



# WELCOME TO AMERICUS

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"A PLACE TO CALL HOME"



**February**

- 1st Annette Barr  
Max Olson
- 4th David Elbert  
Trinity Duncan
- 6th Takoda Lunsford  
Aaron Larson
- 7th Carly Piper  
Colton Miller  
Nicky Nuessen
- 9th Katrina Morgan  
Addison Hinrichs
- 10th Lucinda Duncan  
Vicki Ross  
Jacquelyne Leffler  
Matthew Kellison
- 11th Dentin Matile
- 12th Linda Edmunds  
Deborah Webb
- 14th Marcia Johnson  
Cohen Birk
- 16th Roy Nuessen
- 17th Kortney Wilmore
- 18th Ron Redelfs
- 19th Jana Smart
- 20th Betty Brown  
Bill Leffler
- 22nd Belle Grimsley
- 23rd Betsy Landwehr  
Eddie Lee
- 27th Linda Clark

**February 2022**

- Steve & Mona Wyatt  
February 3rd
- Derek & Christina Wells  
February 16th
- Sid & Katrina Morgan  
February 26th
- Richard & Mary Littlefield  
February 26th
- Justin & Krystle Tarver  
February 16th

**PLANNING & ZONING BOARD**

City Hall  
1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

**AMERICUS RECREATION**

**ORGANIZATION**  
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.

**AMERICUS TOWNSHIP**

Library  
Last Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.

**RWD #1 BOARD**

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

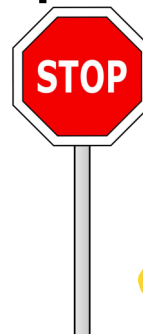


**NEW POLICY** in affect:

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 to not interfere with maintenance.

We appreciate your cooperation.

**Please remember to observe all traffic signs. We are receiving reports of residents not stopping at stop signs.**



# Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: **620-487-5899**

10.29.21 Dale Harden, Guthrie, OK  
Seat Belt \$113.00



## Code Enforcement

Violation Notices Served

City code states that it shall be unlawful for the owner or harbinger of any dog to permit such dog to run at large within the city at any time. City Hall continues to get calls on dogs running neighborhoods. Please keep your dog home.



## AMERICUS Community Center

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.

## From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the January 11th 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, BIRK, and HINRICHS. Councilmember absent was BURTON. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, Police Chief Jody Meyers, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No visitors present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 14, 2021. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the minutes of Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by BIRK, 4-0 vote.

**BILLS TO PAY:** Moved by HINRICHS to pay the January bills in the amount of \$12,011.40. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:** The council received the sales, highway, and liquor tax report from 2015 – 2021. Nick reported 3.5 miles of road including radius work were chip and sealed in 2021, using 368,000 ton of rock and 11,403 gallons of oil. The department is starting to rock roads and fix the railing at City Hall. Nick is getting bids to replace the mower.

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

- 1. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:** *Opening of sealed bids.* Parks, recreation, and pool surplus items were put out for sealed bids. Bids were received from; Marcia Johnson, \$25 for lot #15, and \$10 for lot #20, Ashley Fehr \$8 for lot #16, Brian Anstey, \$10 each for lots #19 and #21, and Nicky Nuessen \$22 for lot #18, \$20.50 for lot #22, \$20.50 for lot #23, \$20.50 for lot #24 and \$10.50 for lot #25. Moved by HINRICHS to accept the bids. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 4-0 vote. Moved by NUESSEN to dispose of the remaining surplus property. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote.
- 2. PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:** *Update on Ball Field Complex and Splash Pad Projects.* HINRICHS reported the lights are going up, waiting for the ground to freeze in order to complete putting the rest of the lights up. The fencing and irrigation will be going in next. HINRICHS is getting bids for doors to replace in the concession stand building. Fundraisers are being planned, along with a couple of Sunday breakfasts. HINRICHS is continuing to apply for splashpad grants and is putting together a grand opening for the ball field complex.
- 3. 2021 AUDIT:** *GAAP waiver resolution and audit engagement letter.* Moved by HAMLIN to adopt GAAP Waiver resolution 285. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote. The council received the letter of understanding of services provided by Cindy Jensen for the City of Americus audit services for the year ending 2021. Moved by HAMLIN to approve Cindy Jensen's audit engagement letter. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote.

**4. BLOCK 20: Hayfield agreement review.** Council discussion on the future plans for the property. Maintenance recommended the city retain the lot with the water well. The City of Americus currently has an agreement for haying of the property. In accordance with the agreement, either party can terminate the agreement at any time on 30 days written notice prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Moved by NUESSEN to cancel the hay agreement on block 20. Motion seconded by BIRK, 4-0 vote.

