

# FEBRUARY 2025



1st - Annette Barr  
Max Olson

2nd - Erin Way

4th - David Elbert  
Trinity Duncan

6th- Takoda Lunsford  
Aaron Larson

7th - Carly Piper  
Colton Miller  
Nicky Nuessen

9th - Katrina Morgan  
Addisyn 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 Blount

18th - Ron Redelfs

19th - Jana Smart

20th - Betty Brown

Bill Leffler

21st Jessie Jo Hadley

22nd - Belle Grimsley

23rd - Eddie Lee

27th - Linda Clark

Andi Harbaugh

Steve & Mona Wyatt

February 3rd

*Derek & Christina Wells*

February 16th

*Sid & Katrina Morgan*

February 26th

*Richard & Mary Littlefield*

February 26th



# Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899



## Code Enforcement

Violation Notices Served

### 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 14th 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 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HINRICHS, HARMON, and NUESSEN. HAMLIN and BURTON were absent. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Treasurer Dodie Doudna, Attorney Steve Atherton, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Ronald Huffington, Sharon Huffington, Lillie Kleemeyer and Bobby Thompson

**ADOPT THE AGENDA:** Moved by NUESSEN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 3-0 vote.

1) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Condemnation

a) 507 Elm: Welsh. The following conditions were found to exist by the city: 1) Trees and weeds/brush are extremely overgrown. 2) 1 vehicle (in front) has not moved in months. 3) Siding is off in multiple areas. 4) Front porch has trash knee-high with a path leading to front door. 5) Backyard shed is in very bad condition and is barely visible due to the trees/weeds/brush. 6) A path has only been mowed from street to house. 7) Building inspector was almost certain that the property was vacant until he heard a window AC running. 8) Roof gutters are full and falling down. 9) The entire property is in extremely poor condition. 10) Condition of property will definitely attract pests and vermin. The property owner is not present at this hearing. Moved by HINRICHS to give the property owner 6 months, no later than July 14, 2024, to correct and/or repair the findings or demolish. An inspection is to be performed by the city at the end of the 6 months. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 3-0 vote.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 10 th , 2024 business meeting, December 19 th , 2024 special meeting. Moved by HARMON to approve the minutes of the December 10 th , 2024 business meeting. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0 vote. December 19 th , 2024 special meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

**BILLS TO PAY:** Moved by HARMON to approve the accounts payable for January 2025 in the amount of \$17,589.37. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0 vote.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**PROJECT PLAYScape:** Fundraisers and grant writing are still ongoing. There was a great turnout for Match Day. There will be a partial payment made to Athco for the splash pad to schedule installation.

**MAINTENANCE:** Snow removal and restocking supplies have been the main focus so far this month.

CLERK: Working on getting the two new vehicles registered. Maintenance employee Domanic McCoy is expected to be released to come back to work in March. There will be a fundraiser on January 25 th that includes a side-by-side fun ride as well as an auction and 50/50 raffle at Harry and Lloyd’s. All proceeds will help cover home, medical, and vehicle expenses that have accrued for Domanic since being hit by a drunk driver in November.

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by NUESSEN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0 vote.

1. BOBBY THOMPSON: Flint Hills Gravel Ride Bobby is here to discuss his list of requests for the upcoming event on April 12th, 2025. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the list from the FHGR. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

Bobby Thompson left at 7:33

2. RONALD HUFFINGTON: Senior Center Mr. Huffington is here to discuss the use of the community center for senior citizen gatherings. The consensus of the council is to agree to the use as long as Mr. Huffington goes through the appropriate steps to reserve the building.

3. 2024 AUDIT: GAAP Waiver Resolution Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Resolution 304. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0 vote.

4. PERSONNEL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES: Update The council discussed various topics that need to be updated in the handbook. They will continue to discuss and revisit at the next meeting. Moved by NUESSEN to add item 4a to the agenda. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

a. LILLIE KLEEMEYER: Late fee on sewer bill Ms. Kleemeyer is upset about being charged the late fee after her payment was received by the city after the cutoff date and time. The consensus of the council is to waive the fee due to extenuating circumstances.

