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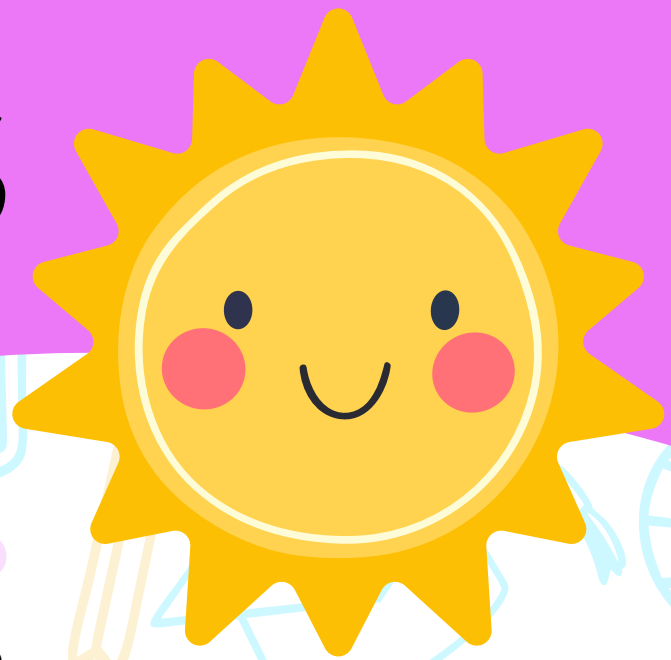
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*Back
to
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1st - Vicki Jones
3rd - Harlan Badger
5th - Koston Heiman
6th - Hadley Kellison
11th - Layton Succi
12th - Ashley Fehr
16th- Kim Hadley
18th - Lea Hamlin
19th - Darrett King
20th - Zachariah 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



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August 1st
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August 5th
Mark & Katherine Morgan
August 14th
Chanoc & Cheryle Domenech
August 19th
Jason & Erin Way
August 28th



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2025

August Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Events: Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 1					 1 FARMER'S MARKET	2
3	4	5	 6	7	 8 FARMER'S MARKET	9
10	11	 12 City Council	13	14	 15 FARMER'S MARKET	16
17	18	19	 20 	21	 22 FARMER'S MARKET	 23
24	25	26	27	28	 29 FARMER'S MARKET	30
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Lyon County Recycle Trailer

Located on south side of school gym

Recycle items only.

Please break down all boxes and rinse all containers.



Americus Recycle Trailer

Located behind City Hall

Empty trash containers/bags into bins, do not dispose of plastic bags in the recycle bins.

FROM CITY HALL

The following minutes are from the July 8th 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 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HARMON, HAMLIN, NUESSEN, HINRICHS and BURTON. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Treasurer Dodie Doudna, Attorney Steve Atherton.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Laverne Soetebier, Devin Holloway, Paul Pinick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 10th, 2025, business meeting Moved by HARMON to approve the June 10th, 2025, business meeting minutes. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0-1 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHS to approve the July bills to pay for \$34,901.51. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: HINRICHS reported that the splashpad grand opening was a success. She has received great feedback via Facebook through tags and messages of appreciation. She will monitor the water usage to see if the timer needs adjusted. July 13th is the next breakfast fundraiser and there will be a vintage baseball game at the ballfields on July 19th at 7:00 p.m.

MAINTENANCE: BURTON reported that there has been ongoing work on the chipper with replacements for parts, but it is still having ongoing issues. There is also a problem with the seal on the recycling trailer and ventilation on the north lift station. It is the consensus of the council to have a mobile tech come to repair the items in need.

CLERK: Lesley Harbaugh presented a complaint about trash blowing from one yard to another. Council would like a letter sent to the tenant.

POLICE: NUESSEN stated that the old police car is ready to be listed on Purple Wave.

PARKS AND RECREATION: HAMLIN shared that the bases have not been removed after each game at the ballfields as asked of ARO and when they are pulled, the plugs are not put in which has caused the anchors to rust and they will need to be replaced. HAMLIN has been contacted about the donation of 6 AED machines to be donated to the city and council discussed the locations where these could be used.

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

1. **BFP REMODELING:** Building plans Paul Pinick and Devon Holloway are here to show the plans for the two houses they plan to build on College Block since their approval to buy two building sites in May. The council was pleased with their plans. Paul and Devon left at 7:23 p.m.

