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August 5th

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August 19th



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



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Code Enforcement will be out an about checking for violations for grass and vegetation in excess of 12" tall.

Property owners are responsible for the vegetation to the center of the right-of-way's.



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Jakob Edmunds
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or any Masonic Lodge member

BUY RAFFLE TICKET(S) →

From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the July 13th 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 pm by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, NUESSEN, BURTON and BIRK. Hinrichs arrived at 7:04 p.m. Also, present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton, maintenance Nick Gadino and officer Marcial Hernandez.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *June 8th business meeting and June 10th special meeting.* Moved by HAMLIN to approve the minutes of the June 8th business meeting. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote. The June 10th minutes were tabled until HINRICHS arrives. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the special meeting minutes of June 10th. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 3-0 vote. BIRK and BURTON abstained.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by NUESSEN to approve the bills to pay in the amount of \$262,242.72, the check to A-1 to be held until the video requirement is completed. Motion seconded by BURTON, 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: BURTON reported from maintenance; a letter was received and read to the council recognizing Nick and John for their hard work. Maintenance has been working on roads. The department has been putting chip and seal on Pine and Second streets. Nick reported they have been working on a cracked synchronizer on the dump truck and the John Deere tractor lost a gear selector, repairs were made.

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

1. **HEARIANG BEFORE THE COUNCIL:** *John & Freda Birchmeier.* Tabled until August meeting.

2. **2022 BUDGET:** *Draft of 2022 budget.* The council has two budget drafts. The first draft assumes the city will adopt a revenue neutral budget. The second draft, assumes the city will levy the same mill levy as 2021. The difference between keeping the same tax levy as 2021 and the revenue neutral rate is a reduction of \$5,968.00. There is a 5% wage increase figured, health insurance is held at a maximum of \$500 per month per eligible employee. Law enforcement expenses are based on hours they worked in 2020 with 150 hours more for the chief and 300 more hours for officers. Requests included in the budget are \$5,000 for condemnation, \$5,100 for community center operations, \$15,000 to resurface the parking on the East side of the 600 block of Main St., \$45,000 for chip and seal. There is \$10,000 towards the purchase of a dump trailer and recycle shed renovations that is funded by a transfer from trash. Other transfers included in the budget are \$10,000 towards the Sycamore bridge replacement, \$10,000 to the capital improvement fund to recoup fire hydrant costs and other unfunded general expenditures, \$3,000 towards replacing the mower, \$2,000 for balance of backhoe purchase, \$3,000 towards a utility truck replacement, \$5,000 for tennis court renovation and \$5,000 for other park improvements. There is also \$25,000 budgeted for youth. Resolution 282 states the intent to levy a property tax exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Moved by HAMLIN to go with the budget with the same levy rate as 2021 adopting resolution no. 282. Motion seconded by BIRK, 5-0 vote.

3. **PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:** *Ball Field*

a. Musco Lighting: A check from Project Playscape was written to the city for the lighting, allowing for the purchase to be tax exempt and the warranty would be in the cities name. The lighting has been delivered and is in storage. The past weekend was demo day at the complex, all went well.

b. Fundraiser Weekend: A weekend of fundraisers has been scheduled for July 30th, 31st and August 1st. HINRICHS is requesting for Broadway Street to be closed between Fifth and Main Streets on July 31st for the car show. Friday evening will be an event at the Jones Aquatic Center from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Saturday there is a dodgeball tournament from 8:30 am – noon, car show from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm and events at Harry and Lloyds from 3:00 pm until midnight. Moved by HAMLIN to close Broadway from Main to Fifth Street on July 31st between 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

c. Auction Items: HINRICHS has items that were removed from the park on demo day. The items include play equipment and items left over from the pool including chairs. Items will be offered at auction to the public. The council would like to consider moving the spring riding toys to a new location within a city park. Project Playscape has scheduled for the park to be sprayed to kill off the grass (30-40 days prior) in order to begin the dirt work.

d. Pool House: Project Playscape will begin cleaning out the pool house for renovations. Unused items will be removed and placed for auction.

