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April 2021



Mike & Vicki Ross

April 5th

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

AMERICUS RECREATION

ORGANIZATION

USD 251 Cafeteria

3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 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 Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.

RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia

Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS

Are opening their doors for in person services.
Please come by and join us. Practicing all COVID-19 precautions during services.

2nd - Skyler Arb
3rd - Stan Stewart III
4th - Hailey Westcott
5th - Preston Patton
6th - Emily Elbert
8th - Kelli Elbert
Avery Patton
Justin Tarver
Ryan Kellison
9th - Britney Hinrichs
11th - Brian Hultgren
12th - Kaitlin Centlivre
15th - Maylea Hamlin
16th - Darlene Worcester
17th - Alec Short
18th - Jackie Lefler
23rd - Caleb Klaus
28th - Connor Arb

AMERICUS Community Center

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

Looking for a venue.
For more information on
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Americus Police Department

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- 09.03.20 Justin Contreras, Council Grove
Spd. 34/20 No drivers license \$252.00
- 02.13.21 Victoria Sickler, Emporia
Spd. 36/20 \$164.00



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LYON COUNTY
CALL 342-2273

Code Enforcement



Americus Farmers Market will be open for business April 2nd, 2021, 4pm.-6pm.

Americus will no longer be affiliated with Emporia Farmers Market.

If you are interested in being a vender please contact City Hall 620-443-5655.



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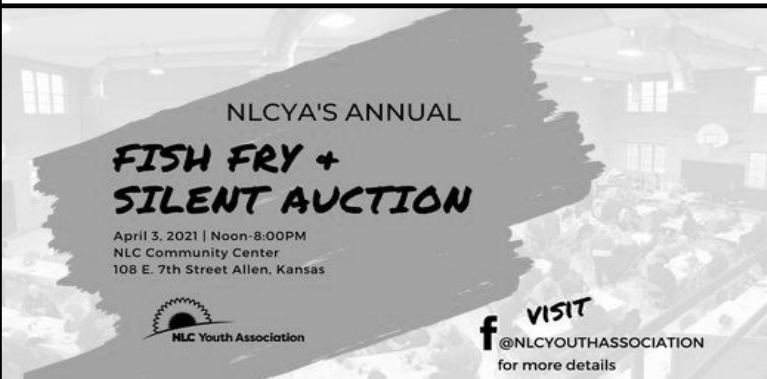
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SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021 AT 12 PM CDT— 8 PM CDT

NLC YOUTH ASSOC. ANNUAL FISH FRY & SILENT AUCTION

NLC Youth Association and Child Development Center



Americus Alumni Banquet

The Americus Alumni Banquet
originally scheduled for
May 29th has been cancelled.
See you in 2022.

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From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the March 9th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, NUESSEN and BURTON. Council member HINRICHS arrived at 7:09 p.m. Council member BIRK absent. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson and maintenance Nick Gadino. Present via speaker phone at 7:46 p.m. was City Attorney Steve Atherton.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No guests present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *January 12th and February 9th 2021 business meeting.* Moved by HAMLIN to approve the January 12th and February 9th business meeting minutes. Motion seconded by BURTON, 3-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by NUESSEN to pay the bills for March 2021 in the amount of \$14,709.50. Motion seconded by BURTON, 3-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: HAMLIN reported she has been contacted by Rob Gilligan, Director of Ignite Emporia. Mr. Gilligan inquired if the city has any interest in the development of new homes. HAMLIN will be in contact with Mr. Gilligan for more information.

Marcia Johnson reported that HB 2178 will go before the Senate on Thursday at 9:30. Lyon County has completed 6 years of a 10-year, 1 cent sales tax on goods and services sold in Lyon County. It will be on the election ballot in the Fall of 2021 for renewal. The County is setting up a Sales Tax Committee to act as a steering and marketing committee for the renewal and have asked for 2 members of the committee to be from Americus.

