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- 1st - Vicki Jones
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- 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

- Dean & MargBeth Horton
August 1st
- Mark & Katherine Morgan
August 14th
- Chanoe & Cheryl
Domengch
August 19th
- Jason & Erin Way
August 28th

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6.00 pm

AMERICUS REC. ORGANIZATION

City Hall

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 Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.

RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia

School starts August 23rd

Watch for children walking to and from school.

20 mph school zones will be enforced.



Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899



KNOW YOUR SPEED

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



Code Enforcement

Violation Notices Served

All structures, residential or business shall have house numbers affixed to them indicating the physical address of such structure. The numbers shall be a minimum of four inches in height. The numbers shall be affixed so as to be visible from the street frontage. Violations shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$25.00 for said violation and each continuing violation thereafter.

From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the July 11th 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, HARMON, and BURTON. HINRICHS was absent. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Laverne Soetebier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 13 th business meeting. Pass until the August meeting.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HARMON to approve the accounts payable for July 2023 in the amount of \$75,318.05. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: No report.

MAINTENANCE: BURTON reported that due to staffing issues that we have had this summer, we will plan to do one tanker of oil and start chip seal in August and get as much done as possible. Next year we need to look for a second full-time person for the summer. The NW corner of Main and Locust Streets is in bad condition. It needs a 4-inch or bigger cement topper poured underneath, which should last 10-12 years instead of continuing to fix every 2-3 years. The increase in truck and trailer traffic is causing damage. Nick will get the yardage figured out for the next meeting. The county is starting to chip/seal, looking at the possibility of having a meeting with them as to why they don't mill out through town but do on the highway.

PARKS & RECREATION: Outfield needs some work to smooth it out, it is very rough. Need to talk to Mark with Richmor about options since the irrigation system is installed. Would like to see a water fountain installed at the ballfields. The foul poles need to be turned back to the correct position and bolted in place.

CLERK: No report

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

1. 2024 BUDGET: Draft of 2024 Budget 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. Exceeding the revenue neutral rate will keep the levy about the same as we levied last year. Last year we levied 35.271 mills, exceeding the revenue neutral rate we would levy 35.255. 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 x2 for 2 officers and \$5,000 for a police car. Requests include \$3,000 for a mower, \$3,000 for condemnation, \$10,000 for bridge replacement, and an increase of \$10,000 each for the maintenance building and community center. Other transfers included in the budget are \$2,000 for the balance of the backhoe purchase and \$3,000 for the utility truck. Resolution #292 states the intent to levy a property tax to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Moved by BURTON to go with the budget intending to exceed RNR for the 2024 budget adopting resolution #292. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote. Laverne left at 7:32 pm.

2. COMMUNITY CENTER: Cleaning & updates Council would like to see options for carpet squares and vinyl plank. They would also like to have a workday to paint and fix some things if we will be replacing the flooring. We will also replace the screen door.

3. COLLEGE BLOCK: Council would like to set pricing on the lots. Steve will get some answers and update at the next meeting. The bid for roads will be posted in The Emporia Gazette, The Shopper, and on the Facebook page. Bids will be accepted until August 8 th at 3:00 pm by sealed bid only.

4. CONDEMNATION: An email from the property owner of 1010 Main was given to the council. Council would like the building inspector to go back to the property and inspect and take pictures before the August 8 th public hearing. HARMON has attempted to contact the owner at 507 Elm several times and has had no response.

5. 2023 KACM FALL CONFERENCE: Request to attend The City Clerk is requesting to attend the KACM Fall Conference in Manhattan on September 28 th and 29 th . Early registration is \$125 for the 2-day conference and hotel is \$109/night. Moved by BURTON to approve the clerk to attend the KACM Fall Conference and reimburse for meals not provided at the conference and gas not to exceed \$500. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters Moved by NUESSEN to go into executive session at 7:59 pm for non-elected personnel matters, not to exceed 10 minutes inviting council and legal. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 4-0 vote.
Back in regular session at 8:04 pm.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 4-0 vote.

AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 Americus City Hall 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

ADOPT THE AGENDA:

1. PUBLIC HEARING: Condemnation

a. 409 Broadway: Americus Properties

b. 1010 Main: Greenwood

c. 1021 Main: Mosby

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 13 th business meeting and July 11 th business meeting

BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

MAINTENANCE:

CLERK:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

1. COLLEGE BLOCK:

M.A.D.

Plumbing & General
Licensed and Bonded
Maintenance
Free Estimates



Mark Dixon
406 Hackberry
Americus, Ks
620-443-5386 or
620-794-1417



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.



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LOOKING FOR HEAVEN

Remember when the entire community used to go to Church every Sunday? This was a special time when friends and neighbors would greet each other. They were truly interested in one another. Some friends still do this, but what about you? Think about this.

Is something missing in your life? You know, we all long for a place called heaven, but we may not know how to get there. Jesus is the only way.

Come to church this Sunday and learn more about him!

“For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame’”(Romans 10:11) “Jesus said, ‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me’”(John 14:6)

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

6 First Street, Americus Ks.
Pastor Rich Arnold



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620-443-5655.



Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS
620-443-5371

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

The pantry will be pre-boxed pickup only

Tuesday

Saturday

August 8th
6:00pm. - 7:30 pm.

August 19th
9:30 am. - 11:00am.

We welcome any nonperishable donations. Drop off on the parsonage porch or contact the church at 620.443.5371. Thank you to the community for all donations

Social distancing practices will be in place. Open to those living in USD 251 school district.

**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)

Pastor Rich Arnold

Call 620-343-1546,
For more information.

For a Bus Ride to Church, call (620)443-5177

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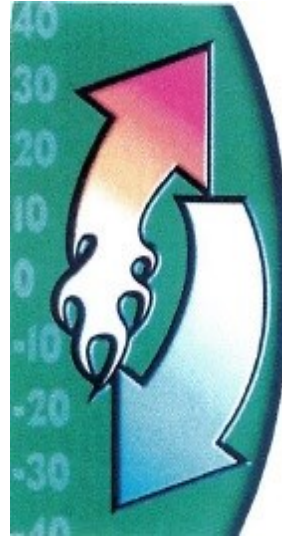


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Americus Township Library

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

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 begins
September 7th**

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!



Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:30-5:00pm
Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm
Sat: 9a-12p (afternoon closed)
Sunday: closed

CLOSED

August 1, 2 & 3

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



August Schedule
2nd & 16th
September Schedule
6th & 20th

City Hall

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

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