"A PLACE TO CALL HOME"

January,2020

Birthdays

2nd - Joe Zumbrum
Allie Houston
Kathleen Centlivre
Jody Meyers

4th - Lacie Succi

7th - Jordan Dains

8th - Stan Stewart II

13th - Hunter Smart

14th - Aaron Ross

Creek Gerleman

16th - Jason Westcott Kent Dains

24th - Wilma Jeanne Dawes

25th - Travis Richard

27th - Castin Tarver

29th - Faith Hamlin Carrie McElfresh

Anniversaries

Jeff and Cindy Shirley
January 1st

Roy & Nicky Muessen
January 5th

Jeff & Becky Wells

January 14th

Molli & Maci Posey

January 26

New Sewer Rates

The new sewer rates will begin with your February 2020 bill. The following are the new rates:

	Current Rate	New Rate			
Residential - Low	\$24.00	\$33.12			
Residential - High	\$33.20	\$45.82			
Business - Low	\$28.75	\$39.68			
Business - High	\$38.00	\$52.44			
Extra Tap	\$4.00	\$ 5.52			

NOTICE

To Dog Owners
Ordinance #592, passed on April 9, 2019

Dogs currently registered on December 31, 2019

Every owner or harborer of a dog on the city register as of January 1st, 2020 may pay an annual registration fee of \$5.00 or a lifetime registration fee of \$25.00. The registration year for an annual registration is January 1st through December 31st. The fee shall be payable before March 1st for life time registrations or by March 1st each year for yearly registrations.

To obtain registration your dog must be current on rabies vaccinations and a certificate of rabies vaccinations must be presented at the time of registering. If we currently have the certificate on file and it is not expired you will not need to bring a copy in.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

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

ORGANIZATION

USD 251 Cafeteria 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. <u>CITY COUNCIL</u>

BUSINESS MEETING

City Hall 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Fire Station

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 @ 8:00 p.m. RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 Water Board Office 2501 W. 18th, Emporia







The following minutes are from the December, 10th 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, DYE, MILLER and HINRICHS. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Treasurer Kelly Siebert, maintenance Nick Gadino and building inspector Larry Lewis.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Visitors present were Michael Phillips and Larry Birk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 12, 2019 business meeting and November 19th special meeting. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the minutes of the November 12th business meeting and the November 19th special meeting. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 5-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by MILLER to approve the accounts payable for December in the amount of \$19,654.46. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: MILLER reported from maintenance, the department has been cutting ditches, rocking roads, servicing equipment and hauling off larger logs from the limb dump pile to the county dump site. HINRICHS has received \$6,500.00 in donations for the ball field. HINRICHS has attended a grant class and has a contact that will help her with grant writing. Fundraisers are being planned, HINRICHS will report to the council in January on the scheduled events. City Clerk reported on the Farmer's Market, each council member received a report from the Emporia Farmer's Market on the season. HINRICHS reported from the Christmas festival that was held on December 7th. There were over 50 families that attended at the fire department, 95 goody bags were handed out. There were over 20 entries in the parade. The Art Mobile was present at the Fire Department and also had a good turnout.

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HAMLIN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by MILLER, 5-0 vote.

- 1. **MIKE PHILLIPS:** *Request to close a portion of the sidewalk for a fundraising event.* Mike is planning a fundraiser for the local food pantry. He was present to ask permission to fence off the sidewalk 10 feet out from the buildings between 608 Main and 620 Main Street on January 11th. The plans are for a chili feed, indoor corn hole tournament, raffle and live auction. Mike is also asking for a temporary liquor license for the event. Moved by HIN-RICHS to give permission to close off a portion of the sidewalk between 608 and 620 Main for a fundraising event with barriers on January 11, 2020. Motion seconded by MILLER, 5-0 vote. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the temporary liquor license for 620 Main, pending state approval. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.
- 2. **PLANNING & ZONING**: Adoption of the comprehensive plan, Planning & Zoning Code and map. The Planning & Zoning Board has approved the final draft of the Planning & Zoning Code and map with changes. A public hearing was held on December 10th at 6:00 p.m. A final draft with the changes was not available for review by the council. Moved by NUESSEN to table until the final document and map are available. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 5-0 vote. Nuessen amended her motion to include that a final draft available before adoption for public inspection. HAMLIN amended her second. 5-0 vote.

