



# Americus Newsletter

April 2026

*April brings warmth, joy, and the beauty of spring—let's make the most of it!*

## Reminders

- April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park at 10 am
- Kindergarten Round Up at the NLC Elementary School on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM
- Please be patient & courteous due to the influx of people for the Flint Hills Gravel ride April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>
- New trash pick up day will be Wednesday, starting April 29<sup>th</sup>

## Contact Info

**Hours: Monday- Friday, 9 AM- 3PM**  
**Email: [cityclerk@americusks.com](mailto:cityclerk@americusks.com)**  
**Phone: 620-366-5464**  
**Fax: 620-366-5376**  
**PO Box 526**



# April 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Good Friday 	4  Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM
5  Easter	6	7  Food Pantry Kindergarten round up @ 6PM	8  	9	10  	11  
12	13	14  Council Meeting	15	16	17  	18
19	20	21	22  	23	24  	25  Food Pantry
26	27	28	29  	30		

**LYON COUNTY RECYCLE TRAILER**  
 Located on the south side of the school gym

**Recycle Items only.**

**Please break down all boxes and  
 rinse all containers**

**AMERICUS RECYCLE TRAILER**  
 Located behind City Hall

**Empty trash**

**containers/bags into bins,  
 do not dispose of plastic bags  
 in the recycle bins**

## Happy Birthday

2nd - Skyler Arb  
3rd - Stan Stewart III  
4th - Hailey Westcott  
5th - Preston Patton  
6th - Emily Luthe  
8th - Kelli Elbert  
Avery Patton  
Ryan Kellison  
9th - Britney Hinrichs  
11th - Brian Hultgren  
Charley Wilson  
Dakota Hamlin  
12th - Kaitlin Centlivre  
15th - Maylea Hamlin  
17th - Alec Short  
23rd - Caleb Klaus  
25th - Jessie Ciero  
28th - Connor Arb  
30th - Ronnie Crane

## Happy Anniversary

April 5th- Mike & Vicki Ross  
April 23rd- Dave & Belinda Carter

Call us to reserve a  
place for your party  
needs!

**AMERICUS**  
*Community Center*

516 Locust Street ~ Americus, KS 66835  
For reservations call City Hall at 620-443-5655

For more information on renting the  
**Americus Community Center**  
call Americus City Hall at  
620-443-5655.

## Americus Township Library

710 Main Street

Phone: 443-5503 Fax: 443-5218

Email: [americuslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:americuslibrary@gmail.com)

**Preschool Story Time**  
Every Thursday  
10:00-10:30 am  
Starts Sept. 4th



The Crayon Initiative  
Ask for details!

Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:30-5:00pm

Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm

Sat: 9a—12p

Watch our Facebook page and signs on the front door for information on closure and times

# FROM CITY HALL

The following minutes are from the March 10th business meeting. As of print time, the minutes have not been approved by council. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor WRIGHT. Council members present were NUESSEN, HARMON, HINRICHS, BURTON, and GERLEMAN. Also present, City Attorney Steve Atherton and City Clerk Dodie Doudna.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Nick Kurth, Bob Blair, Taegan Trahoon, Stephen & Kayloni Davidson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by BURTON to approve February 10, 2026, Business Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0-1 Vote

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by NUESSEN to approve the March bills to pay in the amount of \$24002.48. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 Vote

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYScape- Getting Match Day application ready. Looking at other grants.

MAINTENANCE: Quite a few repairs, tack truck, recycling trailer issues, chip spreader- still working on it. Maintenance will work on getting dead trees removed from park.

CLERK: New computers are installed. Internet at the community has been disconnected since it was tied to the phone line that has been disconnected. Lyon County is looking to hold elections in the community center in the future, discussed restrictions during that time. An ADA compliance check will be scheduled. Final request for council members to sign up for leader's conference in April. Black Hills Energy will begin work replacing gas lines in April, project projected to take 1 1/2 years to complete fully. Evergy will have surveyors in the area regarding an upcoming line replacement project as well. Trash contract has been signed by all parties, first pick up will be Wednesday, April 29th.

ADOPT THE AGENDA. Moved by HARMON to amend agenda item number 7, removing current item and replacing it with Maintenance hourly rate charges. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 Vote

