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August

- 1st - Vicki Jones
- 5th - Koston Heiman
- 6th - Hadley Kellison
- 11th - Layton Succi
- 12th - Ashley Fehr
- 18th - Lea Hamlin
- 19th - Darrett King
- 20th - Zachariah Lee
 - Jaxon Posey
 - Tyson Johnson
- 22nd - Braden Heins
- 24th - Caleigh Smart
 - Nancy Wells
- 25th - Sherry Duncan
- 26th - Annie Adams
 - Jalaine King
- 27th - Wanda Lara
- 28th: Mark Dixon
- 29th: Beth Voorhees
- 31st - Aubrey Morgan
 - Logan Schlimme
 - Joshua Posey

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6.00 pm

AMERICUS REC. 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

Dean & MaryBeth Horton

August 1st

Fred & Christine

Zumbrunn

August 5th

Mark & Katherine Morgan

August 14th

Chanoe & Cheryl

Domenech

August 19th

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To email a message, please use the website cityofamericus.municipalimpact.com and complete the "contact us" drop down menu. The city will respond to either message the next working day.

School starts August 25th

Watch for children walking to and from school.

20 mph school zones will be enforced.



Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899



Code Enforcement

Violation Notices Served

KNOW YOUR SPEED

The city has purchased a speed indicator sign. The sign will be moved to different location around town.



Remember;

All residential and business structures MUST have house numbers 4" or larger affixed so they are visible from the street frontage.

(Ordinance 500)

From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the July 12th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were NUESSEN, HAMLIN, BURTON, and HARMON. HINRICHS was absent. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, City Accountant Laverne Soetebier, and maintenance Nick Gadino. HINRICHS arrived at 7:02 p.m.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 14 th business meeting. Moved by HARMON to approve the June 14 th business meeting. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 3-0-1 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HAMLIN to approve the accounts payable for July 2022 in the amount of \$55,278.83. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PLANNING COMMISSION: They had their hearing on a zoning change request. Their recommendation is to allow them to proceed with the zoning change. The request will go before the council on August 9 th .

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Playscape will not be able to hold the grand opening on July 30 th and will not reschedule until it is finished. Midland is installing the backstops on the fields. Partitions are installed and the plumbing fixtures are going in the bathrooms. After backstops are finished, we can put down concrete pads, then build and put bleachers on the pads. The Sadie Jones Advisory Committee has given \$40,000 for the playground equipment. Volunteers that will be putting up the shelter house have been over and need to have it marked before they start. HINRICHS also has volunteers to do the roof on the concession stand that will be starting soon.

MAINTENANCE: Will be starting chip/seal soon. Has been working with A-1 pump and jet to jet sewers. Would like permission to start to camera all the sewer lines.

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

1. 2023 BUDGET: Draft Review The council has two draft budgets. The first draft assumes the city will adopt a revenue neutral budget. The second draft assumes the city will exceed the revenue neutral rate. The difference between the revenue neutral budget and exceeding the revenue neutral rate is an increase of \$12,000. Exceeding the revenue neutral rate will keep the levy about the same as we levied last year. Last year we levied 35.777 mills, exceeding the revenue neutral rate we would levy 35.325 mills.

There is a 5% wage increase figured, and health insurance is held at a maximum of \$500 per month per eligible employee. Law enforcement expenses are based on 18 hours a week for the Chief and 10 hours a week x 2 for 2 officers and \$5,000 for a police car. Requests include \$5,000 for condemnation, \$3,000 for tree trimming, \$3,000 for community center. Other transfers included in the budget are \$10,000 for bridge replacement, \$2,000 for the balance of the backhoe purchase, \$3,000 for utility truck replacement, and \$5,000 for other park improvements. Resolution #287 states the intent to levy a property tax to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Moved by HARMON to go with the budget intending to exceed RNR for the 2023 budget. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 5-0 vote.

2. 2023 BUDGET: Approve intent to exceed RNR for publication Moved by HAMLIN to adopt Resolution #287 on intent to exceed RNR to send to the county clerk. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. Laverne left at 7:37 p.m.

3. COMMUNITY CENTER: Council took a tour of the community center. Council would like to clean the carpet and would also like to have them cleaned annually. We received 3 carpet cleaning quotes. Moved by BURTON to approve All American Cleaning bid including 1/2 price scotch guard not to exceed \$310. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.

4. FIRE HYDRANT: When they were doing the sewer clean-out, one of the old hydrants broke when tightening it. The hydrant was taken apart to see what was wrong with it and to see if it could be fixed, it is a 1968 model and only has a 2 1/2" line. HARMON looked extensively for replacement parts and they don't make them for that model. The water line it is on will support an LDH/5" line hydrant and he feels like that is an upgrade needed in that area. Moved by BURTON to purchase one fire hydrant for 3rd and Orange streets not to exceed \$6,000 using ARPA funds. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 5-0 vote.