CONDEMNATION: Consideration of properties to begin the condemnation process. The council reviewed the report from Larry Lewis, City Building Inspector. The report included pictures of the properties. Properties include the mobile home parks at 102 and 115 Main along with 401 Elm. Larry recommended the city research their options and the legal process to clean up personal property. There are regulations for mobile home parks in place that can be enforced. Consensus of council to move forward issuing violation notices, to include the mobile home regulations for 102 and 115 Main Street. Larry reported on the property at 401 Elm. The structures are not in bad enough condition to be considered for condemnation. The property as a whole has trash and debris littering the yard. Consensus of council to move forward with violation notices for the trash and debris at 401 Elm.

- 1 Larry Lewis left at 7:57
- 4. **ACCOUNT MODIFICATION FORM:** *Approval of 2019 AMF.* Moved by HAMLIN to approve AMF 19-100. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

- 5. **2019 BUDGET:** *Encumbrances.* Encumber from the 2019 budget; \$25,000 in special highway for street improvements. Encumbrances from the 2019 general fund budget; \$2,883.47 from the 2013 for condemnation, \$5,000 from 2014 for condemnation, \$5,000 from 2015 for condemnation, \$5,000 from 2017 for condemnation. Encumber from the general street fund \$7,437 for street improvements. Moved by DYE to encumber funds as stated. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 5-0 vote.
- 6. **SPONSORSHIP:** *NHHS* home basketball games / Flinthills League Shootout Tournament. Sponsorship of an area basketball game of the week would be a doubleheader. One game sponsorship would include 10 name mentions in promotional announcements that will run three days prior to the broadcast. Six name mentions with positioning statement during the games (3 per game) for a cost of \$42.00. Moved by HAMLIN to approve area game of the week sponsorship pending that NHHS has a home game for game of the week. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote. The Flinthills League Shootout Tournament is held Jan. 23rd through 25th. Tournament sponsorship would include three name mentions with positioning statement during each game, no specific game selection can be accommodated. Tournament sponsorship is \$150.00. Discussion on sponsoring the NHHS teams by donation towards food for the team. Consensus of council to move to the January agenda for further discussion and research.
- 7. **HEALTH INSURANCE**: *Employee health insurance*. BCBC Health insurance went up 14% over 2019. There are 3 employees that qualify for health insurance. The city pays the first \$600 of each employee's insurance. The employee is responsible for the balance. Employees are researching eligibility for the Marketplace Healthcare Insurance. The city would have to keep 2 on the policy in order to keep a group policy with BCBS.
- 8. **RECYCLE CENTER:** *Upcoming changes.* DYE will continue to volunteer through the end of the grant period. DYE will report back to the council when the end date of the grant is.

MAINTENANCE: *Upcoming department changes (head)*. Moved to the January agenda after new council members take seat.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 8:21p.m. Motion seconded by DYE, 5-0 vote.



CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (as of print time)

Tuesday, January 14th 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

- 1. PLANNING & ZONING: Planning & Zoning Code and map.
- 2. CONDEMNATION:
- 3. **SPONSORSHIP:** Flinthills League Shootout Tournament
- 4. RECYCLE CENTER: Upcoming changes
- 5. MAINTENANCE: Upcoming department changes (head).

We invite our community to join us.

Mayor Dustin Wright, Council President Lea Hamlin,

JUST OUTSIDE THE BOX -



Take your mind back to the evening of the 24 th December. Which person did you see breaking and entering your house?

Americus Police Department



Code Enforcement

November 18th to December 2019

102 Main St. #9 - Mowing 301 Locust St. - Trash/ Metal pile/ ice box. 406 Second St. - No Dog & Noise.

Saturday, January 18th, 2020 7 A M – 1 O A M

NLCYA Breakfast

NLC COMMUNITY CENTER
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2348 Rd F4 across the road from the Baptist Church

All types of leather repairing:
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Americus Township Library

710 Main Street/ PO BOX 404 Phone: 443-5503 Fax: 443-5218 Email: americuslibrary@gmail.com Webpage: americus.lib.nckls.org

Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com Copier and Fax with small cost; free wifi available

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 to goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten at your local libraryl

Did you know that reading is one of the most powerful ways to boost your child's brain power? The library has 1000 Book Before Kindergarten packets, or download the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten app for iPhone and Android.

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!



The library will be closed the following days in

January:

December 31 starting at noon January 1 all day January 20 all day

Need a movie?

Come look at our almost 800 DVD collection!