Ronald Huffington, Sharon Huffington, and Lillie Kleemeyer left at 8: 11

5. CCMFOA SPRING CONFERENCE: Request to attend City Clerk is requesting to attend the CCMFOA conference in Manhattan from March 19-21, 2025. She is requesting the council pay for a room for 2 nights and the conference registration fee totaling \$622.56 as well as reimbursement for fuel and meals not provided during the conference. It is the consensus of the council to approve the request.

6. CONDEMNATION: 7 Fourth The owner has failed to correct the conditions within the time stated in Resolution No. 300. It is the consensus of the council for the city to move forward to cause the conditions to be corrected and the cost charged to the owner of the property.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters Moved by NUESSEN to delete agenda item 7. Motioned seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0 vote.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0 vote.

**AGENDA**

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRIARY 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 10TH , 2024 business meeting

BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

MAINTENANCE:

CLERK:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION 305: 507 Elm

2. STEVE’S TRASH SERVICE: Review of contract

3. SEWER RATE REVIEW: Annual review of sewer rates

4. PERSONNEL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES: Update

5. ORDINANCE NO. 623: Open Burn Policy enforcement and penalties

6. CONDEMNATION: 7 Fourth

7. KACM SPRING CONFERENCE REQUEST: Manhattan, March 27 th & March 28 th

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters

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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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Webpage: americus.lib.nckls.org

### Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:30-5:00pm  
Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm  
Sat: 9a—12p (afternoon closed)  
Sunday: closed

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

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

Check out our **BOOK SALE**  
Free will donation appreciated

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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- ✔ Visit your Little on a designated day once a week at their school
- ✔ Play games, go outside, do homework, or talk
- ✔ Meet for an hour or less each week

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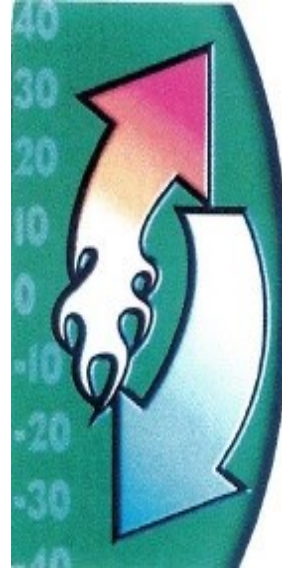
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NLC Elementary

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

28 DAYS IN THE MONTH  
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Presidents Day  
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**Please return sign up sheet to  
NLC Elementary.**

**Can sign up day of meeting, must have  
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## Good News Club

(Snacks, Songs, Bible lesson, Missionary story, Learning activities)

**Place:** Americus United Methodist Church (AUMC)

**Date:** January 22 – April 30, 2025

We will be meeting January 22 and every other Wednesday until April 30, 2025.

Jan.22, Feb.5, Feb.19, March 5, Spring Break- no club, April 2, April 16, & April 30

**Time:** 3:30-5:00pm

For 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, the children will walk with adult volunteers 5 blocks to the United Methodist Church after school. Please pick up your children at **5:00pm** at the church.

Our first meeting will be an **Outer Space Theme!**

If you have questions:

CEF coordinators: Kevin & Sandy Karr (620) 794-5873

AUMC: Becky Maxwell (620) 412-3925

AUMC Pastor: Debbie Senters (316) 737-4823

**Good News Club** is sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship of Kansas, Inc. an international, non-denominational Bible-centered organization which has been in existence for over 80 years. CEF teaches Biblical principles to more than four million children each year. Trained volunteers have been screened as required by CEF's Child Protection Policy to ensure your child's safety.

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### Permission to attend Good News Club – Spring 2025

(must be returned to the school by Wednesday January 22, 2025)

(child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend Good News Club at the Americus United Methodist Church.

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- B) The numbers shall be a minimum of four inches in height.
- C) The numbers shall be affixed so as to be visible from the street frontage.
- D) Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$25 for said violation and each continuing violation thereafter.



## **Lyon County Recycle Trailer**

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

February Schedule  
5th & 19th  
March  
5th & 19th



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