



Americus

Newsletter

December 2025

*Embrace the magic of the season and make it a
month to remember.*

Hours: Monday- Friday, 9 AM- 3PM


Email: cityclerk@americusks.com

Phone: 620-443-5655

PO Box 526

Office Closed: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year's Day. Trash will be picked up the Saturday after the Holidays, Saturday 27th of December and Saturday the 3rd of January.

Sewer accounts must be paid in full by December 31, 2025. A \$100 late fee will be applied to accounts with a balance at 12:00 noon on Dec 31st.





December
2025

Merry
Christmas!

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Lyon County Recycle Trailer

<input type="radio"/>	Located on the south side of school gym
<input type="radio"/>	Recycle Items only.
<input type="radio"/>	Please break down all boxes and rinse all containers

Rate this month:

☐ Ok ☐ Good ☐ Awesome

Americus Recycle Trailer

Located behind City Hall	<input type="radio"/>
Empty trash	<input type="radio"/>
containers/bags into bins,	<input type="radio"/>
do not dispose of plastic bags	<input type="radio"/>
in the recycle bins	<input type="radio"/>

Note:

Trash Will be picked up on Saturday the 27th
and Saturday the 3rd

Happy Birthday

December
1st - Laverne Soetebier
Pat Sutton
2nd - Kailyn Schlimme
Steven Romeis
7th - Briley Cannon
10th - Cindy Edmiston
Holly Hadley
Brian Cannon
14th - Cohen Heiman
15th - Emerie Morgan
19th - Dee Matile
22nd - Rosalie Edmiston
Cheyenna Riley
23rd - Emily Centlivre
24th - John Soetebier
26th - Anna Crabtree
28th - Karis Williams
30th - Dylan Kosinski

Happy Anniversary

Tim & Shelli Delcamp
December 25th

Call us to reserve a
place for your party
needs!

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Community Center

516 Locust Street ~ Americus, KS 66835
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620-443-5655.

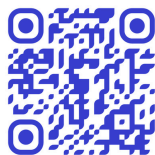
Americus Township Library

710 Main Street

Phone: 443-5503 Fax: 443-5218

Email: americuslibrary@gmail.com

Preschool Story Time
Every Thursday
10:00-10:30 am
Starts Sept. 4th



The Crayon Initiative
Ask for details!

Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:30-5:00pm

Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm

Sat: 9a—12p

Watch our Facebook page and signs on the front door for information on closure and times

FROM CITY HALL

The following minutes are from the Nov 13th 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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor WRIGHT. Council members present were HARMON, HAMLIN, NUESSEN, BURTON, and HINRICHS. Also, present City Attorney Steve Atherton and City Clerk Dodie Doudna.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Danny Gerleman and Tim Burton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 14th, 2025, business meeting Moved by HARMON to approve the Oct. 14th, 2025, business meeting minutes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-O-1 vote. October 16th, 2025, special business meeting. Moved by BURTON to approve the Oct. 16th, 2025, special business meeting minutes. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-O-1 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HAMLIN to approve the November bills to pay for \$24,130.65. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-O vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Hinrichs noted that it is very busy. Match Day is Monday the 17th, goal to raise \$35,000 this year. She currently has 3 advocate families raising funds.

MAINTENANCE: Winterized the splash pad, in need of a compressor to help with this. Authorized maintenance to purchase. Need tech on north pump station, will schedule service. Maintenance will attend Wastewater Certification training on Dec. 3rd in Emporia.

CLERK: Clerk reported that she is currently reviewing insurance options for 2026 for staff. Reported that the copier is aging and need to start thinking about what next steps council wants to take. Purple Wave auctions on the vehicles end on the 18th. Have started on the audit. Reported that the ESU E-Mersion experience was a success. Let council know that Steve's Trash Service have placed a couple of poly carts around town to show what they have planned to distribute next year with a renewed contract.

POLICE:

PARKS AND RECREATION:

AMEND AND ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HINRICHS to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-O vote.

1. RV PARK: Tim Burton would like the council to move forward with allowing RV spots at the trailer court located at 102 Main. After discussion council decided a working session will be needed to discuss current RV ordinance and changes that can be made. This working session will be held on December 2nd at 6 pm. Burton also let council know that they currently have an RV staying at the spots, council agreed to issue a temporary use permit to allow them to stay until the next council meeting. Moved by HARMON to issue temporary use permit for 30 days with full sewer charge assessed for 102 Main. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-1-1 vote.
2. BUILDING PERMITS: Moved by BURTON to extend new construction building permits to 1 year time limit instead of 6 months. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-O vote.
3. CHRISTMAS PARADE & EVENTS: December 6th will be the Christmas Parade. Barriers will need to be placed to block the roads from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Hinrichs asked for \$325 for Santa and travel and \$400 for bags and prizes. Moved by BURTON to approve the funds for Santa and the closure of the road pending approval from the county. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 4-O vote.
4. UNCLAIMED CATS: Britney met with Deb, Kelly and the Streets Cats Club. Discussion was had on forming a community partnership with Street Cats Club and East Emporia Vet to trap stray cats to vaccinate and spay/neuter. Moved by BURTON to approve \$2000 to trap 30 cats to spay/neuter. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-O vote.
5. CMB LICENSE RENEWAL: Moved by HAMLIN to approve Casey's 2026 license. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-O vote.
6. CHIPPER: Discussion on a chipper on purple wave. Moved by BURTON for the clerk to bid by proxy on the 2008 Chipper in the amount to not exceed \$31,000 for the bid and not to exceed \$36,000 for the delivery, fees and cost. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-O vote.
7. EQUITY BANK: Council discussed ongoing issues with Equity Bank. Council instructed clerk to send a letter of concern to the corporate office about the issues at hand.
8. CONDEMNATION LIST: Council instructed clerk to send follow up letters to 401 Main, 7 Fourth, and 210 Main. A letter will be sent to 507 Elm giving 30 days' notice of the city hiring a crew to clean up property of stated violations.
9. COLLEGE BLOCK LOTS: Clerk instructed to refund portion of the lot purchase price of college block to those who met the conditions of the contracts.
10. COLLEGE BLOCK LOTS: Clerk instructed to relist the 2 remaining lots for sale.
11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters. Motioned by HINRICHS to go into executive session for 20 minutes with council, mayor, and legal present. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 5-O vote. Out of executive session at 9:10 p.m. Mayor WRIGHT appointed Dakota Hamlin as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion to adjourn by NUESSEN at 9:18 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5 -O vote

