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July, 2020



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 1st - Elaina Wells
- 2nd - Stacie Horton
- 3rd - Stantanna Stewart
Cody Swanson
Steve Wyatt
- 4th - Elizabeth Hudlin
Kelsi Gadino
Christine Hultgren
Samatha Redelfs
- 5th - Jerry Voorhees
- 6th - Tyler Hinrichs
Cooper Hamlin
Kevin Schlimme
Cindy Shirley
- 7th - Jayden Cannon
Cole Gerleman
- 8th - David Good
- 12th - Taylor Redelfs
Leonard Crane
- 13th - Alec Tucker
- 15th - Jesse Dains
Talynn Dains
Andrea Anderson
Jodi McCullough
- 16th - Joni siess
- 17th - Jeff Centlivre
Joslin Cannon
- 20th - Ron Johnson
Connie Stewart
- 21st - Claire Hamlin Olsen
- 22nd - Steve Stewart
Jeff Shirley
- 23rd - Danielle McElfresh
- 24th - Arissa Mayer
- 25th - Dorothy Deweese
- 26th - Makenzie Riley
Dean Horton
- 26th - Mark Morgan
- 27th - Julisa Rose Mosby
- 31st - Kristeena Thompson



William and Anna Crabtree

July 4th

Larry & Cindy Edmiston

July 8th

David & Vicki Jones

July 18th

NOTICE

As per city code Chapter 8, article 4
Section 8-401

It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, lessee, tenant or other person occupying or having charge or control of any premises to permit weeds to remain upon said premises or any area between the property lines of said premises and the centerline of any adjacent street or alley.

including, but not specifically limited to, sidewalks, streets, alleys, easements, rights-of-way and all other areas, public or private. All weeds are hereinafter defined are hereby declared a nuisance and are subject to abatement as hereinafter provided.

Section 8-402 (5)

Weeds and grasses on or about residential property that, because of its height, has a blighting influence on the neighborhood. Any such weeds and indigenous grasses shall be presumed to be blighting if they exceed 12 inches in height.

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 @ 8:00 p.m.

RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia

VAN BINSBERGEN & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Americus Apartments will have a unit available at the end of June. The complex offers maintenance free living comprised of 16 1-bedroom units. The property also offers off-street parking, a laundry facility on-site for residents and a community room. USDA rural Development rental assistance for qualifying applicants. Interested individuals are encouraged to call for more information. Please ask for Alexis at 785-350-2289.

From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the June 9th 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 Council President Lea Hamlin. Council members present were NUESSEN, HINRICHS, BIRK and BURTON. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Kelly Siebert, Police Chief Jody Meyers and maintenance Nick Gadino. Mayor Dustin Wright arrived at 7:23 p.m.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Laverne Soetebier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *May 12, 2020 business meeting. May 28, 2020 special meeting.* Moved by HAMLIN to approve the minutes of the May 12th business meeting and the May 28th special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHS to pay the June bills in the amount of \$30,856.47. Motion seconded BURTON, 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: HAMLIN reported from Parks & Recreation, the powder coating of the back stops of the basketball goals is on hold for more research and pricing. The summer wights and conditioning kids will be using the park on Monday – Thursday for 2 weeks starting this next week from 7:00-10:30 a.m. daily. Nick Gadino reported on the mower, the mower is showing age with 1,630 hours and has developed a few issues. The mower will need attention or consideration for a new mower in the next year. The sewer cleaning and televising was to take place this week, A-1 broke down and has rescheduled for next week.

