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- 19th - Darrett King
- 20th - Zachariah Lee
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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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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 @ 6:00 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

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August 5th

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August 14th

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August 19th

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August 28th

School starts August 21st

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.



From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the July 9th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

MINUTES

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024

CITY HALL

PUBLIC HEARING

7:00 PM

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

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Rhonda Gadino, Jerry Voorhees, Laverne Soetebier, Tim Burton, Evan Grayson, Erica Grayson, Cheryl Henry, and Glenn Grayson

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

1) PUBLIC HEARING: Condemnation

a) 7 Fourth: Grayson. The following conditions were found to exist by the city: 1) There are numerous broken and missing windows. 2) There are large amounts of trash in the house, garage, and yard and several lumber piles in the yard. 3) There are several vehicles in various states of disrepair. 4) The siding is in very poor condition. 5) The unsightly appearance of the property constitutes a blight to the adjoining property, neighborhood, and city. 6) Property is vacant. The property owner states that the house will be coming down, hopefully by the end of summer. They plan on leaving the garage. They stated that all the vehicles that are sitting there are tagged and insured. The council states that once demo starts, the property owners need to secure the area with some kind of fencing. Moved by HARMON to include the findings including securing the structure of any openings that would allow for varmints and rodents to enter and give the property owner 6 months from the date of the demo permit to be issued no later than July 19, 2024, to remedy the conditions and have the house removed, adopting and publishing resolution 300. An inspection is to be performed by the city at the end of the 6 months. Motion seconded by BURTON, 3-0 vote.

Moved by BURTON to adjourn the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 3-0 vote.

Evan, Erica, and Glenn Grayson left at 7:19 p.m.

MINUTES

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024

CITY HALL

BUSINESS MEETING

FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, HARMON, and BURTON. NUESSEN and HINRICHS were absent. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Rhonda Gadino, Jerry Voorhees, Laverne Soetebier, and Cheryl Henry

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 11, 2024 business meeting. Moved by HARMON to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024 business meeting. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 3-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by BURTON to approve the accounts payable for July 2024 in the amount of \$28,522.02. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 3-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

HINRICHS arrived at 7:22 p.m.

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: The Donor Recognition for the ballfield is this Saturday, July 13 th starting at 9 a.m. We will have the Pancake/B & G Breakfast at the Community Center this Sunday, July 14 th from 7-11 a.m.

MAINTENANCE: Working on mowing/weed eating and getting ready to start chip/seal on Monday. A-1 came out in June and jet-routed as per the contract

CLERK: No report

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

1. JERRY VOORHEES: Agenda request. Mr. Voorhees is here to express his concern over the way the city handles capping sewer lines. He feels that we should be capping them at the main. He is also concerned with the overall condition of the town. Mr. Voorhees left at 7:32 p.m. The council would like to discuss sewer line capping at the next council meeting.

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. She changed some allocations of funds within the reserve account/equipment reserve. Played with the numbers just a bit to get them under RNR this year. The clerk will publish the public hearing notice in The Gazette and we will hold the regular budget hearing on August 13 th . Laverne left at 7:37 p.m.

3. REZONING REQUEST: Adopt ordinance. Moved by HAMLIN to adopt Ordinance 619 rezoning Block 111, Lots 9-12 on Maple Street from R-1 to R-3. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

4. MAPLE STREET: Road extension. We received two bids for the extension of Maple Street. Both bids include mobilization, stripping topsoil, cutting ditches on both sides and building a round base, installing a city-provided culvert, installing 6" AB3 rock on a 330'x22' road, and finish grade topsoil. All excess topsoil will be left on site. The first bid was from Coffman Construction for \$24,170.00. The second bid was from Bruce Davis Construction for \$41,571.00. Moved by BURTON to approve the bid from Coffman Construction to extend the portion of Maple Street not to exceed \$25,000.00 contingent on budget authority. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

Rhonda Gadino left at 7:46 p.m.

5. CONDEMNATION: The council would like to look at the possibility of hiring a part-time code enforcement officer. There are lots of yards that need attention. Cheryl Henry is here to speak on behalf of work being done at 310 Locust. They have spent 4 days going through things and cleaning up the backyard including mowing and weed-eating. They would like to have the council go look and give them a list of things they would still like to see done. The council will get the clerk a list by Friday and will extend the violation notice until the August meeting. Cheryl Henry left at 8:03 p.m. The council would like to start using a request form to fill out to give to officers/code enforcement to make sure violations are being handled in a timely manner. Tim Burton left at 8:09 p.m.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel. Moved by HINRICHS to go into executive session for non-elected personnel matters at 8:11 p.m. for 30 minutes with council, mayor, legal, city clerk, and city maintenance present. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote. Maintenance left the executive session at 8:23 p.m. Back in open session at 8:41 p.m. Moved by BURTON to approve the resignation of Police Chief Jody Meyers as of July 13 th , 2024. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote. The council has 5 applicants they would like to interview for the city clerk position. The city clerk will call and set up interviews for Friday at 3 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to be held at the community center.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

MINUTES

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

JULY 17, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, BURTON, NUESSEN, and HARMON. HINRICHS was absent. Also present was City Clerk Jana Smart.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors present.

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by NUESSEN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote. HINRICHS arrived at 6:01 p.m.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel. Moved by HAMLIN to go into executive session for non-elected personnel matters at 6:02 p.m for no more than 45 minutes with council, mayor, and city clerk present. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

Back in open session at 6:36 p.m. The position of the City Clerk and duties of the position are to be offered to Lesley Harbaugh, on the contingency she can be bonded. The Council would also like to offer the part-time maintenance positions to Domanic McCoy and Cooper Hamlin pending a background check.

Moved by HINRICHS to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.

AGENDA
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
ADOPT THE AGENDA:

1. **2025 BUDGET:** Proposed budget for adoption

AGENDA
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 – FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 9 th public hearing, July 9 th business meeting, and July 17 th special meeting
BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:
MAINTENANCE:
CLERK:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

1. **SEWER CAPPING:**
2. **STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE:** Adoption of Ordinance 620
3. **UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE ORDINANCE:** Adoption of Ordinance 621
4. **FALL CLEAN UP:**
5. **CONDEMNATION:**

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Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:30-5:00pm
Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm
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.

Closed August 8th and 9th for maintenance

Many Adult and Children's books for sale
Price: Free will donation

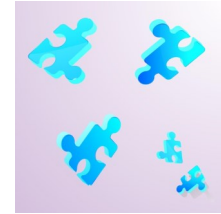
Preschool Story Time

Thursdays 10:00 to 10:30 am
Story time begins September 5th

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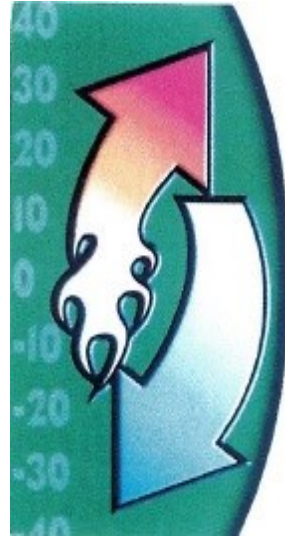
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August Schedule
7th & 21st
September Schedule
4th & 18th

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