2. **2025 BUDGET:** Draft of 2025 Budget Laverne is here to go over a few changes from last month's draft. We have received the assessed valuation from the clerk and were able to stay under the RNR (Revenue Neutral Rate). There is plenty of room to keep everything needed in the budget. The clerk will publish the public hearing notice in The Gazette, and we will hold the regular budget hearing on August 12th, 2025. Laverne left at 7:31 p.m.

3. **SPLASH PAD:** The current hours are 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The council will monitor water usage to decide if there is a need to adjust for next year. A sign with rules was discussed and options will be explored.

4. **CAMPER HOOKUPS:** Harper Homes (Planning & Zoning) Tim Burton is here to ask the council to approve four camper sites at the mobile home park that could be used for short-term campers with a special use permit. Council will review information and discuss it at the next meeting. Tim left at 8:04 p.m.

5. **POND BUILD REQUEST:** Mile Marker Rentals (Planning & Zoning) Mile Marker Rentals is interested in putting a pond and walking trail on the property they own on first street between Oak and Pine. This would be for residential and public use. They will look into overflow options, floodplain management and will also invite neighboring property owners to voice any concerns they have about the project at the next meeting.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 626:** Swimming pools Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Ordinance No. 626 repealing Ordinance No. 423 and adopting the 1997 Uniform Building Code. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.

7. **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:** Tabled

8. **KENNEL LICENSE/CAT ISSUE:** The city received a formal complaint about a vacant house that is being used to house cats which has gotten out of control and is causing issues for the neighbor. A letter will be sent to the homeowner addressing the issue as it is a health nuisance violation. Kennel Licenses for cats have not been enforced and it is the consensus of the council that it should be enforced for any residence with five or more cats.

9. CITY HALL BUILDING OPTIONS: Council would like to have a company give an estimate for structural repairs of City Hall.
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel issues Motioned by BURTON to go into executive session for 8 minutes with council, mayor, and legal present. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote. Motioned by BURTON to extend executive session for 10 minutes at 9:01 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote. Out of executive session at 9:11 p.m. Moved by BURTON to accept the resignation of Police Chief Jody Meyers. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote. Motion to adjourn by Hamlin at 9:12. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

The following minutes are from the July 10th special 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 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HARMON, NUESSEN, HAMLIN, BURTON, and HINRICHS. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Treasurer Dodie Doudna, Attorney Steve Atherton.
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters Moved by NUESSEN to go into executive session for 30 minutes starting at 6:01 p.m. with council, mayor and legal present. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. Back in open session at 6:31 p.m. Moved by NUESSEN to accept the resignation of City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote. Mayor Wright appointed Dodie Doudna as interim City Clerk. Motion by NUESSEN to hold a special meeting on July 24th at 6:00 p, m. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote. Motion by HAMLIN to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

The following minutes are from the July 24th special 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 6:01 p.m. by Council President HAMLIN. Council members present were HARMON, NUESSEN, HAMLIN, and BURTON. Also present was Interim City Clerk Dodie Doudna.
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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

1. Handbook Discussion: Discussion on handbook and job descriptions, updates and changes. Hinrichs present at 6:03 p.m. Motion by BURTON to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion seconded b y HARMON. 4-0 vote.

AGENDA

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
Budget Hearing
TUESDAY, August 12th, 2025 - 7 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

ADOPT THE AGENDA:
2026 Budget (proposed budget for adoption)

AGENDA

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, August 12th, 2025 - Immediately following Budget Hearing

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 8th, 2025 business meeting, July 10th, 2025 special meeting, July 24th, 2025 special meeting

BILLS TO PAY:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:
MAINTENANCE:
CLERK:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

1. CROSSWALK SIGNS: Repairs

2. CONDEMNATION: 507 Elm

3. HANDBOOK:

4. STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE: Adoption of Ordinance 627

5. UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE ORDINANCE: Adoption of Ordinance 628

Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-443-5655

TICKETS



5.22.25	Lillie Kleemeyer Dog at Large	Americus, KS \$150
6.25.25	Leah Kathman Vaccination	Americus, KS \$83
6.25.25	Brandy Lupkes Dog Registration	Americus, KS \$93
6.28.25	Lindsey Pierce Dog Registration	Americus, KS \$93
7.6.25	Beverly Luna Vaccination	Americus, KS \$83
6.28.25	Deb Ghery Dog Registration	Americus, KS Dismissed