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

1. 2021 BUDGET: Laverne reported to the council on the 2021 Budget. At this time the budget is looking better than expected. The current draft is under the tax lid. At this time without the valuations in, the League of Municipalities is estimating a 3% raise in valuations. Sales and Comp Use Tax is estimated to be down 10% - 15%. The city can levy taxes for the back hoe lease payments. The Police Department is higher for 2021 than 2020, with officers back to putting in more hours. Street repairs for 2021 is at \$122,000.00. Transfer \$3,000.00 for mower replacement, \$3,000.00 for utility truck replacement, \$10,000.00 from special highway for bridge replacement. The parks budget includes capital outlay and contractual funds for use on the ball fields. The employee benefit fund is looking good with a cutback on health insurance. Parks and Recreation \$25,000.00 budget authority from sales tax collected in 2019 and 2020 for youth. With the increase in sewer rates has helped pull the sewer fund back up. Attached to the budget is a wage calculation with a rise and the reserve fund with the balances, condemnation and tree trimming were also included. Currently there is \$23,000 encumbered for condemnation. Code Enforcement is figured at 10 hours a month along with hours for patrol. . Once Laverne receives the final valuations, she will adjust the draft with solid numbers.

Lavern left at 7:24 p.m.

2. HARRY & LLOYD'S: *Liquor license renewal.* Moved by HAMLIN to approve Harry & Lloyd's liquor license renewal. Motion seconded by HINRICH, 5-0 vote.

3. FUNDRAISER: *Approval for use of sidewalk and temporary liquor license.* A fundraiser for the ball park is scheduled for August 8th at Harry & Lloyds and 620 Main Street. HINRICHS is asking for approval to use the sidewalk between the two buildings and for a temporary liquor license for 620 Main. Moved by HAMLIN to approve closing off a portion of the sidewalk between 608 and 620 Main for a fundraising event with barriers on August 8th. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0-2 vote, HINRICHS & BURTON abstained. Moved by NUESSEN to approve the temporary liquor license for 620 Main on August 8th, pending state approval. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 3-0-2 vote, HINRICHS and BURTON abstained. HINRICHS is working to put together a Cow Patty Bingo as a fundraiser. She would like to hold the event at the soccer fields park. Consensus of the council to approve the use of the soccer field park for the event. A date is July is yet to be set.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Discussions relating to the acquisition of real property.* Moved by HAMLIN to go into executive session for discuss relating to the acquisition of real property with council, mayor, legal present for 5 minutes at 7:34 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to end executive session at 7:39 p.m. Motion seconded by BURTON, 5-0 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to authorize the mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding for the acquisition of real property. Motion seconded by BIRK, 5-0 vote.

5. JULY 4TH HOLIDAY: *Declare a holiday off for employees. July 4th is on a Saturday.* Consensus of council to give employees Friday, July 3rd off for the Fourth of July holiday.

6. 507 ELM: *90-day review.* The owner has been in contact with City Hall. She is working to find someone to do the yard work. She has purchased siding to finish the house. Council discussed doing biweekly checks and council updates to show improvement. Moved by HAMLIN to extend 90 days with biweekly checks for progress. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote. HAMLIN volunteered to do the biweekly checks.

7. RETURNED PAYMENT POLICY: *Adoption of proposed policy.* The council was given the final draft of a returned payment policy. State statute requires a certified letter notifying the person that their payment was returned. Statute also limits the amount we can charge for a returned payment fee at \$30.00. The policy does rise the return payment fee at \$30.00. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the return payment policy as presented. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 5-0 vote.

8. **FILED COMPLAINTS:** City Hall has received 3 complaints on properties needing mowed. The properties are at 409 Oak, block 137 lots 4-8 and 11-13; 503 Mulberry, block 50 lots 15 & 16; block 71 lots 3-5 and 12-16. Owners of the properties have been notified of the violations.

