

MINUTES
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026
CITY HALL 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were NUESSEN, HARMON, GERLEMAN, HINRICHS and BURTON. Also present was City Clerk Dodie Doudna, City Attorney Steve Atherton and Code Enforcement Justin Arb.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: NONE

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

- 1. PETITION SUBMITTED FOR A PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROHIBITING HIGH IMPACT DATA CENTERS:** Atherton presented the two options to the council. Pass the ordinance as submitted or put the proposed ordinance question on the November ballot. NUESSEN wanted to clarify that the battery storage component would not hinder the use of solar panels on residential houses. Tier One battery storage will not be affected by this ordinance. Council all agreed that leaving this issue up to the residents is the best course of action. Moved by BURTON to have clerk submit the following ordinance question to the County Clerk to be placed on the November ballot; **Shall the following ordinance be adopted? “An Ordinance of the City of Americus, Kansas prohibiting the installation and operation of High Impact Data Centers and Type 2 and Type 3 battery energy storage systems to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Americus, Kansas.”** Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 Vote

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 6:05 PM. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 Vote

Dustin R. Wright, Mayor

Nicky Nuessen, Council President

Danny Gerleman

Britney Hinrichs

Kayla Burton

Bill Harmon