Dora and the Lost City of Gold Angry Birds 2 Maiden

Jurassic Park Series Christmas Jars The King and I How to Train Your Dragon: Homecoming

Library Hours: 1pm –5:30pm

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

January Story Time Themes (starting at 10 am)

January 2nd – No Story Time/ No School

January 9th – Winter

January 16th – Penguins

January 23rd — Pets

January 30th— Kansas Day

Do you think you would qualify for **HOME BOUND LIBRARY SERVICES**?

Call us to see how we can help!

DID YOU KNOW:

When you move to Americus there are many aspects involved in setting up a house; utilities, newspaper, Post office. If you have a concern with your services here is a list of who to call.

Telephone: Consolidated Communications - 620-443-5125 Cellphone Provider: Nex-Tech Wireless 620-487-5800

Electricity: Evergy - 1-800-383-1183

Cable T.V. No cable available.

Water: Rural Water Dist. #1 - 800-879-9050

(May pay at KansasLand Bank)

Post Office: Americus Post Master - 620-443-5333 **Senior Center:** Open 10 - 1 Mon. - Fri. - 620-443-5352

Sewer: City of Americus 620-443-5655

(May pay at KansasLand Bank)

Trash: Steve's Trash Service 620-392-5626 (May pay at KansasLand Bank)

For questions about billing, activation and to stop service call:

City of Americus - 620-443-5655

Natural Gas:

Black Hills Energy - 888-890-5554

Internet Service:

Consolidated Communications - 620-443-5125 KwiKom Communications - 800-379-7292 (Iola) Mercury Wireless - 620-487-7800 or 800-354-4915

Nex-Tech Wireless - 620-487-5800

Americus Police:

Police Department - 620-443-5899

if you are unable to reach us call the Lyon Co. Sheriff

Dept. at 620-342-5545

Emergency call 911



Country Side **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) 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service with praise music

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Youth Group for grades K thru 12 6:30 p.m. Christian programs for adults

For more information:

For Worship, call Pastor Rick Smith at (620) 273-8407 For Sunday School, call Brenda at (620)366-1965 For Youth Group, call Carla at (620) 794-1361 For a Bus Ride to Church, call (620)443-5177



United Presbyterian Church

of Americus, Kansas 563 Broadway Street



Morning Worship - every Sunday at 9 am

fellowship following worship

Wherever you are on your life's journey, we invite you to join us every Sunday for worship and fellowship

> For more information please visit our website www.AmericusUnitedPresbyterian.org



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Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS 620-443-5371

Adult Sunday School Sundays at 9:15 am Worship Service

Sundays at 10:30 am Children's Sunday School

During services

Americus Community Food Pantry

Tuesday Ian. 7th

Saturday

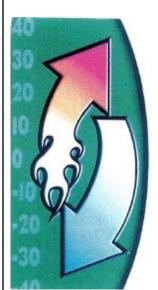
6:30 pm. - 8 pm.

Jan. 18st 10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

Open to anyone in need. No Restrictions. Doors open 30 minutes before start time.

During services a nursery is available. We invite all to join us. DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS, LISTEN TO **KVOE** RADIO FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES.

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Americus United Methodist Church

Would like to thank everyone that donated to Americus Food Pantry food drive.

We appreciate the time and efforts from the businesses and school for collecting donations.



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Harry & Lloyd's Sports Bar 608 main Street 443~5066

Sponsoring a "Stuff the Bus" with non-perishable food for the Americus Food Pantry.



On Saturday morning January 11^{th,} 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. we will take the bus around Americus to pick your food donations. Contact Harry & Lloyd's by phone or social media.

Non-perishable (sealed and Not expired) food donations will be accepted anytime starting the first of December at Harry and Lloyd's, City Hall and Rolling Hills Bar and Grill.

On the day of the tournament bringing 5 non-perishable food items will get you a free ride on the bus to the events.

Indoor Tournament Downtown Americus

January 11, 2020 Starting at 3 p.m.



\$20 Entry fee, \$25 for additional entries, up to 3 entries per person

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place

Prize levels determined based on number of entries.

1/2 of entry fees will be allocated to Prizes, 1/2 will be

donated to the Fundraiser for the Americus Food Pantry.

Winners will be decided by Customers!

Customers wanting to judge are asked to pay a suggested minimum \$5 donation for all you can eat (within reason) chili sampling, then enter their top 3 picks!

Judging count to be held at 5 pm

Chili can be prepared off-site

All entries must contain at least 2 gallons for sampling.

