

MINUTES
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2025
CITY HALL
BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HARMON, HAMLIN, BURTON, and HINRICHS. Council member NUESSEN was absent. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Treasurer Dodie Doudna, Attorney Steve Atherton, Police Chief Jody Meyers, and Maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Bobby Thompson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *March 11th, 2025 business meeting, March 25th, 2025 special meeting* Moved by HARMON to approve the minutes of the March 11th, 2025 business meeting. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the minutes of the March 25th, 2025 special meeting. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHS to approve the accounts payable for April 2025 in the amount of \$69,597.07. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: HINRICHS that Project Playscape is working on getting things ready for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th.

MAINTENANCE: Nick Gadino reported that A1 Pump Jet services had done routine maintenance on the sewer system. He has started mowing.

CLERK: No report

NUESSEN arrived at 7:12 p.m.

POLICE: Police Chief Jody Meyers has reported that there is a recall on the police vehicle that he will address.

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HINRICHS to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.

1. **BOBBY THOMPSON/FHGR:** *Request for camper use at Community Center/tent camping at park/food truck parking* Bobby has let the council know that there are 800 registered riders for the Flint Hills Gravel Ride this Saturday. Bobby is requesting that the council allow him to have 2 campers occupied. One at 516 Locust and one at 102 Main St on April 10th, 11th, and 12th overnight. He is also requesting that the council allow tent camping in the northeast corner of the city park overnight on April 11th. Bobby is also requesting the use of the basketball courts on April 12th and 2 parking spots in front of Equity Bank on the evening of April 11th and all day on April 12th. Moved by BURTON to grant a conditional use permit to allow the use of campers at 516 Locust at 102 Main overnight on April 10th, 11th, and 12th and for tent camping at the city park on April 11th as well as extending the park hours on April 11th and to grant the use of the basketball courts on April 12th and two parking spots in front of Equity Bank on the evening of April 11th and all day April 12th. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0-1 vote.
2. **HARRY & LLOYD'S:** *Temporary CMB Permit* Moved by HARMON to grant a Temporary CMB Permit to Harry and Lloyd's for April 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. at the basketball courts at the city park on April 12th, 2025. Motion seconded by HINRIHS. 5-0 vote.
3. **VANCE BROTHERS:** *Contract for oil* Council reviewed the contract
4. **ICI & EMCC:** *Insurance Review* Council reviewed the insurance review provided
5. **TRASH SERVICE BIDS:** Review No action taken
6. **STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE:** *Review of contract* Moved by BURTON to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for city trash services with Steve's Trash Service with price increases going into effect on June 1st, 2025. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.
7. **KPERS:** *KPERS 457 & 401(a)* The council reviewed information about KPERS benefits. Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Resolution 306 approving KPERS 457. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.
8. **ORDINANCE NO. 624:** *Repeal of Ordinance No. 546* Moved by HARMON to adopt Ordinance No. 624. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.
9. **ORDINANCE NO. 625:** *Amendment to Open Burn Policy* Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Ordinance No. 625. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote.
10. **ORDINANCE NO. 423:** *Swimming Pools* Council reviewed the current Ordinance and would like Planning and Zoning to review it. Tabled for 30 days.
11. **AMERICUS POLICE DEPARTMENT:** *Police car disposal and credit card request* Police Chief Jody Meyers stated that the 2015 Ford Explorer has been stripped of all equipment that is not specific to that model. It is

the consensus of the council to list the vehicle on Purple Wave and to donate the lights to the Americus Fire Department. Jody has also requested a credit card for the officers to be able to get fuel because they are limited with getting gas outside of Casey's business hours. Moved by NUESSEN to add the Police Department as an authorized user on the current Banker's Bank of Kansas credit card the city holds. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote.

12. PROJECT PLAYScape: *Playground equipment* HINRICHS presented options to replace the damaged equipment that was removed from the park. Moved by BURTON to purchase a Step 2 Clubhouse Climber not to exceed \$1200.00. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0-1 vote.

13. CONDEMNATION: *List Review* Council reviewed the condemnation list. No action taken.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Non-elected personnel matters* moved by BURTON to go into executive session at 8:45 p.m. for 10 minutes with council, legal, and Mayor present. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 5-0 vote. Back in open session at 8:54 p.m. Moved by NUESSEN to offer the temporary full-time maintenance position to Jacob Posey with the possibility of it becoming permanent. Motion seconded by BURTON 5-0 vote. Mayor Wright appoints Kayla Burton as Head of HR. Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion was seconded by HINRICHS, 5-0 vote.

Dustin R. Wright, Mayor

Lea Hamlin, Council President

Nicky Nuessen

Britney Hinrichs

Kayla Burton

Bill Harmon