

CITY OF VERGAS
REGULAR MEETING
August 1, 2011

The City Council of Vergas met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, 08-01-11, in Council Chambers, Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Dean Haastick, Council Members Scott Goodman, Paul Pinke, Shawn Day and Kevin Zitzow. Absent: none. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers, Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane, Liquor Store Manager Carol Sharp, Steven R. Peloquin of Peloquin • Beck, P.A., Barbie of Fraze Forum, Aaron Lauinger, Tom Olson, Karen Olson, Rodney Richter, Sandy Grundwald, Anthony Soland, Lisa Kaldahl, Kevin Flynn, Karen Hill, Tom Tyminski and Ross Smith.

Mayor Dean Haastick called the meeting to order.

Motion by Goodman to accept agenda as presented.

Motion was made by Pinke and carried to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting.

Trail Committee members were not able to come to meeting tonight but they sent a letter regarding trail and would like to make a trail from town to the existing trail.

Motion by Pinke and carried to allow them to look into a connecting trail.

West Linden wall and sidewalk was discussed by Karen Hill. Questioned when sidewalk was put in and by whom? Steve Peloquin explained how to look up what the width of the street was by the plat. Was this a platted subdivision? What is the common usage of the area? Peloquin said he would check into who the property owner is of the wall and sidewalk.

Karen's son-in-law told a story of finding three open beers on the playground area. Who is responsible for cleaning up after these events? Receptacles are needed in front and in back of the community center during the events.

The Community Club has requested a Liquor License for Looney Daze, Saturday, August 13, 12:00 pm. - 12:00 a.m. and Sunday, August 14 from 2:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Day to approve Liquor license for Saturday, August 13, 2011 and Sunday, August 14, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Flynn coordinator of Looney Daze requested the use of ball field for inflatable games on Saturday, August 13, 2011 and asked DuFrane to mark underground water sprinkler heads. Council discussed which streets would need to be closed for Looney Daze events.

Motion by Goodman, second by Zitzow to close the following streets, 1st to 2nd Ave on Main Street for vendors on Saturday, August 13. Motion passed unanimously.

Parade will start at Hanson's Plumbing and Heating and go to the Lost Highway on Hwy 17.

Motion by Pinke and carried to close streets during the parade with proper county detour signs.

Car show is going to be on Main Street from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 14, 2011.

Request for City workers to work on Friday and Monday to help with Looney Daze they should not need to put in any overtime. Requested Fire Department to clean streets before Friday, August 12, on Sunday morning before 8 a.m. and on Sunday after Looney Daze is all done. Lisa Kaldahl will call Jeff Zitzow regarding Fire dept washing streets.

Motion was made by Zitzow, seconded by Day to approve the following building permits: a porch for Keith Kuehne and a deck for Jeanette Bruhn. Motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed two properties that are out of compliance: Cabin out on West Lake Street has an expired permit with no siding or septic; 810 E Scharf built a deck larger than permit allows. In March, 810 E Scharf received letter requesting them to modify the deck, re-apply or tear down structure. Peloquin informed Council they can get court action to remove and access to property. Peloquin will send letters for both property owners to attend the next council meeting.

Council acknowledged donations from Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association for \$2,000.00 for the dock and Jerry Therman for \$100.00 for dropping off tree trimmings.

Liquor Store Manager Carol Sharp reviewed a new point of sale for the liquor store. She has a recommendation for Lakeville for this point of sale. Sharp requested permission to go look at what other Liquor Stores are using and get other quotes to purchase for the Vergas Municipal Liquor Store. Motion was made by Pinke, and carried to allow Carol to go check into point of sale.

Council members discussed the Recycling Center and on how good the sign looked. The following options were discussed regarding non-residents dumping at the site: Gate it and have key at liquor store to be picked up. Take donations at City Hall allowing non-residents to drop off. White plastic chain with board saying City of Vergas residents only in front of the pile.

Council decided the recycling center is closed to all non-residents, there will be no dumping allowed and at this time we will not take donations to dump.

Motion was made by Day, and carried for DuFrane to put fence up across dumping area and have employee Tyanne Jacobson paint a sign saying City of Vergas Residents only.

Council discussed the bid for the water heater at the Community Center. Only one bid was received Lammers called other plumbers and they are not interested in bidding at this time. Opened bid for \$3,670 for the on demand water heater with PVC through the roof.

Motion by Pinke, second by Zitzow to purchase the Community Center water heater from Hanson's Plumbing and Heating for \$3,670. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Zitzow to transfer Liquor Store Funds to cover the cost of the Community Center on demand water heater. Motion passed unanimously.

Street Superintendent Mike DuFrane reported on the sidewalk conditions located in the City. Many sidewalks need to be replaced and we will need to look at budgeting for replacement.

Council was informed that the City of Vergas has received copies of special assessment policies from Ashby and Perham. This is a policy the City of Vergas would be benefited by having and the office staff and Zitzow will look into providing to Council for review.

Council received a request to terminate service at 120 Railway Ave.

Motion by Goodman and carried to terminate water and sewer service as of Aug 1, 2011 to 120 Railway Ave.

Council reviewed water rates currently the base rate is providing 3,000 gallons of water. After reviewing the cost effectiveness to our citizens, Council discussed how a change to the base rate to not include any gallons of water would increase no ones bill by more than \$4.50 per unit but still increase the water fund. Motion by Goodman, and carried to change the base water rate to include zero gallons as of August first.

During the Mayor's Minute, Haarstick explained there is a drainage tile in the park by the light pole and water is starting to collect there. This will need to be looked at in the 2012 budget we are going to need to explore the cost to improve that area.

Motion was made by Pinke, and carried to approve Liquor Store bills totaling \$100,264.04.

League of Minnesota Conference Review was postponed until September.

Motion was made by Goodman, and carried to approve bills paid between Council and Council bills for a total of \$30,928.98.

Council scheduled a special meeting for 2012 budget on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Lammers reviewed an organization Business & Entrepreneurial Support Team "BEST".

Rescheduled the September meeting to Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011 due to Labor Day.

The business for which the meeting was called having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers, CMC