AGENDA

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AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2025- 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 13th, 2025, Business Meeting; December 2nd, Work Session

BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYScape:

MAINTENANCE:

CLERK:

POLICE:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

RV PARK:

CINDY JENSEN: Audit Report

2025 BUDGET: Encumbrances and amendments

ACCOUNT MODIFICATION FORM: Approval of 2025 form

CONDEMNATION LIST UPDATE:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters.

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AMERICUS CHRISTMAS PARADE

PRESENTED BY: CITY OF AMERICUS, PROJECT PLAYScape & AMERICUS FIRE DEPT.

"Golden Lights & Icy Nights"



WHEN Saturday, December 6th, 2025
LINE UP: 6:15 PM
PARADE STARTS: 7:00 PM

WHERE Corner of Main & Walnut



Entry Forms available at: Americus City Hall
or
Online at: City of Americus Website & the Project Playscape
Facebook Event Page.
Scan QR code for details.

COOKIES WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 6th, 2025
Following Parade @ The
Americus Fire Department

Goodie bags for kids
(while supplies last)

Donate Non-perishable food items
for local food bank or books
for lending library at the event!



Project Playscape 2nd Sunday
Biscuits & Gravy of the
PANCAKE FEED Month!

Suggested Min

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included
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\$7 for Pancake &
Biscuit & Gravy, sausage,
with juice



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620-366-5074

Email: pastor.americus@gmail.com

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 We invite all to join us.



Facebook: Americus UMC

Americus Community Food Pantry

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 Pick Up Only



Tuesday
 Dec 9th
 6:00pm- 7:30
 pm

Saturday
 Dec 20nd
 9:30 am-
 11:00am

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10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (nursery available)

Pastor Rich Arnold

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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

flowers in the cemetery. Signs have been ordered and will be put in place in the near future. We also ask that when placing other items that they be placed in such a manner as to not interfere with maintenance. We appreciate your cooperation.



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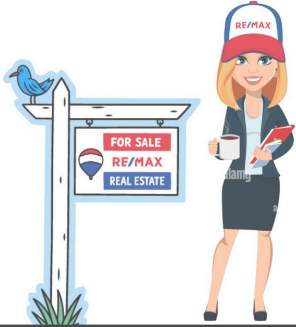


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Christmas News

December

Santa's Daily News

Special Edition

SANTA SPOTTED LAST NIGHT!



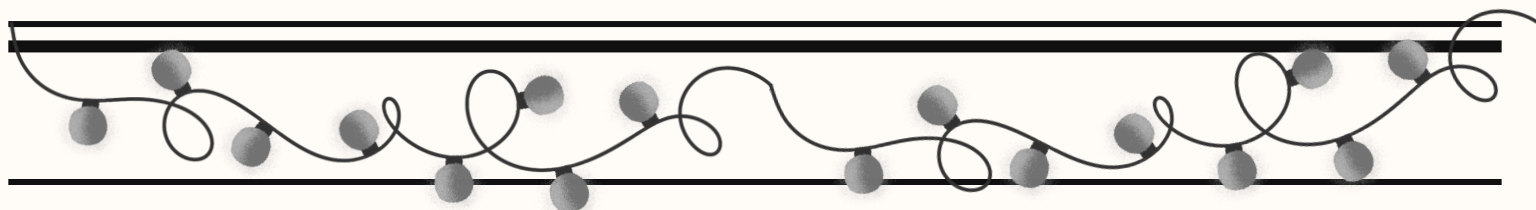
Residents were left wide-eyed last night as a familiar red-suited figure was seen soaring across the moonlit sky. That's right—Santa Claus himself was spotted doing an early test run for his big Christmas Eve journey! Elves at the North Pole say Santa wanted to make sure his sleigh was running smoothly, his reindeer were flying fast, and that all the magic was ready for Christmas Eve. Even Rudolph got a chance to practice his guiding glow! So you better not pout, you better not cry because... Santa's already making his list and checking it twice!

HOW DOES SANTA DO IT ALL IN ONE NIGHT?

Every Christmas Eve, Santa travels all around the world, delivering presents to millions of children — all in one night! But how does he do it? The answer is simple: Christmas magic! You see, Santa's sleigh doesn't just run on reindeer power — it runs on Christmas spirit! Every smile, every carol sung, and every act of kindness fills the air with a special kind of magic. The more we believe, the stronger that magic becomes.

When children (and grown-ups too!) keep the Christmas spirit alive — by sharing, caring, and believing — that's what helps Santa fly faster than the twinkling stars.

So remember, believing isn't just seeing... it's the magic that makes Christmas happen!



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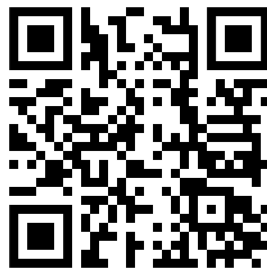
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3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

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