1. DUMPSTER PROS: Staging for the switch out, discussion on where to store polycarts and dumpsters in the interim. Get with maintenance to discuss.
2. USD 251 INQUIRY: Nick with Tessere and Bob Blair discussed if council would approve closing Broadway between gym and playground if decided that a high school will be built to connect to NLC. Atherton states it would just take vacating the street. Council is in favor of this if that is the decision.
3. PROJECT PLAYScape: Sat April 4th, 10am is the Easter Egg Hunt. Avoiding conflicts with other area activities. Flyers to have both easter egg hunt, and North Lyon Fish Fry. HINRICHS has asked council to donate \$500 for supplies. Moved by HARMON to donate \$500. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0-1 Vote
4. MAINTENANCE CELL PHONE: Maintenance phones need to be replaced. HARMON presented plans and promotions currently available through NEXTEC. Not to exceed \$2400 annually. Moved by HINRICHS to upgrade plan/phones that would include hotspot service to not exceed \$2400 annually. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 Vote
5. POLICE DEPARTMENT: Inventory/files and evidence will be handled by Jody Meyers. He will be contracted to complete the work needed. NUESSEN will work with him during the process. ATHERTON stated that destruction orders can be run through municipal court. DOUDNA will post Code Enforcement Officer position. Vehicle and equipment will be tabled until inventory is complete.
6. PAYROLL: Moved by HINRICHS to enroll city employees for automatic deposit and changing payday date from bi-weekly Monday to bi-weekly Thursday to accommodate the change. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 Vote
7. MAINTENANCE HOURLY RATE: HARMON discussed that the current rate has not increased to meet pay, equipment, and fuel costs. Moved by BURTON to increase the charge to \$90 per hour for labor cost chargeable to citizens. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 Vote
8. OVERTIME: Review language in handbook. No action taken.
9. CONDEMNATION LIST: 507 Elm- clerk will reach out to a few more companies regarding cleaning of this property.

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm by BURTON. Seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 Vote

## NEW TRASH SERVICE PROVIDER — DUMPSTER PROS KANSAS, LLC

A MESSAGE FROM DUMPSTER PROS KANSAS, LLC

Dear Americus Residents,

We would like to take a moment to say hello and thank you for welcoming Dumpster Pros Kansas, LLC as your trash service provider. Serving this community means a great deal to us, and we are proud to play a small part in helping keep Americus clean, safe, and looking its best.







As a locally operated company, we understand the value of hard work, reliability, and treating people the way we would want to be treated. Our goal is simple — provide dependable trash collection you can count on each week while keeping communication open and straightforward.

Through the city newsletter and the city office, we will share service reminders, updates, and helpful information to make collection days go as smoothly as possible. A little teamwork goes a long way — please have carts out on time and ready for pickup so we can serve everyone efficiently. If you ever have any service questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're always happy to help.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you.

— DUMPSTER PROS KANSAS, LLC

NEW MONTHLY RATES — EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST UTILITY BILL

NEW RATES EFFECTIVE ON THE JUNE 1ST UTILITY BILL	
Quantity & Size	Monthly Rate
 96 Gallon Can	<b>\$21.50</b>
 1 Yard Dumpster	<b>\$66.50</b>
 2 Yard Dumpster	<b>\$102.25</b>
 3 Yard Dumpster	<b>\$145.26</b>
 4 Yard Dumpster	<b>\$193.26</b>
 6 Yard Dumpster	<b>\$255.76</b>

### PICKUP SCHEDULE CHANGE

APR  
24

#### Friday, April 24

Last pickup on old schedule — transition day.

APR  
29

#### Wednesday, April 29

First pickup — Wednesdays begin going forward.

WED

#### Every Wednesday

New regular pickup day starting April 29.

6AM

#### Carts Out by 6:00 AM

Place cart at curb by 6 AM each Wednesday.

### CONTACT DUMPSTER PROS KS

OWNER

**Stephen Davidson**

785-215-2885

OWNER

**Kayeloni Davidson**

785-219-2090

EMAIL

[dumpsterprosks@gmail.com](mailto:dumpsterprosks@gmail.com)

# AGENDA

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, April 14th- 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 10, 2026, Business Meeting

BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE

MAINTENANCE:

CLERK:

POLICE:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

1. UNBOUND GRAVEL

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT: Inventory and Evidence update and next steps

3. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

a. Pay range-

4. BUILDING PERMIT FEE INCREASE: Discussion around fee increase

5. COMMUNITY SURVEY: Review and comments on Community Survey

6. HAZARD MITIGATION FUND RESOLUTION

7. MOWING RELEASE APPROVAL: Review applications

8. CONDEMNATION LIST:

a. 507 Elm

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**Doo Little** TRAILER MFG. **LOAD TRAIL**

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Americus, Ks  
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620-794-1417

## Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS  
620-366-5074

Email: [pastor.americus@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.americus@gmail.com)

Worship Service  
Sunday at 8:00 am

During services a nursery is available.  
We invite all to join us.



Facebook: Americus UMC

## Americus Community Food Pantry

Pre-Boxed  
Pick Up Only



Tuesday  
April 7th  
6:00pm- 7:30  
pm

Saturday  
April 25th  
9:30 am-  
11:00am

We welcome any nonperishable donations.  
drop off on the parsonage porch or contact  
the church at 620.366.5074  
Thank You to the community for all  
donations.

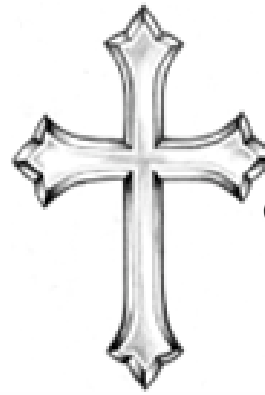
## Small Engine Repair

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Countryside  
Baptist Church  
6 First Street, P.O. Box 524  
Americus, KS 66835

### Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (nursery available)

Pastor Rich Arnold

Call 620-343-1546  
For more information.

