

WELCOME TO
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January

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



Jeff and Cindy Shirley
January 1st

Roy & Nicky Nuessen
January 5th

Jeff & Becky Wells
January 14th

Molli & Maci Poszy
January 26

If you have an annual dog registration;
Please renew prior to March 1st, 2022
to avoid penalty fees.



**Happy
New
Year**

*To all of you
From all of us at City Hall*

JANUARY

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

Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia

Americus Police Department

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

**08.04.21 Richard Parnell, Americus
Suspended DL \$108.00**



Code Enforcement December Violation Notices Served

102 Main #3
115 Main
560 Hackberry

Vehicle violation
Health Nuisance violations
Health Nuisance Violations



From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the December 14th 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 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, NUESSEN, BIRK, BURTON, and HINRICHS. 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: Cindy Jensen, Bobby Thompson, and Raymond Paige. Raymond was present to present to the council the idea of holding a flea market once a month during the summer. The event could be held on city block 21, the previous soccer field. Raymond presented to the council a form used by another community as a sample vendor application. Ray left at 6:04 p.m. Evan Wilson arrived at 7:19. Mark Morgan arrived at 7:07 p.m. Mike Phillips and Travis Hitt arrived at 7:17 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 9, 2021. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the November 9th minutes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0-1 vote, BIRK abstained.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHS to pay the bills for December for \$16,698.73. Motion seconded by BURTON, 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: Nick reported from maintenance. The department has been doing routine vehicle maintenance. The department has also been cutting the ditches along the park and Orange Street. HINRICHS reported from Project Playscape; the Christmas parade had the most entries to date, the event was a huge success. Cookies with Santa at the Fire Station went well with the distribution of blankets, hot chocolate, and treats along with storybooks and art projects. 130 goody bags were made with all but 8 given out. HINRICHS toured the town with KVOE to judge the lighting. Contest winners will have a sign placed in their yards.

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

1. **CINDY JENSEN, CPA:** 2020 Audit report. Cindy reviewed the 2020 audit report with the council. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the 2020 audit report as presented. Motion seconded by BIRK, 5-0 vote.

Cindy Jensen left at 7:18 p.m.

2. **BOBBY THOMPSON:** Gravel Road Ride. The 2022 Gravel Road Ride is scheduled for April 9th. Last year the ride brought in 253 riders. As of today, there are 420 registered, 16 states represented. The cap will be 600 participants. Bobby is asking for Locust Street to be closed between Main and Fifth on Locust between 6:00 am – 9:00 p.m. on April 9th. Bobby would like to use the community center on Friday and Saturday, April 8th and 9th. He is also looking at camping in the park, a beer garden on Main Street, and bringing in food trucks. Bobby is working on parking options. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the closing of Locust Street between Main and Fifth Streets on April 9th from 6:00 am till 9:00 p.m. pending county approval. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the use and wavy the fee for the use of the community center on April 8th and 9th (for the Flint Hills Gravel Ride) Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

3. 2021 BUDGET: Encumbrances. The following encumbrances for 2021 include: General Fund \$2,883.47 from 2013 for condemnation, \$5,000 from 2014 for condemnation, \$5,000 from 2015 for condemnation, \$5,000 from 2016 for condemnation, \$5,000 from 2017 for condemnation. From special highway \$25,000 for chip and seal and general street \$20,000 for chip and seal. Moved by BURTON to encumber for 2021 from the general fund \$2,883.47 from 2013 for condemnation, \$5,000 from 2014 for condemnation, \$5,000 from 2015 for condemnation, \$5,000 from 2016 for condemnation, \$5,000 from 2017 for condemnation. From special highway \$25,000 for chip and seal and general street \$20,000 for chip and seal. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. Council discussion on the lawnmower and pickup replacement funds. 5-0 vote.

4. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Opening of sealed bids. No bids were received for the scrap pipe. Moved by BURTON to scrap the pipe. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote. The proceeds will go to the park fund.

