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26th - Anna Crabtree



Tim & Shelli Delcamp December 25th

WISHING EVERYONE TRUE

happiness and peace

THIS CHRISTMAS AND INTO THE NEW YEAR!

Mayor Wright, Council Members and staff at the City of Americus



PLANNING & ZONING BOARD City Hall 1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m. AMERICUS RECREATION USD 251 Cafeteria 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. <u>AMERICUS TOWNSHIP</u> Library

Last Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m. <u>RWD #1 BOARD</u> 3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 Water Board Office 2501 W. 18th. Emporia

ATTENTION

ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:

Sewer accounts must be paid in full by 12:00 noon on Thurs. Dec. 30, 2021.

A \$100 late fee will be applied to all accounts with a balance at 12:00 noon on Thursday December 30, 2021.

BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24TH FOR CHRISTMAS &

CITY HALL W

DECEMBER 31ST FOR

NEW YEARS

<u>Americus Police</u> Department



Non emergency number: 620-487-5899

09.30.2021 Richard Parnell Jr., Americus DL violation and no seat belt \$168.00





Code Enforcement

Tree branches overhanging the roadway, less than 14' above the surface of the street or right-of-way.

1105 fifth Street, Americus Ks 707 1st Street, Americus Ks 311 Locust Street, Americus Ks 208 Sixth Street202 Locust, Americus Ks 202 Locust Street, Americus Ks



Cemetery Auxiliary ATTENTION!!

Seeking people who would like to see the Americus Cemetery look it's best! There are many gravesites that need attention beyond what the mower can do.

If interested, call Cheryl Henry at 620-366-0688

From City Hall:

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

CALL TO ORDER / **ROLL CALL**: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, NUESSEN and BURTON. HINRICHS arrived at 7:31 p.m. Council member absent was BIRK. Also present were City Clerk Marcia, City Attorney Steve Atherton, Police Chief Jody Meyers and maintenance Nick Gadino. VISI-TORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Cheryl Henry and Tim Burton. David Goldsmith arrived at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 12, 2021. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the October 12th minutes. Motion seconded by BURTON, 3-0 vote. BILLS TO PAY: Moved by BURTON to approve bills to pay for November in the amount of \$12,291.48. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 3-0 vote. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: Nick Gadino reported from maintenance, the asphalt patch in the 600 block of Main Street parking is complete. Maintenance is catching up on culvert work, seal patch work, oil changes and hauling rock. ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HAMLIN to approve the agenda with the addition of #10 Americus Road. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 3-0 vote.

- 1. PLANNING & ZONING: Article XIV, Section 10, No. 7 of the P&Z Code. Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board. The P& Z Board met; they recommend to not have a year but to enforce the requirements currently on the books. David Goldsmith researched what is currently on the books along with what other communities require. David researched what is currently on the books with the city. The 10-year age requirement pertains to manufactured homes on private lots, not within a mobile home park. The Planning & Zoning Board recommends requiring an inspection upon application to move a manufactured home in along with inspections on a biyearly basis. Consensus of council to have an ordinance drafted requiring inspections performed biyearly along with an inspection form to keep on record for each unit. The initial inspection would be by the building inspector, biyearly inspections would be performed by Code Enforcement. Additional requirement would include removal of the tongue.
- 2. CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTIES: 610 & 612 Main and update of list of properties of concern. The council was given a list of properties the city has been watching with updates of properties that have sold or torn down that can be removed from the list. Properties of concern are 610 and 612 Main Street and 115 Main, various mobile homes within the park. Concerns at 610 & 612 Main are the condition of the structures and debris laying around behind the structures. Consensus of council to proceed with a condemnation letter and request presents at the December meeting to the owner of 610 and 612 Main. A letter of condemnation to the owner of 115 Main.

