

**CITY OF VERGAS  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
VERGAS EVENTS CENTER  
6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

(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 February 9, 2016

Financial Report

- a. Bills Paid Between Council and Council Bills
- b. Liquor Store Bills for February 2016
- c. Sewer Budget
- d. Water Budget

Maple Syrup Road Closure Request for 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave between Linden and Main

Event Center Report

Mayors Minute

Otter Tail County Tourism Director Report

Report from Public Utilities Superintendent Michael DuFrane

Personnel

- a. Tyanne Jacobson, Public Works Worker/Custodial & Building maintenance
- b. Special Meeting-Interviews

**Information**

League of MN Cities Loss Control Workshop, March 23, 2016 Fergus Falls  
Board of Review, April 5, Vergas Event Center Council Chambers 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.  
League of MN Cities Annual Conference will be held June 14-17, 2016 in St. Paul  
Hazardous Waste Day July 15, 2016 – Volunteers Needed.

**CITY OF VERGAS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of Vergas met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Council Chambers, Vergas Event Center with the following members present: Mayor Dean Haarstick, Council Members Paul Pinke, Scott Goodman, Sandee Stall and Keith Bunkowske. Absent: none. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers, Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane, Public Maintenance Employee Tyanne Jacobson, Barbie Porter of Vergas-Frazee Forum, Nick Leonard and Steve Peloquin of Peloquin Law Firm.

Mayor Dean Haarstick called the meeting to order.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Bunkowske to accept agenda with following additions: 339 E Frazee Ave, Liquor Store Manager/Deputy Clerk Committee and Otter Tail County Tourism Director. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Goodman, seconded by Pinke to approve the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Pinke, seconded by Bunkowske to approve City bills totaling \$17,329.32. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Stall to approve Liquor Store bills totaling \$27,036.35. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Bunkowske to approve the 2016 sewer budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Goodman, seconded by Pinke to approve the 2016 water budget presented with the following change: revenue from water service user charges changing from \$82,000 to \$86,000 and disbursements in improvements changing from \$16,000 to \$20,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Stall to close 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave between Linden and Main on April 9, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Maple Syrup Festival. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed house at 339 E Frazee Avenue and the need for it to be repaired. Motion by Pinke, seconded by Goodman to have Lammers send letter to property owners to fix up or remove all buildings on the property within 60 days of letter. Motion passed unanimously.

Bunkowske reviewed Event Center report. Motion by Bunkowske, seconded by Pinke to approve Hanson's Plumbing and Heating quote to move dishwasher and replace handwashing sink and moving of the refrigerator by Kading's Home Center. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor invited everyone to come to Event Center on Friday night for our Appreciation Night. Legislative session started today and we need to convey problems and concerns to them. Discussed housing developments, child care regulations and healthcare at the last Mayor's meeting.

Haarstick reviewed Otter Tail County Tourism Board meeting.

Nick Leonard Director of Tourism and Economic Development for Otter Tail County reviewed the tourism association. Pinke asked Council to consider going 50/50 with the Community Club in supporting the Otter Tail County Tourism campaign currently the Vergas Community Club has been paying \$2,000 a year to promote the County.

DuFrane stated we are currently having some issues with the sewer system on Pelican Avenue that we are looking into. DuFrane reviewed current issues with the recycling center and the accumulating rubbish being dropped off at the site. We may need to put up cameras and issue fines to those abusing the center. Goodman questioned hiring a part time person to sit out at the recycling center and fencing and gating the area. Restricting access and use may need to be looked at. Goodman asked DuFrane to look into quotes for fencing and gates for the area. Committee will get together and discuss ideas.

DuFrane questioned the Farmer's Market and Zumba being at the same time.

Goodman reviewed Public Maintenance Employee Tyanne Jacobson for her yearly review and requested Council move her pay step from step 6 to step 7 and her cell reimbursement from \$50.00 to \$75.00.

Motion by Goodman, seconded by Bunkowske to move Jacobson from step 6 to step 7 and increase her cell phone reimbursement to \$75.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed the Liquor Store Manager position and Goodman being removed from the committee going thru applications. Motion by Bunkowske, seconded by Pinke to have Bunkowske and Stall meet as a committee to review applications with Lammers and decide on interviews. Voting yes: Pinke, Bunkowske and Stall. Abstain: Goodman. Motion carried.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Bunkowske to have special meetings on Tuesday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 23 for Liquor Store Manager/Deputy Clerk interviews. Motion passed unanimously.

The business for which the meeting was called having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Julie Lammers, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

