

AMERICUS NEWSLETTER

August 2026



REMINDERS



Election Day: Aug. 4th



Americus Library will be closed Aug. 6-7th



**First Day of School:
August 19th**



CONTACT INFO



Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 3 PM



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Welcome **TO THE TEAM!**

Nathanial Ciero- Maintenance

Denisha Seiter- Deputy Clerk



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AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11 Council meeting	12 	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 	20 	21	22
23	24	25	26 	27	28	29
30	31					

[CalendarQuickly.com](https://calendarquickly.com)

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Located on the south side of the school gym

Recycle Items only.

**Please break down all boxes and
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in the recycle bins**

Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary

Dean & MaryBeth Horton
August 1st

Fred & Christine Zumbrunn
August 5th

Mark & Katherine Morgan
August 14th

Chanoc & Cheryle Domenech
August 19th

Jason & Erin Way
August 28th

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6.00 pm

AMERICUS REC. ORGANIZATION

NLC Elementary

3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 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

FROM CITY HALL

The following minutes are from the TUESDAY, July 14th, 2026 business meeting. As of print time, the minutes have not been approved by council.
CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by WRIGHT. Council members present were NUESSEN, BURTON, HARMON, GERLEMAN and HINRICHS. Also, present City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Clerk Dodie Doudna, Code Enforcement Justin Arb.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Duane Billinger, Diane Wemer, Candice Fields, Ashley Darbro, Jasmine Gerleman, Amanda Mendoza, Pauleen Hancock, Kathy Lamb, Arly Osario, Jay Vehige, Connie Vantuyt, Don Sherman, Victoria Giese, Anna DeLong, Leah Green, Cindy Miller, William Miller, Eugene Marple, Isabelle Rawley, Ivy Montgomery, Chuck Samples, Dillon Horton, Nick Heiman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 9, 2026, Business Meeting. Moved by HARMON to approve June 9, 2026, Business Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by GERLEMAN. 5-O Vote.

BILLS TO PAY: HARMON asked to remove Moundridge Manufacturing from bills making new total to \$27,950.12 Moved by BURTON to approve July 2026 bills in the amount of \$27,950.12 excluding Moundridge Manufacturing. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-O Vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Nothing to report

MAINTENANCE: Chip and seal going on but slowly, maintenance issues remain on equipment. Gone through 5-6 starters since the start, O'Reily is looking at it. Tractor needs radiator but not pressing right now. Hightide will be installed tomorrow.

CLERK: Nothing to report

CODE ENFORCEMENT: 67 violations have been issued with only 14 weed abatements completed. Good compliance on the mowing orders that have been issued.

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by NUESSEN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-O Vote.

1. 2027 BUDGET: We have received the assessed valuation from the county clerk and were able to stay under the RNR (Revenue Neutral Rate). The clerk will publish the public hearing notice in The Gazette, and we will hold the regular budget hearing on August 11th, 2026.

2. ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY: Moved by HARMON to approve that the city annexes property located at Tract in the Southwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 10 East of the 6th P.M., Lyon County, KS. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-O Vote.

3. BALLPARK: Work needs to be done to allow high school to use ball fields. Ruts in the outfield, need to be turned over. Mound for the baseball field for high school boys to pitch off. Fences would need to be moved, lights don't need to be moved, trees will need to be removed. ARO fundraising for a mound. Fields need to fit the needs of high school. Would not add to sprinkler system. Reach out to school to work out plans for future use by them.

4. ARO: ARO has complaints that not enough funds to do the things that the city expects to be done. Ashley stated that they made requests that were never completed, many work items went undone. City did not level the fields and they were told the city would do that. No one on council knew of these issues. Work to develop a plan to ensure maintenance done on fields and complex. Communication has been an issue. Mayor WRIGHT would like to add ARO to standing committee report list and have a member attend council meetings in the future allowing them to discuss their needs.

5. EMPORIA NEIGHBORS UNITED: Discussion of impact of high impact data centers. After public had chance to speak, Mayor WRIGHT stated we will not vote on anything tonight. Council will review information given. Not making any rash decisions.

6. REZONING PROPERTY: Legal advised that neighbors need to be notified of change. Clerk will send notice with draft ordinance. Tabled until neighbors contacted and have chance to respond to variance request.

