

**CITY OF VERGAS  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
VERGAS EVENTS CENTER  
6:30 P.M. on Monday, August 12, 2019**

(Reminder the Frazee-Vergas Forum is recording this meeting and all information discussed is public information)

Additions or Deletion to Agenda

Council Minutes of the July 8, 2019

2018 Audit

Financial Report

- a. Bills Paid Between Council and Council Bills
- b. Liquor Store Bills for July 2019
  - 1. Liquor Store Transfer
- c. Late Water/Sewer bills
- d. 2020 Budget

Construction Permit

- a. 520 S Pelican Ave, 18x18 deck
- b. 110 W Elm St, shingles on house

Ole's Ride Street Closing

Swimming Lesson Report

Planning Commission report

2019 Street Project Update

Vergas Event Center Advisory Committee Report

Vergas Long Lake Trail Report

Utilities Superintendent Report

Personnel

- A. Pay Equity
- B. Maintenance Operator Review

Mayor's Minute

**Information**

2019 League Regional Meeting – September 26, 2019 in Perham

**CITY OF VERGAS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 12, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of Vergas met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, August 12, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Event Center with the following members present: Mayor Dean Haarstad, Council Members Julie Bruhn, Logan Dahlgren, Paul Pinke and Terri Smith. Absent: none. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers, Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane, Shawn Day, Kevin Zitzow, Tyler Sazama, Rebecca Hasse, Paul Haarstick, Doug Ackling, Shane Hasse, Colleen Hoffman, Scott Kolbinger, Nancy Jacobson and Chad Koenen of the Frazee-Vergas Forum and Steve Peloquin of Peloquin Law Firm.

Mayor Dean Haarstick called the meeting to order.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Smith to accept agenda with addition of 2 construction permits and a grass complaint. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Pinke, seconded by Bruhn to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed parcel 820005000027008 located on the end of Pelican Avenue that has not been mowed yet this year. Lammers was told to have Sonnenberg or someone mow the property as letters have been sent to have property mowed.

Colleen Hoffman of Hoffman, Philipp & Knutson, PLLC auditing firm reported to the Council the 2018 Audit.

Motion was made by Pinke, seconded by Bruhn to approve City bills totaling \$22,375.13. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Bruhn to approve Liquor Store bills totaling \$50,663.65. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Pinke to transfer \$10,000 from the liquor store fund to the general fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Lammers presented late water/sewer bills report.

Discussed 2020 budget.

Motion by Dahlgren, seconded by Pinke to pass the following construction permits: 520 Pelican Avenue to build 18x18 deck and 110 W Elm St to shingle house. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Bruhn to close Railway Avenue by Billy's on Friday, Aug. 23, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 24, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the annual Ole's Ride. Motion passed unanimously.

Swimming Lesson Instructor Nancy Jacobson reported on 2018 swimming lessons and stated she could not find insurance to do them as an independent contractor but would like to continue as a city employee. Jacobson stated she has been providing swimming lessons for 47 years and she would like to make it to 50 years.

Bruhn provided planning commission report. Motion by Smith, seconded by Dahlgren to approve conditional

use permit for related to a firearms-based business out of his home located at 401 S Pelican Ave; to include gunsmithing, machining, manufacturing and other metal fabricating activities not related to firearms. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Pinke to pass to accept resolution 2019-010 (a complete text of the resolution is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's office) a resolution for a public hearing to vacate Oak Street and set public hearing set for September 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Asked DuFrane to order and install signs on City streets regarding weight restrictions of 10,000 pounds or 5 tons as it is already in Vergas ordinance.

Engineer Scott Kolbinger reviewed 2019 street project. All new streets have ditches that home owners are having a difficult time mowing and topsoil needs to be added. Kolbinger was asked to bring costs to next months meeting as he could not provide reason for the slopes not being to engineering specs. Diane Avenue's water is draining onto the Hasse's property on Hill street and they cannot access their property from the road. Motion by Bruhn, passed by Smith to process Contractor's Application for payment 2 to Anderson Brothers for \$153,485.84. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Dahlgren, seconded by Smith to approve change order number 2 regarding topsoil, tract different areas and mowing capabilities. Motion passed unanimously.

Lammers reviewed Vergas Event Center Advisory Committee Report.

Lammers reviewed Long Lake trail report. Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Pinke to approve the bid from MN Boardwalks for \$385,207.00 and the change order of \$58,207.00. Motion approved unanimously. Motion by Dahlgren, seconded by Pinke to transfer \$30,000 for the 2018 liquor store profits to the trail fund and for the City to pay the extra \$8,400.00 in expenses out of the park fund capital outlay fund. Motion passed unanimously.

\*Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane requested he and Neumann attend a MN Rural Water class on **September 11** for \$125.00 per person. Motion by Smith, seconded by Bruhn to allow DuFrane and Nuemann to attend the MN Rural class for \$125.00 each. Motion passed unanimously.

Lammers informed Council the City of Vergas has passed the Mn Pay Equity.

Personnel committee reported they have completed the maintenance operator review. All employees working overtime and maintenance operator working over 32 hours will need prior approval from a personnel member.

Mayor Haarstad stated he would like to see a change in meeting nights. Expressed appreciation for the great job the liquor store staff are doing.

The business for which the meeting was called having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers, CMC

\*Date corrected to September 25 in the September council minutes.