

# ABSURD: Performers delight audiences with Vasa Radio Hour

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variety-type of radio show to be broadcast as it was performed live at the Paradise Theater.

The Vasa Radio Hour began in 2012, originally titled “A Vasaloppet Trail Companion.” The show was a parody of the popular variety radio show by Garrison Keillor, “A Prairie Home Companion” which aired weekly on Minnesota Public Radio. With music and skillful story-telling, the show relishes some of small-town life’s absurdities and quirks. As the show lost some of its rigid parody to Keillor’s show, it developed its own vaudeville feeling with short skits intermixed with music and other acts. Nieboer said the great benefit of this variety is that an audience member can be sure there will always be something they will enjoy. Nieboer said the positive response they have received “blows us away.”

As Hirsch moved from Mora, other writers contributed including Wilkening, Mac Lucking, Nieboer’s son Tom, and others.

Wilkening typically writes a cooking skit, where he finds inspiration looking back at memories of his mother baking.

“It comes from just juxtaposing normal ideas and twisting them into something a little unique,” he said. A self-described introvert, Wilkening

said that even though appearing on stage makes him nervous, it also gives him a chance to share his talents.

“Being clever is something I have been accused of,” he laughed. “It’s a blessing and a curse as clever doesn’t pay the bills.”

Being sponsored by First-Light Health System helps pay expenses like cast members, equipment and space while keeping it free to attend for the community.

Nieboer said the Vasa Radio Hour is always searching for new acts. Those interested in performing can contact The Vasa Radio Hour via Facebook.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, the Vasa Radio Hour will be performed live at the Paradise Theatre at 237 Union Street South, Mora. The show will also be live broadcast online at [www.moratheater.com](http://www.moratheater.com).

## CATCH THE SHOW

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9

**COST:** Free

**WHERE:** The Vasa Radio Hour will be broadcast online as it is performed live.

**See it live** at the Paradise Theatre at 237 Union Street South, Mora

**Listen and** watch live video of the show online at [www.moratheater.com](http://www.moratheater.com)



Huddled in the second-floor board room of the Paradise Theatre, Vasa Radio Hour cast members run lines, practice accents and make notes in their scripts.

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The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2019 budget information concerning the City of Ogilvie to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.6965. This budget is not complete; the complete budget may be examined at Ogilvie City Hall, 102 N Hill Ave. The city council approved this budget on 12/19/2018.

### Governmental Funds 2019 Adopted Budget

	2018 Adopted	2019 Adopted
<b>Revenues</b>		
Property Taxes	102,740	104,467
Tax Increment	4,600	4,600
Special Assessments	0	0
Licenses and Permits	5,500	5,500
Federal Grants	0	0
State Aid (General Purpose)	120,988	114,514
State Aid (Categorical Aid)	750	750
Grants from County and Other Local Gov'ts	0	0
Charges for Services	59,028	61,124
Fines and Forfeits	1,500	1,500
Interest on Investments	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	17,605	18,970
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>312,711</b>	<b>311,425</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>		
Proceeds from Borrowing	0	0
Transfers from Other Funds	25,610	23,465
<b>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>338,321</b>	<b>334,890</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
General Gov't	104,425	108,925
Public Safety	82,175	86,315
Streets & Highways	30,500	32,500
Culture & Recreation	6,500	6,500
Economic Development	0	0
Miscellaneous	6,000	6,000
<b>Total Current Expenditures</b>	<b>229,600</b>	<b>240,240</b>
Debt Service	43,850	43,850
Interest and fiscal charges	10,480	9,720
Total Capital Outlay	25,610	20,965
Transfers to Other Funds	20,610	18,465
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>330,150</b>	<b>333,240</b>
<b>Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance</b>	<b>8,171</b>	<b>1,650</b>
<b>Total Property Tax Levy - All Funds</b>	<b>102,740</b>	<b>104,467</b>

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