4. **PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:** *Splash Pad information and guidance.* The council reviewed the options for a splash pad. HINRICHS will contact Matt Cline from Aquatix with questions from the council. A special meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday the 20th at 6:00 at the city park to determine the location of the splash pad and review the design. Additional projects to include in the grants for the park include updating of the basketball courts with possible new fencing, bathrooms and installing a shade (awning) area near the splash pad with benches. The Emporia Community Foundation Match Day is November 15th between 9:00 – 5:00, Project Playscape has been chosen to be a part of Match Day. Any donations made after October 1st to the end of the day on November 15th will be matched.

5. **PARKS & RECREATION:** *Approval of expenditure.* A light pole in the city park has rotted off at the top, dropping the lines. The estimate from Schumann Electric to replace the pole and remount the lines is \$1,787.58. Moved by Burton to approve the expense not to exceed \$1,787.58 to replace an electrical pole and guide wire in the park. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 5-0 vote.

- 6. **AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING:** *Update of code books.* American Legal Publishing updates the City Code books. With Covid the updates have not been done for 2 years. The estimate to bring the Code up to date for 80 pages is approximately \$2,200 plus shipping and handling. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the purchase to update the code books, not to exceed \$2,500. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (as of print time)

TUESDAY, August 10, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

- 1) **HEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:** *John & Freda Birchmeier*
- 2) **S&A TELEPHONE:** *Placement of signs.*
- 2) **PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:** *Project updates; splash pad and ball park.*
- 3) **RESOLUTIONS:** *Junk vehicle removal.*



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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

August 10th

August 21st

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.

Social distancing practices will be in place.

During services a nursery is available.

We invite all to join us.



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)

WEDNESDAY

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

For more information:

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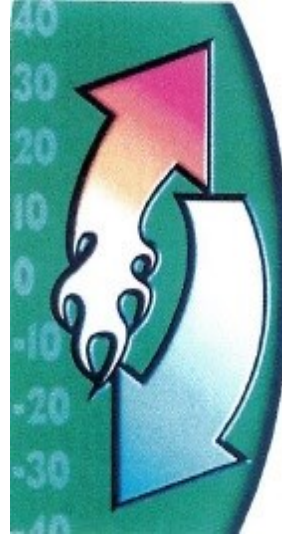


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Library Hours:

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.

We have many new books for your enjoyment and will be glad to Interlibrary Loan anything you may need.

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!

We will be CLOSED for library cleaning and staff training August 9th, 10th, and 11th. Our book drop will be available and will be checked each day.

No story times because of Covid 19.

Masks are optional, but appreciated. 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!

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE WEEKEND OF FUNDRAISERS

NORTHSIDE OF AMERICUS PARK
MAIN ST. & BROADWAY, AMERICUS KS

Saturday, July 31st

Awards **CAR SHOW & FOOD TRUCKS** *Food*

10 AM Registration & Setup
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

\$15 car registration
\$30 food truck registration
All proceeds benefit the Americus Baseball Complex. **ADMISSION FREE**



AMERICUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

50/50 RAFFLE

VISIT OUR BOOTH AT THE CAR SHOW

Saturday, July 31st 11am-3pm
@ Americus City Park, during Project Playscape's Weekend of Fundraisers

Our Firefighters are raising funds to purchase new intercoms for their grass fire trucks! 50/50 Raffle!

\$1 a ticket or \$20 for 25 tickets

Project Playscape –Weekend of Fundraisers!

July 30, 31st, & August 1st!

We are currently at \$415,000! As this met our previous community goal, with COVID and economy pricing increasing, we are needing to raise another \$65,000. We thank you for supporting our efforts and hope to see you at the events!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
Project Playscape

BISCUITS & GRAVY

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, August 1st

8:00-11:00AM
In Person or To Go!

Suggested Minimum **\$5/PERSON**
includes

Pancakes or Biscuits & Gravy plate with Juice
Suggested min. (\$7 for Pancake & Biscuit& Gravy)

@ Harry & Lloyds

608 Main Street, Americus

TOGO or Car side ordering option available as well! Call H&L morning of for orders, or email (Below) order, #, choice, name and time of arrival.

If you would like to donate food supplies for this event, please drop off at Americus City Hall or text Britney 620-794-1685 or email projectplayscape4community@gmail.com.