Nick Gadino reported from the maintenance department; during the recent cold spell the lift station generators kicked on but would not switch over and had to be done manually. A-1 Pump and Jet came in and pumped out the lift stations. The dump truck is up and running, the department has hauled 17 loads of rock.

NUESSEN reported from the police department. The car had maintenance performed, radios were not installed due to missing parts that are not in. Lyon Co. is unable to continue routine maintenance on the patrol car. The battery was replaced under warranty.

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HAMLIN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

1. **STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE:** *Yearly contract.* The council asked that a letter be sent outlining city code Chapter XV Utilities, Article 5, Section 15-519, stating that the vehicle shall be equipped with an enclosed covered body to prevent the contents leaking or escaping therefrom. Moved by BURTON to approve the contract with Steve's Trash Service. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote.

2. **POLICE DEPARTMENT:** *Resignation of Jenna Herrington and appointment of 2 new officers.* Moved by HINRICHS to accept the resignation of Jenna Herrington. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote. Ms. Herrington will turn in her equipment to NUESSEN. Mayor Dustin Wright appointed Sinjin Andrews and Brandon Early as officers for the Americus Police Department.

3. **THE LIQUOR SHED:** *Liquor license renewal.* Moved by HAMLIN to approve the liquor license renewal for The Liquor Shed. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

4. **NOISE ORDINANCE:** *Noise ordinance draft.* The council was given a draft of a noise ordinance. City Clerk will check into current code that covers noisy animals and vehicles. Consensus of council to move forward with drafting a noise ordinance.

EXCESS CITY PROPERTY: *Opening of bids for the piano, organ and dish sanitizer.* The steel tank was sold on Purple Wave and brought \$775.00 also selling on Purple Wave was the roller bringing \$625.00. The city is accepting bids for a piano, organ and dish sanitizer. The council has received two sealed bids, one bid is for the piano; \$136.00 from Betsy Landwehr and one for the organ; \$35.00 from Frank Landwehr. There were no bids for the dish sanitizer. Moved by NUESSEN to accept the bids. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote.

City Attorney Steve Atherton joined via speaker phone.

6. **PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:** *Use of rights-of-way for ball field project. Excess city supplies.* The design for the ball field complex has the bleachers and portions of the fence in the right-of-way. Excess property from the current ballfield will be sold or scrapped depending if there is a value or not. Moved by BURTON to allow for Project Playscape ballfield design and construction to extend into the city right-of-way. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote. Within the next couple of weeks, Schumann Electric and J. Frank Crane Service will be here to remove the light poles. During the recent fundraising weekend, \$30,000 was raised or donated bringing the project total to \$381,500.

7. **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:** *Approval of purchase. (air pump for lift station)* Maintenance recently replaced the air pump on one of the lift stations. The second lift station is currently using the backup spare air pump. A new air pump runs \$500.00. Moved by HINRICHS to purchase an air pump for the lift station. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 4-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Acquisition of real property.* Moved by HINRICHS to go in to executive session for 15 minutes at 8:02, with council, mayor, legal and city clerk present. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, (no vote taken)

Out of executive session at 8:23 p.m. No action taken.

Moved by BURTON to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (as of print time)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL / ZOOM

AGENDA:

1. **NOISE ORDINANCE:** Draft of proposed ordinance.



Due to the passing of Gerald Myers



*Myers
Greenhouse*

WILL BE
CLOSED

THIS SEASON.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS
OF PATRANAGE!

Sharon Myers and Family



Keep up to date on Americus Recreation
Organization Facebook page
or Americusrec.com

for more information contact :

Jesse McKee 620-757-1979

E-mail the ARO board at:

americusrec@gmail.com

Visit our web page at:

www.americusrec.com



Americus Township Library

710 Main Street/ PO BOX 404
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Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 1pm –5:30pm
Tues, Thurs: 9a–12p and 1p–5:30p
Sat: 9a–12p (afternoon closed)
Sunday: closed

The library is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Kansas (Topeka). When aluminum pop tabs are sent they are taken to a recycling center. The money then goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

The Library is now open to walk-ins! Come and visit us during our regular hours

The Crayon Initiative is a wonderful organization. When you donate your unwanted or broken crayons, they will recycle them into new ones. These new crayons are then donated to schools, hospitals, or art programs. The library has a drop-box!