5. AMERICUS POLICE DEPARTMENT: Approval of purchase for crosswalk signs. NUESSEN reported from the police department, the cost for two LED signs would run \$2,499.99. The signs are flashing lights activated by the use of a push button. The signs would be located at the intersection of Main and Broadway Streets. Moved by BURTON to approve the purchase of the crosswalk signs not to exceed \$2,500.00. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 5-0 vote. A radar sign shows the speed of the oncoming vehicle. The sign is battery-operated and can be mounted to any pole. The cost of the sign is \$2,895.00. Moved by BIRK to purchase the radar sign with approval of the city accountant. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters. Moved by HAMLIN to go into executive session for non-elected personnel matters at 7:50 for 20 minutes with the council, mayor, and legal present. Motion seconded by BURTON, 5-0 vote. Back in session at 7:06 pm. Moved by BURTON to approve a .75 raise for hourly employees that have been employed for 1 year, starting January 9th 2022. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 VOTE.

7. ACCOUNT MODIFICATION FORM: Approval of 2021 form. Moved by HAMLIN to approve account modification for 21-100. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 5-0 vote.

8. SPONSORSHIP: Sponsorship for NHHS FH shootout tournament. The sponsorship is for the NHHS Flint Hills Shootout Basketball Tournament. The cost for sponsorship is \$150.00 Moved by BURTON to approve the sponsorship of the Flint Hills Shootout for \$150.00. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 5-0 vote.

9. FILED COMPLAINTS: Complaint received about the speed of traffic on Locust St. The complaint has been sent to the police department; Chief Meyers has also spoken to the Lyon County Sheriff's Department to watch for the speed of traffic in the area. Once the speed limit sign is received it can be placed in the area to make drivers aware of their speed. Jody has taken it to the county also.

10. PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Update on Ball Field Complex and Splash Pad Projects, guest speaker. HINRICHS reported from Project Playscape; the lighting has been assembled. The lights are ready to go up on the pole bases. The tentative date for raising the light poles is December 28th. The posts for the fence are scheduled to be installed on December 20th. Mark Morgan was present to talk about irrigation on the fields. There is a well that is 30' deep with 14 feet of water. The estimated use of water is 18,000 gallons per year. Richmore Lawn would do the maintenance the first year to include programming the timer and overseeing the system. Then the city would take over maintenance after the first year. The yearly winterization cost would be \$130.00. Spring maintenance would include checking for broken heads getting the system up and running would run \$70.00. The system would consist of 58 heads with 10 valves. Mark would do yearly lawn care on the fields as long as he is a resident of the city. Legal requested that a contract be written between the city and Richmore Lawn. Mark will have a contract ready for the January meeting. The splash pad received \$10,378.12 from match day. Project Playscape has also received another grant bringing the total raised to date at \$30,000. Lea Hamlin, Kayla Burton, and Mark Morgan left at 7:17 p.m.

11. CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTIES: 610 & 612 Main and update of the list of properties of concern. Mike Phillips was present along with his contractor Travis Hitt. Mike is having the property renovated to include temporary bracing while taking down the old structure and doing a rebuild. There are plans for screening across the front until the project is completed. The structure that housed the previous kitchen will also be torn down to the metal frame. Mike is also requesting for the parking area to be blocked off during demolish. Mike plans to have the removal completed by April of 2022. Mike Phillips is also the owner of the property at 605 Main, the plan is to have the structure painted.

Mike Phillips and Travis Hitt left at 7:25 p.m.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 3-0 vote.

AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022 CITY HALL 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 14, 2021 BILLS TO PAY: REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: ADOPT THE AGENDA:

1. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Opening of sealed bids.

2. PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Update on Ball Field Complex and Splash Pad Projects.

3. 2021 AUDIT: GAAP waiver resolution and audit engagement letter.