- 3. ROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Update on Ball Field Complex and Splash Pad Projects. Project Playscape has been selected to participate the Emporia Community Foundation Match Day. The Match Day online video for Project Playscape will run on November 10th. HINRICHS asked the council to share the video to get the word out. HINRICHS has applied for 3 grants, 2 replied for a total of \$10,000. All match day funds will go to the splash pad. The quotes for the splash pad are guaranteed for all of 2022. Next on the ball field project is trenching for the lighting and getting the electrical put in. All the concrete for setting the poles was donated.
- 4. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Opening of sealed bids on trailer. 7 bids were received at City Hall for a 2016 Heartland 14' utility trailer. The bids were; Ben Moore for \$925.00, Steve Bechtel for \$853.00, Mike O'Conner for \$650.00, Billy O'Connor for \$600.00, Rick Robidou for \$1,153.00, Harper Homes for \$1,200.00 and Walt Stotler for \$1,057.00. Moved by HAMLIN to accept the bid from Harper Homes, LLC of \$1,200.00. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.
- 5. CASEY'S GENERAL STORE: CMB Liquor License renewal. Casey's General Store has presented a renewal application for their Cereal Malt Beverage License. Moved by HINRICHS to renew the CMB license for Casey's General Store with the contingent payment is received. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 4-0 vote. Tim Burton left at 7:54 p.m. David left at 7:58 p.m.
- 6. EXCESS PROPERTY: Recycle building, pool equipment and misc. HINRICHS has taken pictures of excess pool equipment from the bath house. Items that are beyond repair and can be disposed of. There were 3 metal spring horses from the playground. HIN-RICHS has contacted the art teacher at N.H.H.S. to restore a couple of the horses, the third one has parts that are beyond repair. Once repaired they will be replaced at the ballfield complex. Plans will be made to have the items out for viewing. The metal poles from the fencing at the past ball field will be grouped into lots for bids.
- 7. CHRISTMAS PARADE: Approval of Santa's travel funds and donation for treats. The annual Christmas parade is scheduled for December 4th. HINRICHS has estimated the need for more treat bags this year. Moved by HAMLIN to approve up to \$150 for Santa's travel expenses and up to \$250 towards treat bags. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.
- 8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**: Non-elected personnel matters. Moved by HINRICHS to go into executive session at 8:10 for 10 minutes to include council, mayor, Marcia and legal present for non-elected personnel matters. Motion seconded by Back in regular session at 8:19 p.m.
- 9. AMERICUS POLICE DEPARTMENT: Approval of purchase for tires. 4 bids were received; Mel's Tire for \$938.00, Pierless Tire for \$1011.96 and \$1,181.95 with road hazard and Express tire at \$660.16 (limited availability). Moved by NUESSEN to accept the bid from Express Tire & Auto for \$616.16 for the P24555R 18 tires for the police vehicle, if unavailable accept the next lower bid from Mel's Tire for \$938.00. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote.
- 10. AMERICUS ROAD: Matt Collins sent Tracy Posy of USD #251 asking for letters of support for funding application through KDOT for shoulder improvement on the Americus Road from the north city limits of Americus to Highway 56 stating how the improvements would benefit the safety of those traveling along the road. Consensus of council to draft a letter of support for funding of the Americus Road.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (AS OF PRINT TIME)

TUESDAY, December 14th, 2021 - 7:00 pm City Hall

- 1. Cindy Jensen, CPA: 2020 Audit Report
- 2. Condemnation: Properties requiring attention
- 3. Planning and Zoning: Proposed inspections for mobile home parks
- 4. City Surplus: Opening of bids.
- 5. Filed Complaints:

| 2021 City General Election | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Mayor | |
| <u>Dustin R Wright</u> | 111 |
| Jesse Mckee | 65 |
| City Council | |
| <u>Britney Hinrichs</u> | 139 |
| <u>Lea Hamlin</u> | 121 |
| Veronica Dean | 57 |
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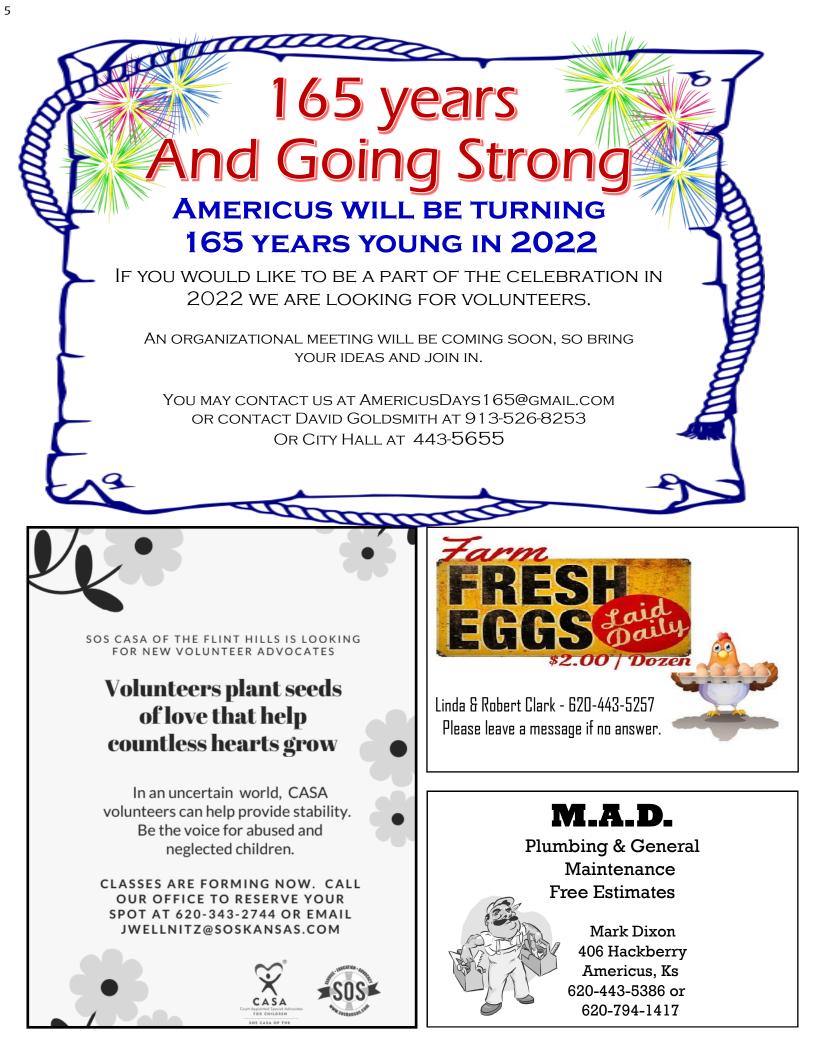
Dustin R Wright Britney Hinrichs Lea Hamlin

