

MINUTES
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, August 12th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President HAMLIN. Council members present were HARMON, HAMLIN, NUESSEN, and HINRICHES. Also present were Interim City Clerk Dodie Doudna, and Attorney Steve Atherton.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Vicki Brickell

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by NUESSEN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HINRICHES. 3-0 vote.

1. **2026 BUDGET:** *Proposed budget for adoption.* Moved by HARMON to adopt the 2026 Proposed Budget. Motion seconded by HINRICHES. 3-0 vote.
Motion to adjourn budget hearing at 7:04 p.m. by NUESSEN. Motion seconded by HINRICHES. 3-0 vote.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *July 8th, 2025, business meeting* Moved by HARMON to approve the July 8th, 2025, business meeting minutes. Motion seconded by HINRICHES. 4-0 vote. *July 10th, 2025 and July 24th, 2025 special meeting* Moved by NUESSEN to approve the July 10th and July 24th special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHES to approve the July bills to pay for \$14,909.83. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: HINRICHES reported that they finished the tour for kids. Vintage baseball game will be Saturday, August 16th. HAMLIN mentioned that in the 2027 baseball season, high school teams will start using the double first base like softball does. She would like to encourage the rec to incorporate this at the younger ages to get them used to it before high school.

MAINTENANCE:

CLERK: Dodie Doudna presented several trainings that she would like to attend in the upcoming months. Council agreed these would be good opportunities to learn the role more. She also noted that there will be a change in September to CMB licensing. Doudna reported that Wal-Mart is ending their Wal-Mart Community Card and discussed options moving forward for purchasing.

POLICE: NUESSEN requested that the old police car get listed on purplewave.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HINRICHES to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

1. **VICKI BRICKELL:** *Planting trees at the ballfields* Vicki would like to purchase trees from Strawder's to plant in their legacy. She would like to also reach out to the Americus Alumni Association and see if there were others that would like to purchase a tree as well. Council agreed to plot out where trees could go and move forward in the spring with planting. Vicki left at 7:20 p.m.
2. **CROSSWALK SIGNS:** *Repairs* It was reported that the crosswalk signs by the park are not working correctly. Nick and Harmon will try to repair them.

3. **CONDEMNATION:** 507 Elm: Council would like the building inspector to inspect the property to decide if it is a dangerous and unfit structure. 1010 Main: Clerk will reach out to owner for update on repairs/demolition. 503 and 511 Main: Clerk will reach out to owner for update on repairs.
4. **ORDINANCE 623:** *Rewording for clarity* HARMON proposed some changes to the Open Buring Policy for clarity for residents. Attorney Steve Atherton advised that once the wording is changed that the Open Burn Policy be adopted into Ordinance 623. Clerk will make the changes and have it ready at the next council meeting.
5. **STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE:** *Adoption of Ordinance 627* Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Ordinance No. 627. Motion seconded by HINRICHES. 4-0
6. **UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE ORDINANCE:** *Adoption of Ordinance 628* Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Ordinance No. 627. Motion seconded by HINRICHES. 4-0
7. **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:** Attorney Atherton advised some changes. Discussion to finish up other changes to be made. NUESSEN plans to have the changes completed within a week.
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Non-elected personnel issues* Motioned by NUESSEN to go into executive session for 5 minutes with council, clerk, and legal present. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote. Motioned by HINRICHES to go into executive session for 30 minutes with council and legal. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. Motioned by HINRICHES to extend executive session for 10 minutes at 8:49 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote. Out of executive session at 8:59 p.m. Dodie Doudna appointed City Clerk by HAMLIN. Council advised clerk to schedule a special meeting for the following week.
Motion to adjourn by NUESSEN at 9:05 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

Absent
Dustin R. Wright, Mayor

Lea Hamlin, Council President

Nicky Nuessen

Britney Hinrichs

Absent
Kayla Burton

Bill Harmon