4. BLOCK 20: Hayfield agreement

5. NEWSLETTER: Distribution

The City of Americus is accepting sealed bids on the following lots. The lots may be seen by calling City Hall for an appointment. Sealed bids are due by January 11th , 3:00 p.m. at City Hall, 604 Main Street. Bid forms may be picked up at City Hall or emailed to you by calling City Hall at 620-443-5655. The city reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.



Lot 1: Chlorine Dispenser



LOT 2: Hot Water Heater 2.5 gallon



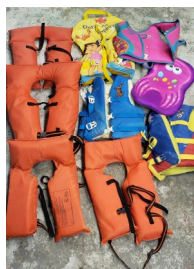
LOT 3: Misc. pool supplies



LOT 4: Life Guard Pouches, total of 5.



LOT 5: Suction Hose



LOT 6: 8 Life jackets and 1 paddle board



LOT 7: 4 Life Guard belts



LOT 8: 2 back boards



LOT 9: 6 metal and rubber loungers



LOT 10: 5 umbrellas with 2 stands.



LOT 11: Table



LOT 12: Pool Lights & Thermometer



LOT 13: Toy animals.

AUCTION
BY SEALED BIDS

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**All items are
being sold in
“as-is” condition.**



LOT 14: Paper towel holder



LOT 15: Spring Horse



LOT 16: Wire bath-house baskets sold each by basket number



LOT 17: 4 Ladder steps



LOT 18: 2 Lounger chairs



LOT 19: Swing



LOT 20: Swing



LOT 21: Swing



LOT 22: 2 Blue Chairs



LOT 23: 6 Pink Chairs



LOT 24: 2 Grey Chairs



LOT 25: 2 Youth Chairs

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Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS
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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

January 4th

January 15th

6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm.

10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

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Pre-boxed pickup

Social distancing practices will be in place.

DURING SERVICES A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE.

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

SUNDAY

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10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (nursery available)

Pastor Rich Arnold

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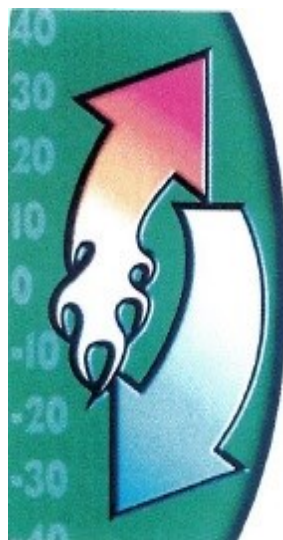
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Library Hours:

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!

**We will be closed
January 17th 2022
for Martin Luther
King Jr. day**

**Have a safe and
Happy New Year!**

**Story times on Thursdays
beginning September 9th
will be Grab and Go, with
bags with activities and
crafts for preschoolers.
10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Please
let us know if you are
interested.**

Do you think you would
qualify for **HOME BOUND
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Call us to see how we can
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Happy New Year!



Let there be joy in your heart.
Something big is going to happen in 2022.

Make a New Year's resolution

Attend a Bible-teaching church on Sunday.

Countryside Baptist Church
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SPLASH PAD.**

Project Playscape



Ballfield

Trenching, electrical ran, and bases complete. Look out for light poles going up this month. Keep up to date by liking "Project Playscape" facebook page. Pictures shown are more progress by businesses and our volunteers.



MATCH DAY 2021



Donations:

- If you are interested in a monetary donation for the splashpad, please make your check payable to ECF RE: "Project Playscape Splash", and mail to:

Emporia Community Fund
Re: Project Playscape
527 Commercial St. , Suite B
Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 342-9304

Or drop off at Americus City Hall.

- You will receive a receipt for tax -deduction purposes with the tax id# from ECF.
- If you are interested in donating supplies or labor to the project, please contact Britney at projectplayscape4community@gmail.com

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January Schedule
5th & 19th
February Schedule
2nd & 16th

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