7. RV/CAMPER ORDINANCE: Planning and Zoning will readdress parking to ensure that code enforcement can enforce the ordinance. BURTON would also like them to address verbiage in the ordinance. Tabled until those items are completed.

8. MOWER ATTACHMENT: HARMON discussed purchasing an attachment to save time on weed eating. Commercial grade- \$1670, comes with spare battery. Bolts to the deck, eliminate a lot of time spent. Moved by BURTON to purchase a trimmer pro not to exceed \$1700. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-O Vote.

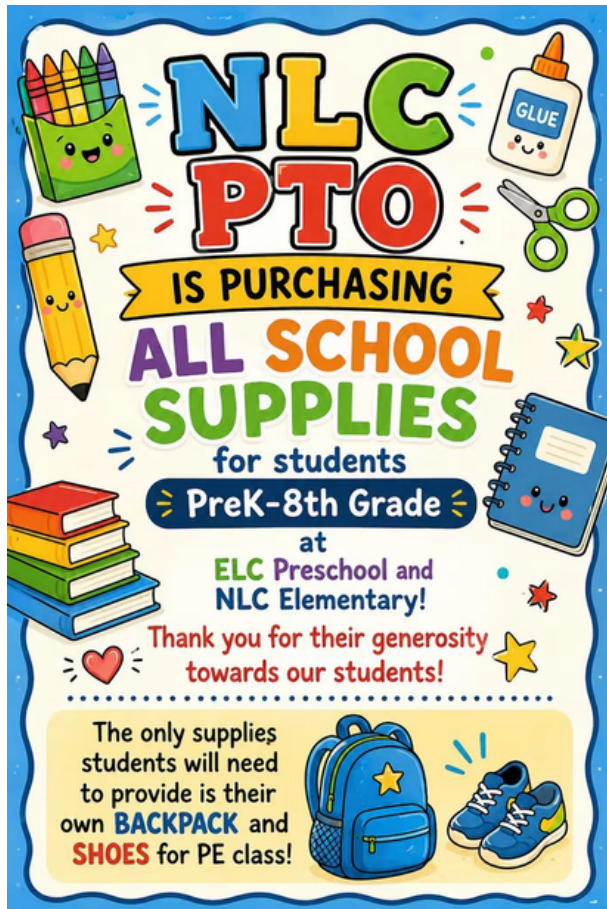
9. TREE TRIM BIDS: Tabled until other bids are received.

10. COMMUNITY CENTER: Handicap parking location and parking blocks HARMON stated that 14 parking stalls fit in the lot, 12 regular spots plus handicap parking. Need to purchase 13 blocks, paint and signs. Moved by HINRICHS to approve finishing parking stalls not to exceed \$2000 for blocks, paint and signs. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-O Vote.

11. ABATEMENT/CONDEMNATION LIST: Conversations about if the city can remove poison ivy from properties. Legal advised that spraying could become a liability on the city.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matter. Moved by NUESSEN to go into executive session for 15 minutes starting at 8:29 PM with council, legal, mayor and clerk for non-elected personnel matters. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-O Vote. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 by NUESSEN. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-O Vote.



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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For more information.

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AGENDA

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
Budget Hearing
TUESDAY, August 11th, 2026 - 7 PM
CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
ADOPT THE AGENDA:
2027 Budget (proposed budget for adoption)

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, August 11, 2026 - Immediately following
Budget Hearing
CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 14th, 2026 business
meeting, July 21, 2026, Special Meeting
BILLS TO PAY:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:
MAINTENANCE:
CLERK:
ADOPT THE AGENDA
1. VARIANCE PERMIT: Americus Improvements, LLC
2. RV/CAMPER ORDINANCE:
3. TREE TRIM BIDS:
4. EVERGY FRANCHISE RENEWAL



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Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS
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Email: pastor.americus@gmail.com

Worship Service
Sunday at 8:00 am

During services a nursery is available.
We invite all to join us.



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Americus Community Food Pantry

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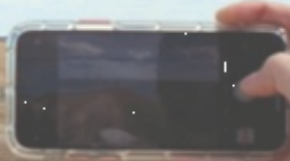


Tuesday
August 11th
6:00pm- 7:30
pm

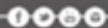
Saturday
August 29th
9:30 am-
11:00am

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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

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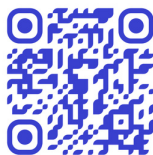
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Sat: 9a—12p

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