**5. NEWSLETTER: Distribution.** Discussions on the benefits and costs of mailing out the newsletter vs. distributing the newsletter to businesses for pickup. The consensus of the council is to mail out the newsletter starting with the February newsletter. eventually phasing back to online in the future.

**6. ORDINANCE 607: Floodplain Management, draft.** Ordinance 607 adopts the new flood maps for the City of Americus. The state has included recommended additional standards. Legal recommends the additional standards be incorporated into the ordinance. Once the additions are incorporated, a draft is to be sent to the state for approval. Once the state approves the ordinance the city can then adopt it. The ordinance will need to be adopted prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**7. FILED COMPLAINTS: Dogs running at large.** A complaint has been filed on two dogs running at large around the neighborhood of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Maple/Pine Streets. The owner has been identified. A citation has been served for no registration X2. The owner was also served a warning for allowing the dogs to run at large. The police department will continue to follow up on the matter. The complainants are willing to sign a citation if the dogs are found running at large again.

**8. S&A TELEPHONE: Letter of support.** S&A Telephone is applying for a Broadband Acceleration Grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce. S&A Telephone has inquired if the city would support the grant by writing a letter to the Ks. Department of Commerce. The consensus of the council is to send a letter of support to the Kansas Department of Commerce supporting the efforts of S&A Telephone.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., motion seconded by BIRK, 4-0 vote.

**AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 City Hall 7:00 PM

1. **BOBBY THOMPSON:** *Update on the Gravel Road Ride.*
2. **PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:** *Update on Ball Field Complex and Splash Pad Projects.*
3. **ORDINANCE 607:** *Floodplain Management.*
4. **STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE:** *Review of agreement.*
5. **SEWER RATE REVIEW:** *Annual review of the sewer rates.*

## It's that time of year!! 2022 Permits Due:

### ATV, Golf Carts and Micro Utility Vehicles

Renewal letters have been sent to current permit holders. If you need to purchase a permit bring a copy of your liability insurance on the vehicle with you to City Hall. Registration fee is \$25.00

### Permitted Fowl

Renewal letters have been sent to current permit holders. If you need to get a permit, forms are available at City Hall.

### Dog Tags

For new dogs bring a copy of your rabies certificate with you. If your dog has previously been registered with the city we will need a current rabies certificate if the certificate you have on file at City Hall has expired.

For more information please call  
City Hall 620-443-5655

SOS CASA OF THE FLINT HILLS IS LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES

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SOS CASA OF THE

# The City of Americus is offering for sale by sealed bid a 20' X 20' metal building by Carolina Carports.

The structure has a 10' x 8' rollup door, 36" x 80" walkthrough door, breaker box, and a ventilation fan.

Sealed bids for the following building will be received by the City Clerk, 604 Main Street, Americus, Kansas, until 3:00 p.m., local time on March 8, 2022. Bid forms are available at City Hall during business hours or after hours from the outside box.

The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. The structure is being sold as-is, to be moved by the buyer. Sealed bids will be opened during the March 8, 2022 business meeting.

If you are the winning bidder, understand that payment must be made within 10 business days after notification. The building must be removed after payment has been received by the City Clerk within 30 business days. Payment by check will require a hold on the release of the building until funds are secured.



# AUCTION

BY SEALED BIDS



**VFW POST 1980**  
**MOUNTAIN OYSTER**  
**CATFISH FEED AND LIVE MUSIC**  
*Saturday March 12th*  
 Your choice of hand breaded  
 Mountain Oysters or Catfish,  
 served with coleslaw and baked beans.  
**Meal \$10 Serving 5pm-7pm or until gone.**  
**Southern Voice Band starts at 7pm \$10 Cover**  
 932 Graphic Arts Rd Emporia, Ks

## February

The month of Freedom and Truth



Two Great Presidents were born in February

George Washington helped free America from Great Britain's rule and Abraham Lincoln was the President that set the slaves free from bondage.

The **Constitution** lists the "Freedoms" of all Americans are entitled to enjoy, and the **Declaration of Independence** states the "Truths and Rights" for all Americans.

**Jesus also spoke about Truth when he said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)"**

**Attend Church this Sunday. Hear how the truth can set you free!**

Countryside Baptist Church

6th first street, Americus Ks

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 AM

**Pastor Rich Arnold**

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Linda & Robert Clark - 620-443-5257  
Please leave a message if no answer.