SUMMER Tour

**JUNE 14TH: 9AM-1PM @AMERICUS PARK
SPLASHPAD GRAND OPENING & FIRST SUMMER
TOUR "UNDERWATER"**

**JULY 12TH: 9-11AM @FLINTHILLS EVENT SPACE-
ADMIRE "FAMILY FUN"**

JULY 21ST: 6-8PM @NLCYA-ALLEN "CAMP OUT"


**AUGUST 11TH: 6-8PM @ READING COMMUNITY
CENTER-READING "MOVE, PLAY, GROW"**


Join us this summer as we travel through towns of North Lyon County for a fun-filled community tour! Each stop on the tour will feature unique activities hosted by a variety of non-profits, businesses, and organizations. Check out the event pages for a complete listing!

What to Expect:

- Discover exciting summer events
- Learn how to join clubs and how to help organizations in the area
- Explore the hidden gems of each community
- Enjoy fun activities for all ages!

Adventure & Win!

- Pick up a Summer Tour Punch Card and get it stamped at each event. Attend at least 3 events and you'll be entered into our Grand Prize Drawing (prize to be announced soon)!
-  Plus, each event will feature its own prize drawing, so there are multiple chances to win along the way!

 Come socialize, meet new families, and make unforgettable memories!

This is a fantastic way to connect, explore, and celebrate all that our community has to offer.

Stay tuned for continued announcements—we can't wait to see you there!

For more info:  Project Playscape or projectplayscape4community@gmail.com

**Ride your bike on
the SANTA FE TRAIL**
In Lyon or Morris County, Ks
September 20th or 22nd

*Ride the Santa Fe Trail in Lyon County
September 20, 2025 9 am*

Where?
Northern Heights HS
Allen, Ks at Rd M & Hwy 56

What? Gravel Cycling
to 142 Mile Creek & back =
8 miles or
to Wilmington & back =
36 miles

*Ride the Santa Fe Trail in Morris County
September 22, 2025 9 am*

Where?
Council Grove Flint Hills
Nature Trail Trailhead
off the Dunlap Road

What? Gravel Cycling
6.6 miles to Dunlap Road
4 miles to Rock Creek
Crossing and back
= 21.2 miles

**This is a ride to enjoy the morning experiencing
the Santa Fe Trail. It is not a race or a fund raiser.**

T-shirts are \$25

**Registration & T-shirt payment must be
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Project Playscape

2nd Sunday of the
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6-7 pm

Saturday
Aug 23rd
9:30-11 am

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These ranch floorplans combine a classic look with modern interior layouts. An open living/kitchen are with a 6' island, quartz countertops and plenty of cabinet space separates bedroom 2-3 from the primary, preserving owner suite privacy. The owners' suite offers a double bowl vanity and a spacious walk-in closet, and larger dimensions for full size furniture. The welcoming covered front porch and spacious rear patio make entertaining family and guests a pleasure, and the generously proportioned garage provides room for most cars and trucks.

Home Features

- ✓ 3 Bedrooms
- ✓ 2 Bathrooms
- ✓ 2 Car Garage
- ✓ Open Concept
- ✓ Spacious Lots
- ✓ Rear Patio

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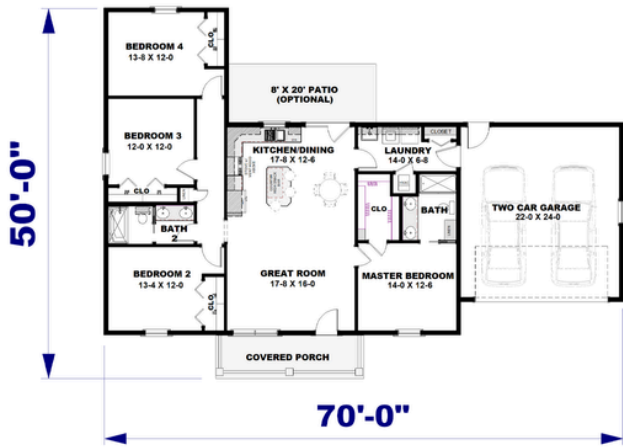
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3 Bedroom Floor Plan