For a Bus Ride to Church: (620)443-5177

## Cindy's Leather Repair

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Call Cindy Edmiston 443-5993 Leave a Message

A vibrant, child-friendly invitation for a Kindergarten Round-Up event. The background is white with a border of colorful crayons. The text is in various colors and fonts. There are illustrations of an apple, a school bus, and two children holding hands. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at NLC Elementary School, 804 Sixth Street, Americus. It is for children who will be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2026. Contact information for the school and district office is provided at the bottom.

**You are INVITED to**  
**ATTEND**  
**KINDERGARTEN**  
**ROUND UP**

**Tuesday, April 7th - 6:00 p.m.**  
**At NLC Elementary School**  
**804 Sixth Street, Americus**

Children who will be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2026  
are invited to attend Kindergarten Round-Up.

*If you have any questions feel free to  
call the school or the District Office.*  
NLC Elementary 620-481-2086  
District Office 620-481-2085

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In an effort to improve the appearance of our cemeteries especially with mowing and weed-eating the Americus Township Board has adopted a policy banning the planting of trees, shrubs, plants or flowers in the cemetery. Signs have been ordered and will be put in place in the near future. We also ask that when placing other items that they be placed in such a manner as to not interfere with maintenance. We appreciate your cooperation.



**\$3.00 / Dozen**

Robert and Linda Clark 620-794-6145 or 785-709-0101. Please leave a message if no answer.





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# Hello & Welcome

Jessica and RJ to Americus!



This young couple recently closed on a home and are excited to start this new chapter in the Flint Hills. Jessica is from Iola and RJ is from Halstead and they love small town living. They are Christ centered and thankful to welcome their first child in May!

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## *Showers, Second Chances & a Little Foolishness*

April has this sneaky way of showing up and whispering: “Alright... it’s your turn now.”

The old sweatpants? Time to retire them. The warm sun on your face? Time to soak it in. The flowers, the buzzing bees, the bright green leaves — they’re all waving hello, reminding you the world is wide open and waiting for you to show up.

March gave us the mud, the mess, the spring cleaning. We did the hard work of clearing space. But April? April is about stretching, emerging, and saying yes — yes to the fun, the spontaneous, the bright and unexpected. It’s BBQs with friends, kids running in the park, evening light that sticks around just long enough to make you forget about that early alarm. It’s the first shorts of the season, that first sunburn on your nose, the thrill that summer is quietly sneaking up.

And yes — the rain will come. Of course it will. But rainy days are secretly brilliant. They’re the perfect excuse to slow down, binge that new recipe you’ve been saving, finally attempt sourdough without judgment, or just curl up and plan your next adventure. Rain doesn’t ruin the fun — it preps you for it. It waters the soil, literally and figuratively. Speaking of playful beginnings... have you seen the baby calves in the pastures this time of year? Bucking, hopping, chasing each other, completely unbothered by the world? That’s us, too. As the weather warms, we’re emerging from winter hibernation, stretching out the stiffness, shaking off the gloom, and letting ourselves be playful — goofy, ridiculous, and unapologetically alive. Maybe we hop on the first bike ride of the season, make a spontaneous dinner plan, or just dance in the backyard for no reason. That’s the energy of April: curious, bold, and delightfully untamed. April is the season where patience meets excitement. You plant seeds — in the garden, in your life, in your intentions — and even if it feels like nothing is happening, something is already stirring beneath the surface. Your energy is coming back. Your spark is returning. The seasonal blues are fading, replaced by a lighter, happier, more playful you. It’s a season of new beginnings. The kind that makes you stand taller, breathe deeper, and flirt a little with possibility.

The kind that makes you say yes — even when it’s messy, unexpected, or just slightly foolish.

Because here’s the secret: life blooms in the little choices. In the first attempts. In the “maybe this will work” moments. The magic is in showing up, watering what you’ve planted, and trusting that the sun is coming.

So here’s your April invitation:

Step out of the old.

Step into the bright.

Laugh a little. Buck around a little. Try a little. Say yes a lot.

Plant the seeds you’ve been holding onto. Chase the adventures you’ve been imagining. Let the sun hit your face, let the rain wash over your plans, and watch yourself bloom — slowly, boldly, playfully — into the season that’s finally yours.

*-Dakota Hamlin*

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Notice is hereby given that a majority of the City Council of the City of Americus will attend a training session together on the following date and time:

Date: April 17, 2026

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Salina, KS

The purpose of this gathering is training and educational in nature. No city business will be discussed, and no action will be taken.

This notice is being provided in accordance with the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq.).

Dated this 25th day of March, 2026.

Dodie Doudna

City Clerk, City of Americus

#### **PLANNING & ZONING BOARD**

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6.00 pm

#### **AMERICUS REC. ORGANIZATION**

NLC Elementary

3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

#### **CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING**

City Hall

2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

#### **FIRE BOARD MEETING**

Library

2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

#### **TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD**

Library

4th Monday @ 5:30 p.m.

#### **MUNICIPAL COURT**

City Hall

2nd Wednesday @ 3:00 p. m.

#### **AMERICUS TOWNSHIP**

Library

Last Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.

#### **RWD #1 BOARD**

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia