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January

- 2nd - Joe Zumbrum
Allie Houston
Kathleen Centlivre
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- 4th - Lacie Succi
- 7th - Jordan Dains
- 8th - Stan Stewart II
Tami Romeis
- 13th - Hunter Smart
- 14th - Aaron Ross
Creek Gerleman
- 16th - Jason Westcott
Kent Dains
- 24th - Wilma Jeanne Dawes
- 25th - Travis Richard
- 26th - Molly & Maci Posey
- 27th - Castin Tarver
- 29th - Faith Hamlin
Carrie McElfresh

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 Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.

RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia

Jeff and Cindy Shirley

January 1st

Roy & Nicky Nuessen

January 5th

Jeff & Becky Wells

January 14th



Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899



Code Enforcement

Violation Notices Served

No Code violations for December

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 December 13th 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 HAMLIN, NUESSEN, HARMON, and BURTON. HINRICHS was absent. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Cindy Jensen CPA, Leonard Crane, Josh Reece – S&A Telephone, Joe Leiszler, Ronnie and Margene Crane

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

1. 2022 BUDGET: Adopt amended 2022 Budget No objections or public comment. Moved by BURTON to adopt the amended 2022 budget. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 8, 2022 business meeting and November 23, 2022 special meeting. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the November 8 th business meeting. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the November 23 rd special meeting. Motion seconded by BURTON. 3-0-1 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by NUESSEN to pay the bills for December in the amount of \$22,600.10. Motion seconded by HARMON, 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

MAINTENANCE: The new fire hydrant is installed and working. They reclaimed approximately 3 dump truck loads of gravel to reuse next year for chip and seal. The broom needs new bristles, Nick will get a quote on that.

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

1. CINDY JENSEN, CPA: 2021 Audit report. Cindy reviewed the 2021 audit report with the council. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the 2021 audit report as presented. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

Cindy Jensen left at 7:12 p.m

2. S&A TELEPHONE: Request. Josh Reece is here on behalf of S&A Telephone. They have received a Capital Funds project grant and will be able to finish the rest of town and much of the surrounding area. In order to do this, they will need to install a Telcom Box. He is here to ask permission from the council to do this. Council discussed locations with Josh and are in consensus to allow S&A to place the box. If something changes with the location of the box he needs to come back to the council.

Josh Reece left at 7:20 p.m.

3. 2022 BUDGET: Encumbrances. The following encumbrances for 2022 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, and \$5,000 from 2017 for condemnation. From special highway \$7,746.20 from 2021 for chip and seal and \$30,000 for 2022 for chip and seal and from general street \$2,980 from 2021 for chip and seal and \$20,000 for 2022 for chip and seal. Moved by BURTON to encumber for 2022 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 \$7,746.20 for 2021 and \$30,000 from 2022 for chip and seal and general street \$2,980 from 2021 and \$20,000 from 2022 for chip and seal. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

4. ACCOUNT MODIFICATION FORM: Approval of 2022 form. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the account modification form #22-100. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

5. FILED COMPLAINTS Trailer Park. Joe Leiszler, Leonard, Ronnie, and Margene Crane are here with a filed complaint on the trailer park located at 115 Main Street for the partial teardown of a mobile home and debris blowing over to their yards. The complaint will be sent to Chief Meyers and the police department.

Joe Leiszler, Leonard, Ronnie, and Margene Crane left at 7:39 p.m.

6. TRAILER PARKS: There are concerns from residents and the council about the condition of the trailer park located at 115 Main Street. Concerns include no overall upkeep, partially torn down mobile homes with debris left lying on the ground and blowing around, mobile homes falling apart, vacant mobile homes, squatters, and various items sitting around outside. Council has asked that a citation be served to the owner of the mobile home park for allowing a public health nuisance on their property.

7. CONDEMNATION: Council members will make lists of their properties of concern and review them at the January meeting.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters. Moved by HARMON to go into executive session for non-elected personnel matters at 7:48 p.m. for 10 minutes with the council, mayor, and legal present. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

Back in regular session at 7:58 p.m. No action taken.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

<p align="center"><u>AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING</u> Tuesday, January 10th , 2023 Americus City Hall 7:00 PM</p> <p>CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:</p> <p>VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 13 th business meeting</p> <p>BILLS TO PAY:</p> <p>REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:</p> <p>ADOPT THE AGENDA</p> <p>1. BOBBY THOMPSON: Flint Hills Gravel Ride</p> <p>2. USD 251: Strategic Planning Committee letter</p> <p>3. RESOLUTION 289: GAAP Waiver for 2021 Audit</p> <p>4. CONDEMNATION:</p> <p>5. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters</p>
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January 21st
10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

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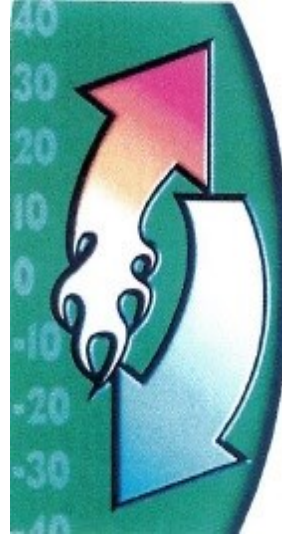


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The library is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Kansas (Topeka). When aluminum pop tabs are sent they are taken to a recycling center. The money then goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

Preschool Story time
Thursdays-10:00 to 10:30 am.
Resumes January 5th

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!



Library will be closed
January **2nd** and January
16th.

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January Schedule
4th & 18th
February Schedule
8th & 22nd

City Hall

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