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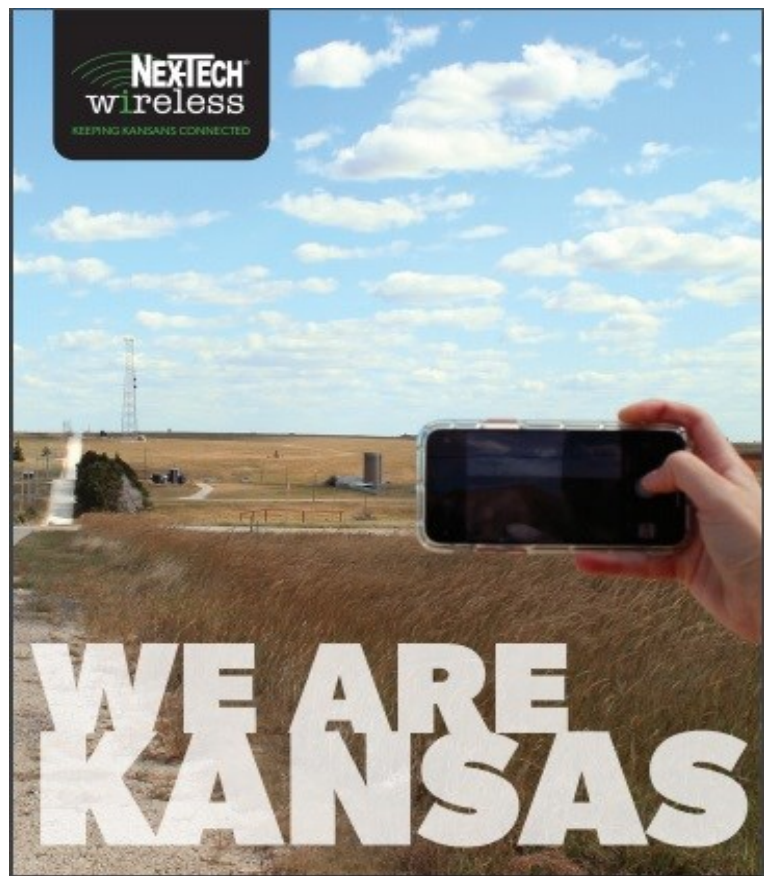
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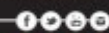
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## Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS  
620-443-5371

Adult Sunday School  
Sundays at 9:30 am  
Worship Service  
Sundays at 10:30 am  
Children's Sunday School  
During services

### Americus Community Food Pantry

*The pantry will be pre-boxed pickup only*

**Tuesday**

**Saturday**

*February 1st*  
6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm.

*February 19th*  
10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

Open to anyone in need. No Restrictions.  
Pre-boxed pickup

Social distancing practices will be in place.

**DURING SERVICES A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE.  
WE INVITE ALL TO JOIN US.**



## Countryside Baptist Church

6 First Street, P.O. Box 524  
Americus, KS 66835

### SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (nursery available)

**Pastor Rich Arnold**

Call 620-343-1546,  
For more information.

For a Bus Ride to Church, call (620)443-5177

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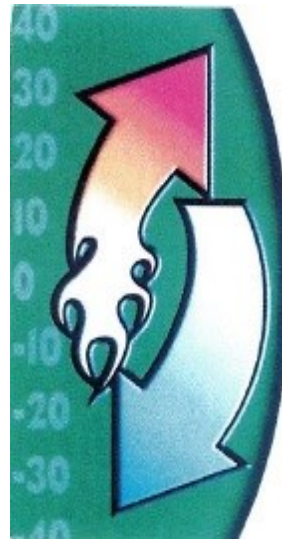


**Financing!** Americus is eligible for 100% Rural Development financing. Ask us about first time home buyers grants available for qualified buyers.



Lacie Hamlin - Cell: (620) 481-0213  
 Email: laciehamlin@gmail.com

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Casey Crist **620.343.0889**

## Americus Township Library

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 Email: americuslibrary@gmail.com  
 Webpage: americus.lib.nckls.org  
 Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com

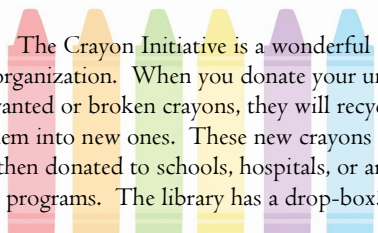
♥ **HAPPY**  
*Valentine's*  
**DAY** ♥

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

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!



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One of the most famous examples is a tale of only six words:

**For sale, baby shoes,  
 never worn.**  
 by Ernest Hemingway

**Submit your 6-word story to the library by email, Facebook or stopping in. We are anxious to hear your 6-word story.**

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## Lyon County Recycle Trailer

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



February Schedule  
2nd & 16th  
March Schedule  
2nd & 16th

## CITY HALL

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

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Fax: 620-443-5644

[www.cityofamericus.municipalimpact.com](http://www.cityofamericus.municipalimpact.com)

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](mailto:amcitynews@gmail.com)  
by the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