5. SEWER: We received two bids for new lift station pumps. The pumps we have now were installed in 2007, 10-12 years is the average lifespan. There have been problems finding parts for the pumps we have and the pumps are not near as efficient as they once were. Would like to purchase new pumps for both lift stations. Moved by HARMON to proceed with replacing both lift station pumps with the bid from Haynes using ARPA funds not to exceed \$60,000. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote. Rusty Heins cannot get to the sewer project until September and there is now a price increase on his bid that was approved at the June meeting. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the amended bid not to exceed \$27,950. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.

6. SYCAMORE STREET: We will need a survey to locate the pin and get an accurate legal description. Moved by HARMON to have Geo-Tech do the survey on Sycamore street bridge not to exceed \$500. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.

7. PERSONNEL: Police Due to shift changes and deployment we are short officers. NUESSEN would like to hire a temporary officer to get us through until things can get back to normal. Council agrees and the budget is there for it. NUESSEN will start looking.
Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion seconded by BURTON, 5-0 vote.

AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 Americus City Hall 7:00 PM

- 1. Rezoning request– Mile Marker Rentals

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NEW POLICY in effect:

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.



Total of each ticket is returned to North Lyon County Community.

For tickets contact:

Wayne Lee

620-340-2465

Jakob Edmunds

620-344-0626

Drawing

December 17th



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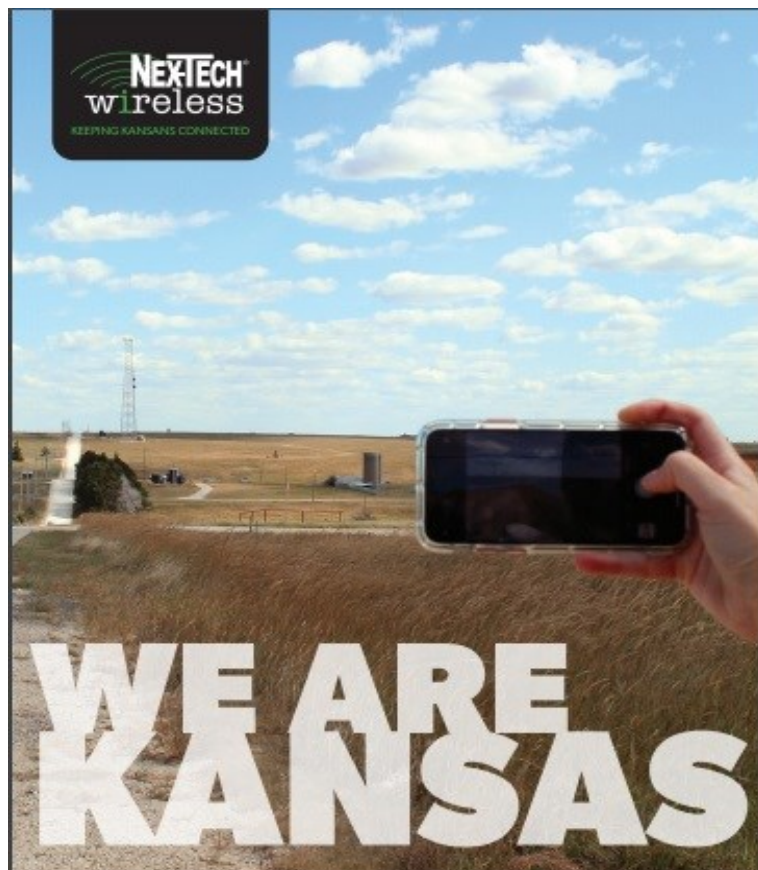


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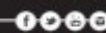
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Does it work? Maybe; give it a try!

Come see us on Sunday.

Countryside Baptist Church
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m

6 First Street, Americus Ks.
Pastor Rich Arnold



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620-443-5371

Adult Sunday School
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Worship Service
Sundays at 10:30 am
Children's Sunday School
During services

Americus Community Food Pantry

The pantry will be pre-boxed pickup only

Tuesday Saturday

August 9th August 20th
6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm. 10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

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**DURING SERVICES A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE.
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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

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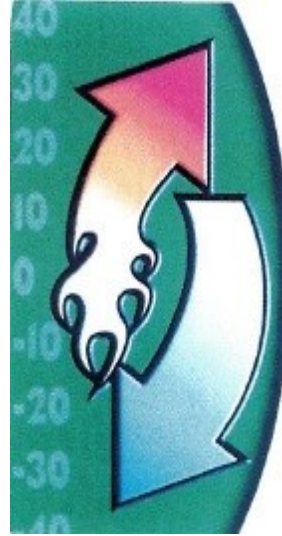


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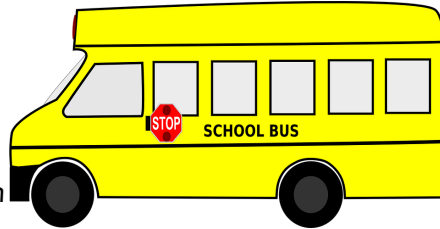


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Americus Township Library

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 Email: americuslibrary@gmail.com
 Webpage: americus.lib.nckls.org
 Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com



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.

Preschool Story time will begin Thursday **September 1st** from 10:00 to 10:30

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!

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August 4 - 13, 2022



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August Schedule

3rd & 17th

September Schedule

7th & 21st

City Hall

Hours:

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