Mayor City Council City Council The City of Americus is accepting sealed bids on a three lots of pipe. The pipe in lots A and B are approximately 6' long. The lots may be seen by calling City Hall for an appointment. Sealed bids are due by December 14th , 3:00 p.m. at City Hall, 604 Main Street. Bid forms may be picked up at City Hall or emailed to you by calling City Hall at 620-443-5655. The city reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.



Abandon Bicycle

There was a bicycle left in the park over Halloween. If you are missing your bike please call City Hall and describe it to claim.



Christmas

THE DAY BABY JESUS WAS BORN



Countryside Baptist Church Pastor Rich Arnold 6 First Street, Americus Ks

Christmas Music Program Sunday December 29th 10:30 AM

Rejoice Celebrate

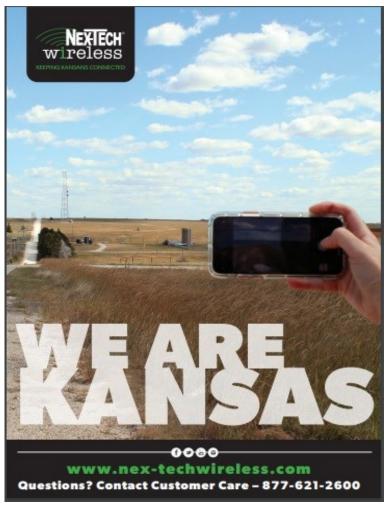
Attend the local church of your choice



United Methodist Church Pastor Sharon Quinn 413 Walnut Street, Americus Ks

Christmas Eve Service Friday, December 24th 7:00 PM





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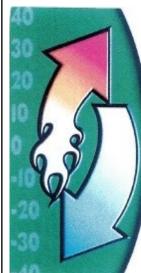
Financing! Americus is eligible for 100% Rural Development financing.

Ask us about first time home buyers grants available for qualified buyers.

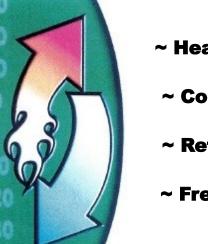


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Email: laciehamlin@gmail.com



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Americus Township Library

710 Main Street/ PO BOX 404 Phone: 443-5503 Fax: 443-5218 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 to goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

We have many new books for your enjoyment and will be glad to Interlibrary Loan anything you may need.

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!



We will be closed December 24 & 25th for Christmas and **December 31st for** New Years.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Library Hours:

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

Story times on Thursdays beginning September 9th will be Grab and Go, with bags with activities and crafts for preschoolers. 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Please let us know if you are interested.

Do you think you would qualify for HOME BOUND LIBRARY SERVICES?