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FEATURES:

- ✓ 4 Bedrooms
- ✓ 2 Bathrooms
- ✓ 2 Car Garage
- ✓ Open Concept
- ✓ Spacious Lots
- ✓ Rear Patio



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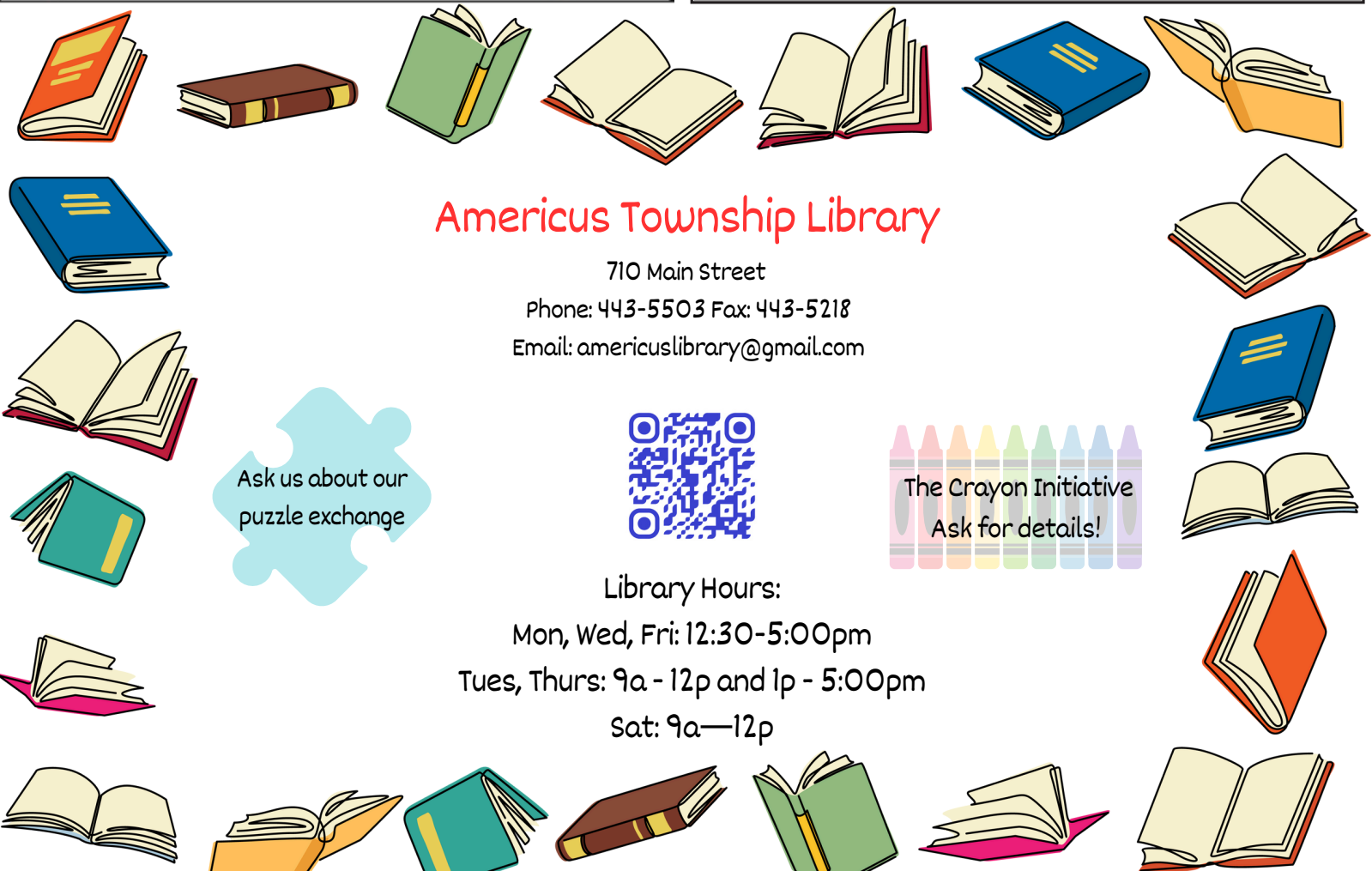


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City Hall
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FIRE BOARD MEETING
Library
2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD
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MUNICIPAL COURT
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