

AGENDA
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
CITY HALL
PUBLIC HEARING
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HARMON, NUESSEN, HAMLIN, and BURTON. HINRICHES was absent. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Treasurer Dodie Doudna, Attorney Steve Atherton, and Maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Jim Zornes, David Simon, Sandra Simon, Tim Burton, Larry Goza and Kris Goza. Amy Hecke was present via phone.

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

1) PUBLIC HEARING: *Condemnation*

- a. **311 Elm: Bolinger/Hecke** Motioned by NUESSEN to find that the conditions constitute a hazard to the health and safety of the public and the city will move forward to clean up the trash on the property. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote. All other condemnation issues were tabled for 30 days.

Amy Hecke ended the phone call at 7:19 p.m.

James Zornes left at 7:22 p.m.

Motioned by BURTON to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motioned seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

MINUTES
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
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BUSINESS MEETING
FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

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VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: David Simon, Sandra Simon, Tim Burton, Larry Goza and Kris Goza.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *December 19th, 2024 special meeting, January 14th, 2025, and January 30th, 2025 special meeting.* Moved by HAMLIN to approve the minutes of the December 19th, 2024 special meeting. Motion seconded by BURTON. 3-0 vote. Moved by NUESSEN to approve the minutes of the January 30th, 2025 special meeting. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote January 14th, 2025 business meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HARMON to approve the accounts payable for February 2025 in the amount of \$18,138.97. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

MAINTENANCE: Nick Gadino reported that he has been working on getting pricing for a flatbed for the new maintenance truck. The north lift stations had to be cleaned out. A new thermal overload switch has been installed as well. Nick mentioned that the sewer system is 20 years old and repairs will become unavoidable.

CLERK:

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

1. **TIM BURTON:** *Trash service issues* Tim Burton is here to speak to the council about issues he is having with the current trash company contracted with the city. He would like the council to consider using a different company.
HINRICHIS arrived at 7:37 p.m.
2. **LARRY GOZA:** *Trash service issues.* Larry Goza is here to speak to the council about issues he is having with the current trash company contracted with the city. He would like the council to consider using a different company. David and Sandra Simon share the same concerns.
HINRICHIS arrived at 7:37 p.m.
Larry Goza, Kris Goza, David Simon and Sandra Simon left at 7:37 p.m.
3. **RESOLUTION 305: 507 Elm Resolution** Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Resolution 305. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.
4. **STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE:** *Review of contact* The council was provided with information about changes to the city's contract with Steve's Trash Service. BURTON has provided the council with pricing and information for Waste Management. Motioned by BURTON to put the trash service for the city up for public bid., Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.
Tim Burton left at 7:48 p.m.
5. **SEWER RATE REVIEW:** *Annual review of sewer rates* Tabled until next meeting
6. **PERSONNEL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES:** *Update* Tabled
7. **ORDINANCE NO. 623: Open Burn Policy enforcement and penalties** Tabled
8. **KACM SPRING CONFERENCE REQUEST:** *Manhattan, March 27th & 28th* City Clerk is requesting to attend the KACM conference in Manhattan on March 27th and 28th, 2025. KACM will provide reimbursement for the conference registration and hotel. The City Clerk is requesting reimbursement for fuel and meals not provided during the conference. It is the consensus of the council to approve the request.
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Non-elected personnel matters* Moved by BURTON to enter into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for 20 minutes with council, mayor, and legal present. Motioned seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.
Back in open session at 8:31 p.m. No action was taken.
Moved by BURTON to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.

Dustin R. Wright, Mayor

Lea Hamlin, Council President

Nicky Nuessen

Britney Hinrichs

Kayla Burton

Bill Harmon