public Utilities Superintendent Michael DuFrane

Loader Lease

Minnesota Beautiful Program (WCI)

Personnel

Liquor Store Bills for January 2012

Financial Report

Bills Paid Between Council and Council Bills

Information

LMC-2012 Safety & Loss Control Workshop will be March 28, 2012 in Fergus Falls.

LMC-2012 Annual Conference & Marketplace, June 20-22, 2012, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center

Board of Review will be held on April 11, 2012 at the CDH-Vergas Fire Hall meeting room from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Otter Tail County Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection program for the City is scheduled for Friday, July 13, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Vergas-CDH Fire Hall. Volunteers are needed.

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Mayor Haarstick called Public Hearing to order at 6:20 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers explained 520 S Pelican has requested a conditional use permit allowing commercial use in a residential zone.

Paul Pinke questioned if he was putting up a sign and what the criteria. The sign would need to stay a certain distance from the road and obey all City ordinances regarding signs.

Mayor Haarstick closed public hearing after hearing after having no discussion at 6:30 p.m.

CITY OF VERGAS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 5, 2012 6:30 P.M.

The City Council of Vergas met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, 3-05-12, in Council Chambers, Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Dean Haarstick, Council Members Scott Goodman, Paul Pinke, Shawn Day and Kevin Zitzow. Absent: none. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers, Steve Peloquin of Peloquin • Beck, P.A, Barbie Porter of Frazee Forum, Ross Smith, Mike Baumgart, Jay Norby, Sherri Hanson, Dave Hoyer, Tom Olson, Al Weigel of Titan Machinery and Aaron Lauinger of Ulteig Engineering.

Mayor Dean Haastick called the meeting to order.

Motion by Pinke and seconded by Day to accept agenda with the following additions: Small Cities Development Grant. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Pinke, seconded by Day to approve the minutes of the February 6 and February 21, 2012 meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Zitzow, seconded by Pinke for a Resolution Reestablishing Precinct and Polling Place (A Complete text of the resolution is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's office.). Motion Passed unanimously.

Motion by Zitzow, seconded by Goodman to approve conditional use permit for 520 S Pelican Avenue for commercial use in a residential area. Motion passed unanimously.

Cherry Hanson read the following statement: Following the February Vergas City Council meeting, Vergas Community Club president Lisa Kaldahl met with City Attorney Steve Peloquin and City Clerk Julie Lammers. They came to the agreement that it was in the best interest for both the City of Vergas and the Vergas Community Club to look elsewhere for the tourism position that will be created. The Vergas Community Club will be actively seeking out a qualified individual for this position. It is our hope that with the support of the city, in various combined efforts, we will see positive growth and keep Vergas as a destination place for many families and businesses to consider in the future.

Motion by Zitzow, seconded by Pinke to allow use of ball diamonds for co-ed kittenball on March 24, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Al Weigel of Titan Machinery explained he has submitted two options for a loader lease for the City of Vergas for either one year \$6,560.00 or five year lease \$10,180.00 a year. Discussed options and requirements for a purchase price for a loader next year. Motion by Zitzow, seconded by Pinke to except a one year lease with Titan Machinery for \$6,560.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Jay Norby reported that 23 couples walked through the Wedding Expo on Sunday, February 26, 2012 and 20 of them had already made their event plans. The other three couples said they would be coming to check out the Vergas Event Center. Hope to have plantlet costs for the next meeting. The Event Center Advisory board is also discussing the idea of having a benefit to raise funds for the event center.

David Hoyer said he is still in discussions with CP railroad; we are at a stand still on the trail until the CP is settled. Hoyer has spoken with David Hull at Eagles Best regarding drain issue. Sherri Hanson will begin working on getting easements for the pathway from local businesses. Hoyer gave ideas for funding the trail to a continued path to Tin Can Alley.

Aaron Lauinger of Ulteig Engineering presented maps of Town Line Road and Sharf Avenue, explaining areas that have dedicated right away and areas which do not. Lauinger also stated there is a benefit to the City to purchase the survey the township has offered of Town Line Road. Motion by Zitzow, seconded by Pinke to purchase survey for \$500.00 from Hobart Township. Motion passed unanimously. Council questioned Peloquin on how to acquire dedication of Scharf Avenue and Town Line Road. Peloquin will discuss with Lauinger regarding the best approach; Emanate domain or easements. Lauinger and Peloquin will continue to put together a recommendation of what needs to be done.

Planning Commission discussed which roads needed most work. Planning Commissioners did not know at the time of the meeting, that we had not received the grant for Town Line Road. We may want to just fix Altona this summer, due to the other projects the city is working on. Planning Commission will come back next month with more of a recommendation.

Motion by Day, seconded by Zitzow to accept the design of the Municipal Building presented by MState. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed the Attic Shoppe's lease and decided the committee would review and discuss again at next months meeting.

Mayor explained they are getting some head way with the gravel tax. It has passed the property tax committee and is going to go before the tax committee tomorrow. Discussed having a user fee instead of a tax but Peloquin informed Council that because it is an existing gravel pit he would have to review the law for that possibility.

Motion by Zitzow, seconded by Day to schedule Public Hearing for the Small Cities Development Grant on April 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Lammers requested hiring a summer position again for the parks department. Council asked Peloquin to find out if we have to advertise or if we can just hire last year's employee back.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Zitzow to hire Alwin Glawe for emergency snow plowing at \$10.00 an hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Pinke, seconded by Day to approve Liquor Store bills totaling \$27, 473.80. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Goodman, seconded by Pinke to approve bills presented at Council meetings for a total of \$ 8,565.54. Motion passed unanimously.

Haarstick informed Council to remember there is a Safety and Loss Control Workshop on March 28, and the LMC Conference will be in Duluth on June 20-22, 2012. Haarstick reminded Council we would be having the annual Board of Review on April 11, 2012 at the Fire Hall. Haarstick also asked for everyone to consider volunteering at the Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection on July 13 at the Fire Hall.

Business for which the meeting was called having been completed, meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers, CMC