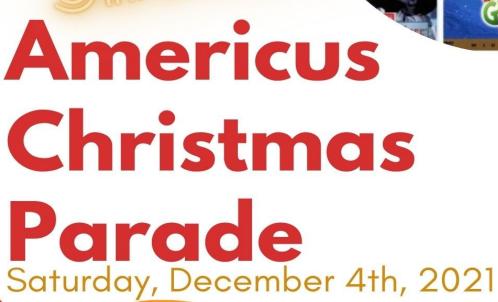
Call us to see how we can help!





THE POLAR EXPR





*Cookies w/Santa Event following parade!!

LINE UP: 6:15PM PARADE STARTS: 7PM

(Corner of Main & Walnut) Entry forms available at: Americus City Hall or by link provided on Facebook Event Page QR Code.



Questions? Contact projectplayscape4community@gmail.com



Cookies with Santa Event

*Sign up for Facebook live family giveaways. (1 entry per family)

*First 100 kids will get a holiday book

*First 100 kids will get a Santa Goodie Treat Bag

*Hot Chocolate & Cookies to go (individ. packaged)

*Emporia Arts Mobile will be at the event!

& Santa pictures!!

DONATION

HAPPY

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Drop your Santa letter in Santa's Mailbox. Be sure to include a return address, as Santa will send a reply letter.



There will be a station where you may donate any can or non-perishable item to be given to the local Americus Food Pantry and/or donate any children's used books for the Americus Lending Library.

Americus Home Lighting Tour

If you would like to be put on the list to share your home lighting , please email: projectplayscape4community@gmail.com. Include: Family name & address! KVOE will











going up this month. Keep up to date by liking "Project Playscape" facebook page. Pictures shown are more progress by businesses and our volunteers.









Donations:

- · If you are interested in a monetary donation for the splashpad, please make your check payable to ECF RE: "Project Playscape Splash", and mail to:
- **Emporia Community Fund** Re: Project Playscape 527 Commercial St., Suite B Emporia, KS 66801 (620) 342-9304 Or drop off at Americus City Hall.
- You will receive a receipt for tax -deduction purposes with the tax id# from ECF.
- If you are interested in donating supplies or labor to the project, please contact Britney at projectplayscape4community@gmail.com



On November 15th we participated in Match Day for the very first time. This event was crucial to the start of our next fundraising effort! Being able to participate this year for Match Day was important to Project Playscape. Not everyday do you get the chance to come together, raise money for many great causes, AND have the funding raised matched. With an 8month window for raising funds for our splashpad, this opportunity helped us to get a kick start towards our goal. Every dollar, big or small was significant in Match Day! This event helps us to continue to provide opportunities, programs, or facilities that will bring children and families together that might otherwise not have connected! Match Day videos shared stories, brought meaning, and showed the importance of matched funds. Being a part of the behind the scenes this year was fun to say the least! We loved meeting the volunteers & staff, finally trying Eva Wheeler's cinnamon rolls (delicious), visiting with donors, and being a part of such a passionate experience. As a donor, I loved that my dollar could go a lot farther for an organization. As a participant, Project Playscape felt the belonging to a family...Match Day and got to experience the excitement of our community coming together once again! We want to

thank all of you who donated!

Match Day results will be announced November 30th, 11:05am during Giving Tuesday, you may listen live on KVOE AM 1400 or attend the reveal at the Flint Hills Mall!



Missed the video? Check it out:

https://www.facebook.com/EmporiaCommunityFoundation/posts/4952517741448473?__cft _[0]=AZWWdLF740EDRGKVpJ4Zv_3fSnUogoSZwqm0XKpvwT51SdQtmQR0LLJIxgjzsbDy5K4yNQ0 vpjA4zqdgBLCtuoTWBZCoOaR-cvYXcS6CAukCpHH1PIsE9VWYRvtpNumCSfkTt1GK4mPpXtc0wQeFd7GihhV53b7RZ_7ArIKysPpsjGeJWm1plpCpAseDoKv98&__tn__=-UK-R







516 Locust Street ~ Americus, KS 66835 For reservations call City Hall at 620-443-5655

> more information on renting the Americus Community Center call Americus City Hall at 620-443-5655.

Lyon County Recycle Trailer

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



December Schedule 8th & 22nd January Schedule 5th & 19th

CITY HALL

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

> PO Box 526 Americus, KS 66835 Phone: 620-443-5655 Fax: 620-443-5644

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Americus Police Department invites you to visit their Facebook page

All newsletter submissions need to be into City Hall or emailed to

amcitynews@gmail.com by the 23rd of each month.

Americus Recycling Trailer

Located behind City Hall

Recycle items only. Please break down all boxes and rinse all containers.

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

We are no longer using the building.