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2nd -

Allie Houston
Kathleen Centlivre
Jody Meyers

3rd - Nathaniel Ciero

Jack Hadley

4th - Lacie Succo

7th - Jordan Dains

8th - Stan Stewart II

Tami Romeis

13th - Hunter Smart

14th - Aaron Ross

Creek Gerleman

16th - Jason Westcott

Kent Dains

21st - Margene Crane

24th - Wilma Jeanne Dawes

25th - Travis Richard

26th - Molly & Maci Posey

27th - Castin Tarver

28th - Rae Lowder

29th - Faith Hamlin

Carrie McElfresh

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6.00 pm

AMERICUS REC. ORGANIZATION

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

Jeff and Cindy Shirley

January 1st

Roy & Nicky Nuessen

January 5th

Jeff & Becky Wells

January 14th



2024
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 December 12th 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, HINRICHS, and BURTON. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, Police Chief Jody Meyers, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Bobby Thompson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 10, 2023 business meeting. Moved by BURTON to approve the October 10 th , 2023 business meeting. Motion seconded by HARMON, 3-0-2 vote. HINRICHS and HAMLIN abstained. November 14, 2023 business meeting. Moved by BURTON to approve the November 14 th business meeting. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0-1 vote. NUESSEN abstained.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by BURTON to pay the bills for December in the amount of \$ 17,059.06. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

MAINTENANCE: Most of the outer roads have been re-rocked, still have to do North Street. The grader has no brakes right now, it is having more issues than just the brakes but maintenance would like to start with them first.

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: The Cookies with Santa event went very well. There were 110 treat bags made with only 10 bags left over.

CLERK: No report.

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

1. BOBBY THOMPSON: Flint Hills Gravel Ride. The Flint Hills Gravel Ride will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024. There were around 800 signed up last year, he is expecting the numbers to be down a little. Requests this year include the use of the Community Center again from Tuesday, April 9 - Sunday, April 14, tent camping at the park, the use of the tennis courts on Friday evening, and the closing of Locust Street from Main Street to Fifth Street Friday, April 12 at 6 pm to Saturday, April 13 at 10 pm contingent upon the ok from the County. Moved by HARMON to let the Flint Hills Gravel Ride use the Community Center from April 9 – 14 waiving the fee, allowing tent camping, closing the tennis courts to the public on Friday evening, and closing Locust Street from Main Street to Fifth Street contingent upon the ok from the County. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0-1 vote. HAMLIN abstained.

2. 2023 BUDGET: Encumbrances. There were changes made to the encumbrance rule. We now have to have a P.O. or contract signed to be able to encumber funds. Council would like to schedule a special meeting with the accountant present to discuss the best options. The special meeting will be on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 6 pm at City Hall.

3. ACCOUNT MODIFICATION FORM: Approval of 2023 form. Moved by NUESSEN to approve the account modification form #23-100. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters. Moved by BURTON to go into executive session for non-elected personnel matters at 7:29 p.m. for 10 minutes with the council and mayor present. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 5-0 vote.

Back in regular session at 7:39 p.m. No binding action taken.

Moved by HARMON to give all eligible employees a 5% + .10/hr raise, a \$ 100 bonus to all employees, and an additional \$25/month for council and Mayor salaries effective January 2024. Motioned seconded by HAMLIN, 5-0 vote.

Moved by BURTON to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON, 5-0 vote.

AGENDA
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 12 th business meeting and December 21 st special meeting

BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

MAINTENANCE:

CLERK:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

- 1. **BEN SACHS:** Unbound Gravel Ride
- 2. **PLANNING AND ZONING:** Interest in serving

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NEW POLICY in effect:

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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66835**



Burn Policy

As per city code Chapter VII. Fire, Article 2, Section 7-204

OPEN BURNING.

Open burning is defined as the burning of any materials wherein air contaminants resulting from combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney.

Open burning is restricted to:

- (a) The hours of sunrise but must be extinguished before sunset.
- (b) Leaves, tree trimmings no larger than one person can handle, and naturally occurring landscape waste only. No trash, household furnishings or construction waste.
- (c) Burning off yard grass, ditches, other natural vegetation in close proximity to combustible structures is permitted with appropriate supervision and water supply.
- (d) Bona fide controlled burnings conducted by the Americus Fire Department, Americus, Lyon County, Kansas, or its successor in interest, pursuant to a training program that is designed to insure that firefighters are trained and capable of meeting emergencies.
- (e) Must be supervised at all times and have a water source present to extinguish the burn immediately if conditions change.
- (f) Must be Reported in the Lyon County online Burn website
www.lyoncounty911.org/burn
Questions—www.lyoncounty911.org/burn-faq
- (g) Open burning shall not be:
 - (1) Within a commercial zone as designed by the zoning ordinance of the city.
 - (2) Within 50 feet of any structure except in approved burner built of brick, cement, stone, or metal located not less than 15 feet from any structure and constructed in a manner to securely confine burning material and with all openings protected with steel netting of ½ inch mesh or with steel plate with no larger than ½ inch holes therein.
 - (3) Upon any street or alley open to vehicular traffic or upon any sidewalk of the city.

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure of combustible material unless contained in a barbeque device. (Ord. 431, Sec. 3)

Barbeque device is defined as any appropriate manufactured device that is designed to contain an open flame.



Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS
620-443-5371

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 2nd
6:00pm. - 7:30 pm.

January 20th
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.

**DURING SERVICES A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE.
WE INVITE ALL TO JOIN US.**



Countryside Baptist Church

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

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
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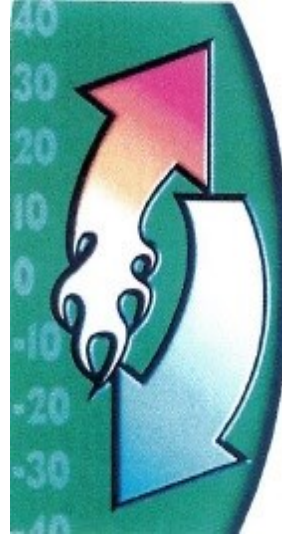


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Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com

Library Hours:
Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:30-5:00pm
Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm
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.

Closed January 1st and
January 15th

Many Adult and Children's books for sale
Price: Free will donation

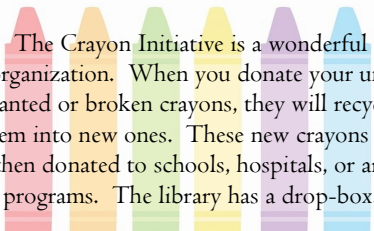
Preschool Story Time
Thursdays 10:00 to 10:30 am
Will resume January 11th.



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

Call us to see how we can help!

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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January Schedule
3rd & 17th
February Schedule
7th & 21st

City Hall

Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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by the 23rd of each month.

Americus Recycling Trailer

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Recycle items only.

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Empty trash containers/bags into bins, do not dispose of plastic bags in the recycle bins.