Thank you for your
patience and understanding
as we function under
Covid-19 constrictions

**No story times because of
Covid 19.**

**Library is open but masks
are still required.**

**We have hand sanitizer for
your use.**

Do you think you would
qualify for **HOME BOUND
LIBRARY SERVICES?**

Call us to see how we can
help!

DID YOU KNOW:

When you move to Americus there are many aspects involved in setting up a house; utilities, newspaper, Post office. If you have a concern with your services here is a list of who to call.

Telephone: Consolidated Communications - 620-443-5125

Cellphone Provider: Nex-Tech Wireless 620-487-5800

Electricity: Evergy - 1-800-383-1183

Cable T.V. No cable available.

Water: Rural Water Dist. #1 - 800-879-9050

(May pay at KansasLand Bank)

Post Office: Americus Post Master - 620-443-5333

Community Center: Available for rent. Call City Hall 443-5655.

Sewer: City of Americus 620-443-5655

(May pay at KansasLand Bank)

Trash: Steve's Trash Service 620-392-5626 (May pay at KansasLand Bank)

For questions about billing, activation and to stop service call:

City of Americus - 620-443-5655

Natural Gas:

Black Hills Energy - 888-890-5554

Internet Service:

Consolidated Communications - 620-443-5125

KwiKom Communications - 800-379-7292 (Iola)

Mercury Wireless - 620-487-7800 or 800-354-4915

Nex-Tech Wireless - 620-487-5800

Americus Police:

Police Department - 620-487-5899

if you are unable to reach us call the Lyon Co. Sheriff

Dept. at 620-342-5545

Emergency call 911

Dog Owners

The City requires that the owner of any dog over six months of age shall register their pets with the city clerk within 30 days of acquiring the dog(s) or moving into town. To purchase dog tags, bring a certificate of current rabies vaccinations to City Hall. Cost of the tag is \$25.00. The registration of good for the lifetime of the dog. A late fee of \$10.00 will be added after 30 days.

Any dog running at large within the city shall be impounded. The owner of an impounded dog found running at large will be required to pay a boarding fee and fine. Kennel Licenses: If you are the owner or harbored of 3 or more dogs, then you are required to purchase a kennel license from the city. The City does not allow vicious animals.

Building Permits

The City of Americus requires building permits, if you plan a project stop by City Hall for an application.

Mowing of Property

The City of Americus requires that property owners keep the vegetation at a height of less than 12". The property owners are responsible for grasses in the adjoining right-of-way's, to the center of the alley or street.

House Numbers

City of Americus requires that all houses have their house numbers posted so they are visible from the street, a minimum of 4" in height.

Vehicles

The City of Americus does not allow junk vehicles. A vehicle will be considered junk if it does not have a current tag or is inoperable.

Americus Recreation organization (A.R.O.)

A.R.O. was created to provide organized sports for the youth in our community. If you would like to know more about A.R.O., become a volunteer or for registrations contact a board member: *Jesse McKee (620-757-1979), Evan Wilson, Veronica Dean, Josh Posey and Carrie McElfresh*

ATV's Golf Carts and Micro Utility Trucks

ATV's golf carts and micro utility trucks are allowed in the city limits of Americus with the permit issued by the city. To obtain a permit you must complete an application form, pay a yearly fee and provide proof of liability insurance. Please contact City Hall if you have any further questions.

Permitted Fowl

The City will allow female chickens, ducks, turkeys and geese. A permit must first be obtained through City Hall.

Open Burning

Open burning is restricted to: leaves, tree trimmings no larger than one person can handle, and naturally occurring landscape waste only.

