

FEBRUARY

February Mayor Message

Reflecting on 2021, there were many accomplishments that are positive for the future of the City of Vergas. Some of the highlights includes:

- ⇒ Event Center remodel completed and increase in rentals.
- ⇒ Fully operational Smart Room in the Event Center and newly available guest internet service in the back-parking lot area of the Event Center.
- ⇒ Long Lake Trail & Boardwalk completed and getting lots of foot traffic.
- ⇒ Welcoming new businesses on main street- Lavish Loon, S&Z Altona Square, & Summers Construction and Design Center.
- ⇒ S&Z responding with available commercial space for a grocery store planned for opening in the Spring by the Duane Ditterich family.
- ⇒ Additional housing rental in new S&Z Altona Square building on main street.
- ⇒ New housing development in the planning on parcel of property off Glenn Street.
- ⇒ City acquisition of Otter Tail County Highway garage, when vacated, the first plan is to increase parking. Parking was an active topic this year and will be next year.
- ⇒ New destinations with Veterans Memorial and Pickleball court, both spearheaded by private citizens.
- ⇒ Kick off of the Comprehensive Plan that will align planning and resources into the next 15 years. Activity seeking input with completion of a survey and participation in a face to face events so the plan truly reflects a Community vision!

A full recording of the annual mayor address can be viewed at www.lakestv.com on the Vergas Show, entitled The State of Vergas.



The City Office
will be closed
Monday,
February 21,
2022
In Honor of
Presidents' Day



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

February

Deals:

Buy a case of
Miller Lite & get:
-Castle Rock
Chardonnay for
\$1.99
OR
-12pk Able Beer for
\$5.99

**Bailey's Red
Velvet**
now 50% off!

**RumChata
Limon**
Now 60% off!

**Chocolate
Covered
Strawberry
Vodka 10-pack**
50ml
\$9.99

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 – Mar. 2nd 2:00 p.m.
Billy's Corner Bar & Grill
(1st Wednesday of the month)

Vergas City Council Meeting:

Tuesday – Feb. 8th/Mar. 8 6:30 p.m.
(2nd 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– Mar. 2 6:30 p.m.
Vergas Event Center
(1st Wednesday of the month)

Vergas Planning Commission:

Monday - Feb. 28th 6:00 p.m.
Vergas Event Center
(4th Monday of the month)

Park Board Meeting:

Thursday – Feb. 24th 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

Comprehensive Plan Meeting:

Thursday – Mar. 3rd 3:30 p.m.
Vergas Event Center

Changes in our meetings to be posted on the
the VEC electronic sign, or the City of Vergas
website: www.cityofvergas.com

2022

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Vergas Community Club:

Monday–Feb. 7th 5:30 p.m. @ VEC
Monday–Mar. 7th 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level, Vergas State Bank

Vergas Lions Club:

Tuesday -Feb. 8th/Mar.8th 5:30 p.m.
(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Have you filled out the Comprehensive Plan Survey?

This needs to be completed by **Feb. 28** for your opinion to count.

Scan the QR code to access online:

Additional copies are available at
City Hall or the Liquor Store or by going to:
cityofvergas.com/2021communitysurvey

Please note that as additional members
of the household complete the survey,
Survey Monkey will likely indicate that
you have already taken the survey.

Two ways to resolve this include:

- 1) Completing the survey on a different device.
- 2) Clearing cookies on the original device.



Veterans Memorial

If you would like to place a
Veteran's name on a granite
pillar, deadline is Feb 25
for the June dedication.
Cost per name - \$150.00
Contact Lyle Krieg at
701-238-1575.

A comprehensive plan is an expression of
the community's vision for the future
and a strategic map to reach that vision.

Upcoming Focus Group Event will discuss the following topics:
Economic/Business Development, Broadband, Tourism,
Parks and Open Spaces

For anyone who is unable to attend in person, would be perfect for
seasonal non-retired & retired residents who live away from the area.

Feb. 15, 6:00 pm

Access via ZOOM: **Meeting ID: 267 094 2170** **Password 56587**



Put a Little Love in Our Town!

**Make a heart (or ten) and add it to the Art Wall in downtown
Vergas in front of the City Office. The heart can be any color
and size. Use material that can withstand the weather.**

Do not add any words.

Put it up when you can.

Take it down when you want to.

2022 Dog Licenses

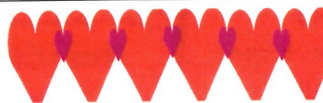
Documentation of
Distemper & Rabies Vaccination Required

\$10.00 per dog

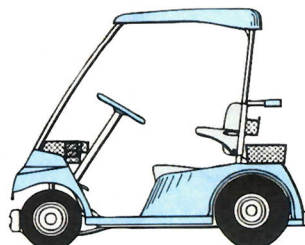
**\$8.00 per dog if your pet has been
spayed or neutered.**



Available for purchase at the
City Office or Vergas Liquor Store



GOT ONE OF THESE?



YOU NEED ONE OF THESE!

Proof of insurance + \$20 @ City Office



Vergas Yard Waste Permits EVERYONE USING THE YARD WASTE 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 1 - Dec. 31
The Otter Tail Co. recycling bins & Lions
aluminum can recycle trailer do not require a permit.

Vikingland Bookmobile 2022 Schedule

Thursday 1:15 - 2:15 pm

Feb. 3, 17 Mar. 3, 17, 31

Apr. 14, 28 May 12, 26

Vergas Municipal Building

You may reserve materials online

www.viking.lib.mn.us

Drop off & Pick up @ City Office / Liquor Store.

2022 Save the dates!

**-Maple Syrup Fest-
Saturday, April 9**

**-Prairie Fire Theatre -
Beauty & the Beast June 26-July 2**

**Vergas Looney Days
August 12 - 15**