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Nicky Nuessen
- 9th - Katrina Morgan
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- 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 - Eddie Lee
- 27th - Linda Clark

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6:00 pm

AMERICUS REC. 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 Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.

RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia

Steve & Mona Wyatt

February 3rd

Derek & Christina
Wells

February 16th

Sid & Katrina Morgan

February 26th

Richard & Mary Little-
field

February 26th

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♥ day ♥

If you have an annual dog registration;
Please renew prior to March 1st, 2023
to avoid penalty fees.



Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899



Code Enforcement

Violation Notices Served

Please remember building permits are required for the City of Americus. Fees double if work starts prior to obtaining a permit.

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 January 10th 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 Dustin Wright. Council members present were NUESSEN, HINRICHS, BURTON, and HARMON. HAMLIN was absent. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, Police Chief Jody Myers and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Bobby Thompson, Luke Schnakenberg, Stan Grimwood, and Francis Springeman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 13 th business meeting. Moved by HARMON to approve the December 13 th business meeting. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0-1 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHS to approve the accounts payable for December 2022 in the amount of \$17,117.82. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

MAINTENANCE: The new fire hydrant has been installed at Third and Orange. Replaced the north sewer pumps and they are up and running. Maintenance is in need of new bristles for the broom for chip/seal. There is money in the chip/seal budget, Nick has done extensive research and the total will be \$735.16.

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Midland Fence is coming to finish the outer fencing within the next few weeks. April 22 nd is the date for the 2 nd annual banquet. The order is in for the materials for the Splash Pad.

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

1. BOBBY THOMPSON: Flint Hills Gravel Ride Bobby is here to request a few things for the gravel ride in April. There will be a lot more going on this year, around 700 athletes will be coming to town including cyclists and runners. The rider check-in is all in Americus on Friday night this year. Requests include: Barricades, Community Center from April 5 th -April 9 th , having Locust Street from Main Street through Fifth Street closed from Friday night at 6 p.m. to Saturday night at 10 p.m., and the basketball courts closed Friday night as they will be setting stuff up on the courts. Moved by HINRICHS to close Locust Street from Main Street east through Fifth Street from Friday, April 7 th at 6 p.m. through Saturday, April 8 th at 10 p.m. contingent on consent from the county. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote. Bobby left at 7:15 p.m.

2. CHERYL HENRY: Questions/Concerns Not present.

3. BMAC ENTERPRISES: Building questions/College block They want to let us know they are interested in purchasing the College Block, they think Americus has great potential. They have built 8 houses since 2019, and are working on 2 more. There are 16 lots on the college block. Council would like to send it back to Planning and zoning to set lots up. Steve will check into this. Luke Schnakenberg, Stan Grimwood and Francis Springeman left at 7:32 p.m.

4. USD 251: Strategic Planning Committee letter USD 251 would like the Council to nominate a community member to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee. This person will help the committee review the school facilities study and engage in long-term strategic planning for 21st-century schools. Council nominates Bill Harmon.

5. FLINTHILLS SHOOTOUT: Sponsorship Tournament sponsorship with KVOE is \$160.00. The consensus of the council is to go ahead with the sponsorship.

6. FILED COMPLAINT: Cats There is a complaint filed with City Hall about multiple cats roaming freely in their neighborhood . Council would like a notice of violation issued to the owner of the cats. Owners need to get a kennel license.

7. ORDINANCE 615: Vacating a portion of Sycamore Street Discussion on having more permanent barriers. Council would like maintenance to get the prices for concrete jersey barriers and order a dead-end sign. Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Ordinance 615 to vacate a portion of Sycamore Street. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

8. CONDEMNATION: There was a discussion on the lists that were provided by the Council on properties of concern. Will compile the lists and get with code enforcement and the building inspector to move forward in notifying owners.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters Moved by BURTON to go into Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel matters with Mayor, council, and legal present. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

Back in regular session at 8:33 p.m.

Moved by BURTON to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING Tuesday, February 14th , 2023 Americus City Hall 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 10th business meeting

BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

- 1. 2022 AUDIT:** GAAP Waiver Resolution and audit engagement letter
- 2. STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE:** Review of agreement
- 3. SEWER RATE REVIEW:** Annual review of sewer rates
- 4. CONDEMNATION:** Correspondence from building inspector

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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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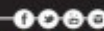
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FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH FOR TRUTH

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Sundays at 10:30 am
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During services

Americus Community Food Pantry

The pantry will be pre-boxed pickup only

Tuesday

Saturday

February 7th

February 18th

6:00pm. - 7:30 pm.

9:30 am. - 11:00am.

We welcome any nonperishable donations. Drop off on the parsonage porch or contact the church at 620.443.5371. Thank you to the community for all donations

Social distancing practices will be in place. Open to those living in USD 251 school district only.

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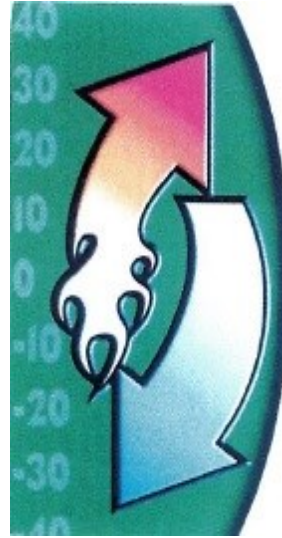


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The library is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Kansas (Topeka). When aluminum pop tabs are sent they are taken to a recycling center. The money then goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

Preschool Story time
Thursdays-10:00 to 10:30 am.

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!

Happy Valentines Day



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February Schedule
8th & 22nd
March Schedule
8th & 22nd

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