Open burning shall not be: 1) conducted after sunset and before sunrise 2) when wind speeds exceed 15 mph 3) within 50 ft of any structure except in approved burner built of brick, cement, stone, or metal located not less than 15 feet from any structure and constructed in a manner to securely confine burning material and with all openings protected with steel netting of 1/2 inch mesh or with steel plate with no larger than 1/2 inch holes therein. 4) conducted upon any street or alley open to vehicular traffic or upon any sidewalk of the city.

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure of combustible material unless contained in a barbeque device.

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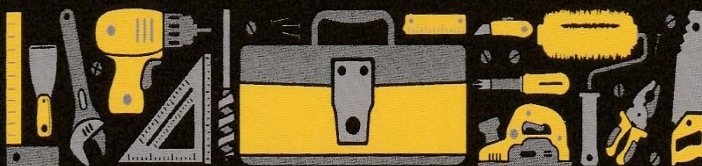


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413 Walnut, Americus, KS
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Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30 am

Worship Service

Sundays at 10:30 am

Children's Sunday School

During services

Americus Community Food Pantry

Tuesday

Saturday

April 6th

April 17th

6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm.

10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

Open to anyone in need. No Restrictions.

Doors open 30 minutes before start time.

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

DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS, LISTEN TO
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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)
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Service with praise music

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. **Youth Group for grades K thru 12**
- 6:30 p.m. Christian programs for adults

For more information:

For Worship, call Pastor Rick Smith at (620) 273-8407

For Sunday School, call Brenda at (620) 366-1965

For Youth Group, call Carla at (620) 794-1361



Animal Clinic

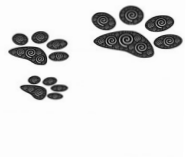
The 2021 annual animal clinic date and place has been moved to this spring in the Americus City Park.

May 15th, 2021 Dr. Scott Gordon, DVM, will be here to vaccinate your pets 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

Yearly dog tag renewals will still need to be purchased no later than March 1, 2021, without added fees.



Watch upcoming newsletters for more information about the Animal Clinic.



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Thinking of Selling your Home?

Call us for a free Market Analysis to assist in determining what your home is worth as well as tips on getting it ready to put on the market.

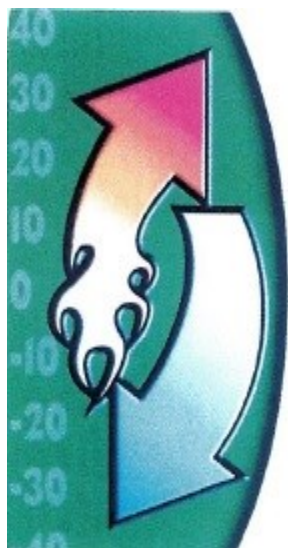


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Project Playscape



Where are we at, with funding?

Currently we have collected \$381,500 of the \$400,000 community goal. We are continuing to grant write and plan fundraisers to raise the remainder funds. We should all take time to celebrate our

Upcoming Fundraisers

- T-shirt Sales till 5/2021
- Community Art, Craft, & Handmade Online Auction 4/2-4/9.
- Brick Sales until 5/2021

If you are interested in a monetary donation, please make your check payable to "Project Playscape" and mail to:

Emporia Community Fund
Re: Project Playscape
527 Commercial St. , Suite B
Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 342-9304

- You will receive a receipt for tax-deduction purposes with the tax id# from ECF. If you are interested in donating supplies or labor to the project, please contact Britney

EASTER EVENT!

Saturday, April 3rd 10:00AM-12PM @Americus City Park

Take a picture (using your camera phone) with the Easter Bunny! \$5 for a single child or \$10 for 2 or more kids/family group photo.