PROJECT PLAYSCAPE
WEEKEND OF FUNDRAISERS

@ **Harry & Lloyds**

608 Main Street, Americus

07.31.21

3pm-Cornhole Tournament

\$30 team of 2, registration 2:30pm

4pm-Bloody Mary Competition

\$10 to enter-prize for 1st place

3-8pm Dunk Tank

\$3 a toss, \$5 3 tosses, \$20 Push

8-Midnight-90's Music

with DJ Travis Hitt

Costume's Encouraged

50/50 Raffle

& Project Playscape Tees



Facebook "Project Playscape" for more details & event info!

Project Playscape

We are currently at \$416,100! As this met our previous community goal, with COVID and economy pricing increasing, we are needing to raise another \$65,000. We thank you for your continued support and hope to see you at the events! Something for everyone!

*Two Brothers Food Truck will be during the Car Show!

*NLC Cheer will be having a Kids Carnival Saturday!

*Americus Fire Dept. will be having a 50/50 raffle during the Car Show!

*KansasLand Bank has sponsored a dunk tank to be at H&L!

As you noticed, demo day was a success! Check out next newsletter for pictures! Dirt work will begin soon!

ARTMOBILE
@Weekend of Fundraisers
Americus, KS
Saturday, July 31st
11:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE
WEEKEND OF FUNDRAISERS

SEE LINE UP BELOW!!

JULY 30TH, 31ST & AUG. 1ST

Fri. 7.30	Swim Fundraiser @ Aquatic Center	6-8pm
	*Sand Volleyball Tournament, *Chuck-A-Duck *Duck Races	
Sat. 7.31	Dodgeball Tournament @ NLC Gym	8:30am-12pm
Sat. 7.31	Car Show & Food Trucks	11am-3pm
Sat. 7.31	H&L & Project Playscape Summer Bash	3pm-Midnight
	*Cornhole tournament *Bloody Mary Competition *Dunk Tank *DJ Travis Hitt w/90's Music *50/50 Raffle	
Sun. 8.1	Pancake & Biscuit Gravy BKFST	8-11am

Project Playscape Tee's will be available to purchase at events.
Keep checking back, as more events may be added!

FOR MORE INFORMATION LIKE FACEBOOK "PROJECT PLAYSCAPE" AND HEAD TO THEIR EVENT PAGE!

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE WEEKEND

SWIM FUNDRAISER

Friday, July 30th @ Jones Aquatic Center
6:00-8:00PM

Dive into the most fun you'll have this summer!
Swimming
Sand Volleyball Tournament
Duck Race @ the Lazy River
Chuck-a-duck competition @ main pool
Fun Prizes to win!
Free Water & Popsicles!

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OR A FLOCK OF 13 DUCKS FOR \$20

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FRI. 7/9 @ HARRY & LLOYDS 5-8PM
SAT. 7/10 @ AMERICUS BALL FIELD 8AM-2PM
SUN. 7/18 4-7PM ON MAIN STREET
FRI. 7/23 @ HARRY & LLOYDS 5-8PM

OR FACEBOOK MESSAGE "PROJECT PLAYSCAPE"
VENMO ACCEPTED. @ BRITNEY-HINRICHS
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All Proceeds go to the Construction of the Americus Ballfield Complex!

Check out the event page for more information on games & tournament or other weekend events! Like "Project Playscape"

DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE WEEKEND OF FUNDRAISERS!
PROCEEDS GO TO AMERICUS BALLFIELD COMPLEX!

8:30AM-12PM
NLC GYM
804 6TH STREET
AMERICUS, KS 66835

Doors open 8:30am
Tournament starts 9am

JULY 31 2021

SAT 8:30AM

*Teams must have 6 players
*Single elimination best of 3 games
*Team Uniform/Costumes encouraged!
*Prizes for Winning Team

9:00am-10:30am (12-17 yrs) \$90 per team
10:30am-12pm (18 & up) \$150 per team

Limited Space, register early!
\$2 entry for spectators! Support your favorite team or player!
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August 5 - 14, 2021



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August Schedule
4th & 18th

September Schedule
1st & 15th