Two contests, something for everyone....



REGISTRATION FEE - \$20 PER TEAM

(2) PERSON TEAMS

PRIZE PAYOUTS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACES

PAYOUTS WILL BE DETERMINED ON THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED TEAMS.

1/2 OF REGISTRATION FEES WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE WINNING TEAMS, THE OTHER 1/2 WILL BE ALLOCATED TO A FUNDRAISER FOR THE

AMERICUS FOOD PANTRY

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Start Your TOPS Weight-Loss Journey right here in Americus

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- ⇒ Full access to online resources
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Americus United Methodist Church 6 to 6:30 Monday Evenings

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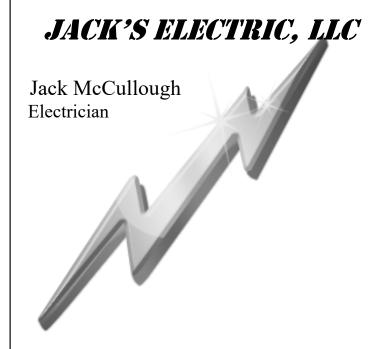
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for more information contact:

Jesse McKee 620-757-1979

E-mail the ARO board at:

americusrec@gmail.com

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www.americusrec.com







\$20

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For ticket information contact Jakob Edmunds 620-344-0626 or Wayne Lee 620-340-2465, by March 1st, 2020.

Americus Senior Center January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 11:00 Board Meeting 12:00 Meal 7:00 Music	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 7:00 M usic	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 12:00 Meal 7:00 Music	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 7:00 Music	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 7:00 M usic	

Join us for Friday Meals

Friday, January 3 - Pot Luck. Bring covered dish or salad. Friday, January 17 – Pizza (donation). Bring salad or dessert.

The Senior Center is available for private events. To reserve call Marie Miller: 620-757-6371

1/14/1973 The Miami Dolphins defeat the Washington Redskins in Superbowl VII, and become the first undefeated team in the NFL history. 1/15/1943 The Pentagon opens.

Americus Animal Clinic

January 25, 2020 ~ 9:00 am until 12:00 noon

Please complete the following information located in the box below and bring this form with you to the clinic. If you have questions about which vaccinations and products your pet needs, Dr. Scott Gordon, of the Emporia Veterinary Hospital will be available to assist

Signature, DVM_Date	SUPPLIES: FRONTLINE PLUS SINGLE 3 PK 6 PK	VACCINATIONS: \$	Pet Name Bread MaleFemale:Neutered/Spayed Age: Weight	ADDRESS: FELINE	<u>OWNER:</u> PHONE: (Home) (Cell)	
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SINGLE 3 PK	FRONTLINE PLUS	GENERIC HW preventative available \$	*\$5.00 mail-in rebate with 12 mths purchase.	Brown 51-100 lbs\$49.05	Green 26-50 lbs\$44.05	Blue 1-25 lbs\$38.30	SUPPLIES: HEARTGUARD PLUS 6MOS	Nail Trim - \$10.00	Blood test results will be phoned	Heartworm Test - \$20.00	Lymes - \$20.00	Distemper/Parvovirus/Coronavirus	DA2p/p/cVK - \$20.00	(Must have had previous rabies vaccination)	Rabies - 3 years \$20.00	Rabies - 1 year \$10.00	VACCINATIONS:	Male Female: Neutered/Spayed	Pet NameBread	CANINE
6 PK			⇔	\$94.75	\$83.00	\$72.30	<u>12MOS</u>	⇔		₩	⇔		€9		⇔	₩		Age:Weight		

Animal Clinic

The 2020 annual animal clinic will be held on

Saturday, January 25th

9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon At the City Shop, 506 Cherry

City dog and cat tags may be purchased at that time

Dr. Scott Gordon, DVM will be here if you would like to have your pet vaccinated.

The Cost of vaccinations are as follows:

Dog Vaccinations

1 year rabies - \$10.00
3 year rabies - \$20.00 (must have previous rabies vaccination)
Distemper / Parvovirus / Corona virus - \$20.00
Heartworm Test - \$20.00

Cat Vaccinations

1 year Rabies - \$10.00
3 year Rabies - \$20.00 (Must have had previous Rabies vaccination)
Distemper - \$20.00
Leukemia - \$15.00

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Jan. Schedule 8th & 22nd

Feb. Schedule 5th & 19th

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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.