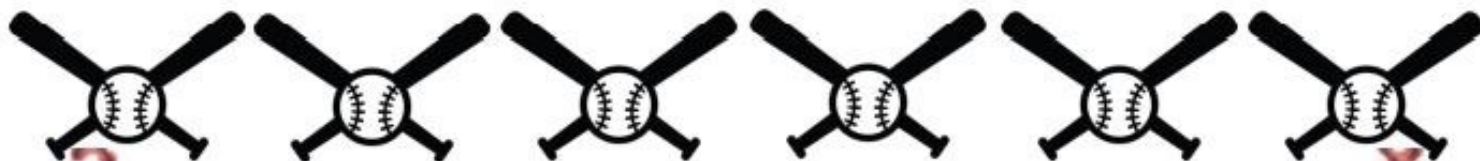
All proceeds will be donated to Project Playscape for the Americus Recreation Ballfield Complex!!

Receive a free Easter Goody Bag from Peter Cottontail! First come, first served (while supplies last).

Kids can walk around the side-walk chalk obstacle course that will be drawn around the park.



To donate towards the event contact Sam Burton 341-3504 or Britney Hinrichs 794-1685. Event Sponsor: Steve & Sam Burton



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Family or Business engraved bricks! Use the boxes below to print your information. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

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Please make checks payable to: **Project Playscape**

Mail completed form & check to:

City of Americus, Re: Project Playscape, 604 Main Street, Americus, KS 66835

Other Options:

1. Drop off form & money at Americus City Hall
2. Give form and funds to either Britney Hinrichs or Jana Smart
3. Email form to: projectplayscape4community@gmail.com (venmo or send ck)
(Project Playscape will take Cash, Check, and Venmo @Britney-Hinrichs (re: Brick))

When placing this order, please write if you are wanting this grouped with other family bricks. We will try our best to group them as asked, if we have enough spacing to do so.

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Address: _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

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Payment Method: _____ Total Enclosed = _____

Community

AUCTION

Start by going to the Facebook event page on Project Playscape! We have updated to an auction group site! Starting March 27th we will advertise small businesses (ex. Artists, Crafters, Designers, Bakers, Independent Sellers, etc.)

*This is a great way to see products you may have never been aware of, while supporting the community and small businesses.

*Each person/business participating in our “day of spotlight” will be donating an item (s) or basket for the online auction.

All Proceeds go to the
AMERICUS BASEBALL COMPLEX.

We are also opening up the auction for others in the public to participate:

Attention Kids! Want your creative works to



help raise money for our community? Need Ideas? Check out “Kids Art Auction Ideas” in Pinterest/Google with your parents. Have fun! Splatter art, make bows, use watercolors, make jewelry, artwork, woodwork, tie-dye, handprint art, canvas, build a birdhouse, or keychains just to name a few. Then donate your item to be auctioned!

Attention High Schoolers or Adults! Maybe you have a talent or homemade art/craft/baked item that you'd love to donate to the auction that could help you potentially find customers in the future!?

Attention Community-Do you have new items large or small, that have never been used laying around, and you would like to donate?

AUCTION DETAILS:

Items viewable for bidding
April 2nd-April 9th.

Auction Ends April 9th @
7pm

Pickup Auction items April
10th at 12-2pm



To participate, contact Project Playscape:

1. Facebook messenger
2. Phone 620-794-1685
3. Email: projectplayscape4community@gmail.com

Include if you will be:

Child, High Schooler, Adult, Class auction donor or a “Spotlight” Individual/Business donor. I will send you more information!

Don't Forget: Add “Project Playscape” on facebook and join the event page!







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Lyon County Recycle Trailer

The recycle trailer is located on the south side of the grade school gym.



April Schedule
7th & 21st

May Schedule
5th & 19th

CITY HALL

Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Fax: 620-443-5644

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Americus Police Department invites you to visit their Facebook page

All newsletter submissions need to be into City Hall or emailed to amcitykelly@yahoo.com on the 23rd of each month.

Americus Recycling Center

Located behind City Hall

Recycle items only.

Please break down all boxes and rinse all containers.

Empty trash containers/bags into bins, do not dispose of plastic bags in the recycle bins.