9. **LIMB DUMP:** *Approval of sign.* The city has received a quote OF \$150.00 from Professional Printing Center for a sign stating; No Commercial Dumping Allowed, Limb dumping open to Americus City residents only. The sign would be 3' x 5' made of 6mm material and printed in full color. Moved by BURTON to approve the limb dump sign. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 8:06. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 5-0 vote.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (as of print time)

Tuesday, July 14th 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. City Hall

1. **2021 BUDGET:** *Approval of draft for publication*
2. **COMDEMNATION:** *Consideration of properties on the watch list to move forward with procedure.*

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Americus Police Department



01.25.20 Jason Kormanik, Council Grove, Stop Sign \$143.00

02.21.20 Garrett Thompson, Americus, Careless Driving \$133.00



Code Enforcement

May - June 2020

- 612 Hackberry St. - Mowing notice
- 409 Oak St. - Mowing notice
- 414 Pine St. - Mowing notice
- 503 Mulberry St. - Mowing notice
- 115 Main St. #9 - Mowing notice
- 1103 Second St. - Mowing notice
- 307 Fourth St. - Mowing notice
- 102 Main St. #11 - Mowing & vehicle notice
- 102 Main St. #12 & 17 - Trailer house material
- 216 Main St. - Weeds
- 20 Pool Checks

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Menu: Fresh cooked sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, eggs, fried potatoes, breakfast burritos, coffee/juice. \$7.00/person.

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Saturday, July 18th, 7am -10am

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Driving in the Rain



Give yourself plenty time, in case of heavy traffic, when driving in the rain.

Don't forget to use your headlights in the rain!!



Drive with safe following distance between you and the vehicle ahead.



Check tire pressure! Over-inflated tires reduce grip. Under-inflated tires may result in serious aquaplaning.

Drive at or below speed limit. Roads are extra slippery and dangerous.



Make sure your windshield wipers are properly working. Change them if you have to before driving in the rain.



Steve's Trash Service

Would like to send out a reminder to everyone that the limit on trash pickup every Tuesday is 2-35 gallon bags or 5-13 gallon bags.

Also please break down all cardboard boxes.

Americus Senior Center

The Americus Senior Center will be closed until further notice.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

CODE ENFORCEMENT will be out and about issuing violation notices for yards in need of mowing (including the right-of-way's), trash piles in yards, swimming pools that are not fenced along with many other code violations.



City of Americus Police Department
has a new number for all non-emergency calls **620-487-5899**.
Emergency Calls dial 911.

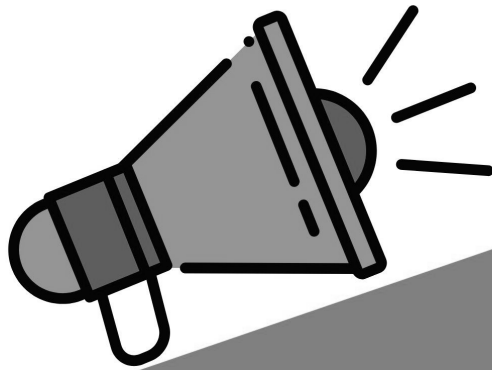
A black and white advertisement for Tots Daycare. The background is a circular collage of cartoon children holding hands. In the center, the text reads 'Tots Daycare' in a large, stylized font. To the left of the text are three alphabet blocks with letters 'A', 'B', and 'C'. To the right are three number blocks with numbers '1', '2', and '3'. Below the main title, it says 'Licensed daycare in Americus now enrolling.' and 'Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'Contact Caitlin Milner @ cmilner1909@gmail.com or 620-366-0672'.

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- For a Bus Ride to Church, call (620)443-5177



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620-443-5371

New hours from June 21st - Sept. 06

Adult Sunday School
Sundays at 10:45 am
Worship Service
Sundays at 9:30 am
Children's Sunday School
During services

Americus Community Food Pantry

Tuesday

Saturday

July 7th

July 25th

6:30 pm. - 8 pm.

10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

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Doors open 30 minutes before start time.

Social distancing practices will be in place.

During services a nursery is available. We invite all to join us.

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*1st Annual July 4th "40"
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Presented by; JDK

*Location; Americus, KS
Starting at the park*



Registration @9am

Ride Starts @10am

Costs

\$10-Machine

\$10-per players

Winnings will be determined by how many people come

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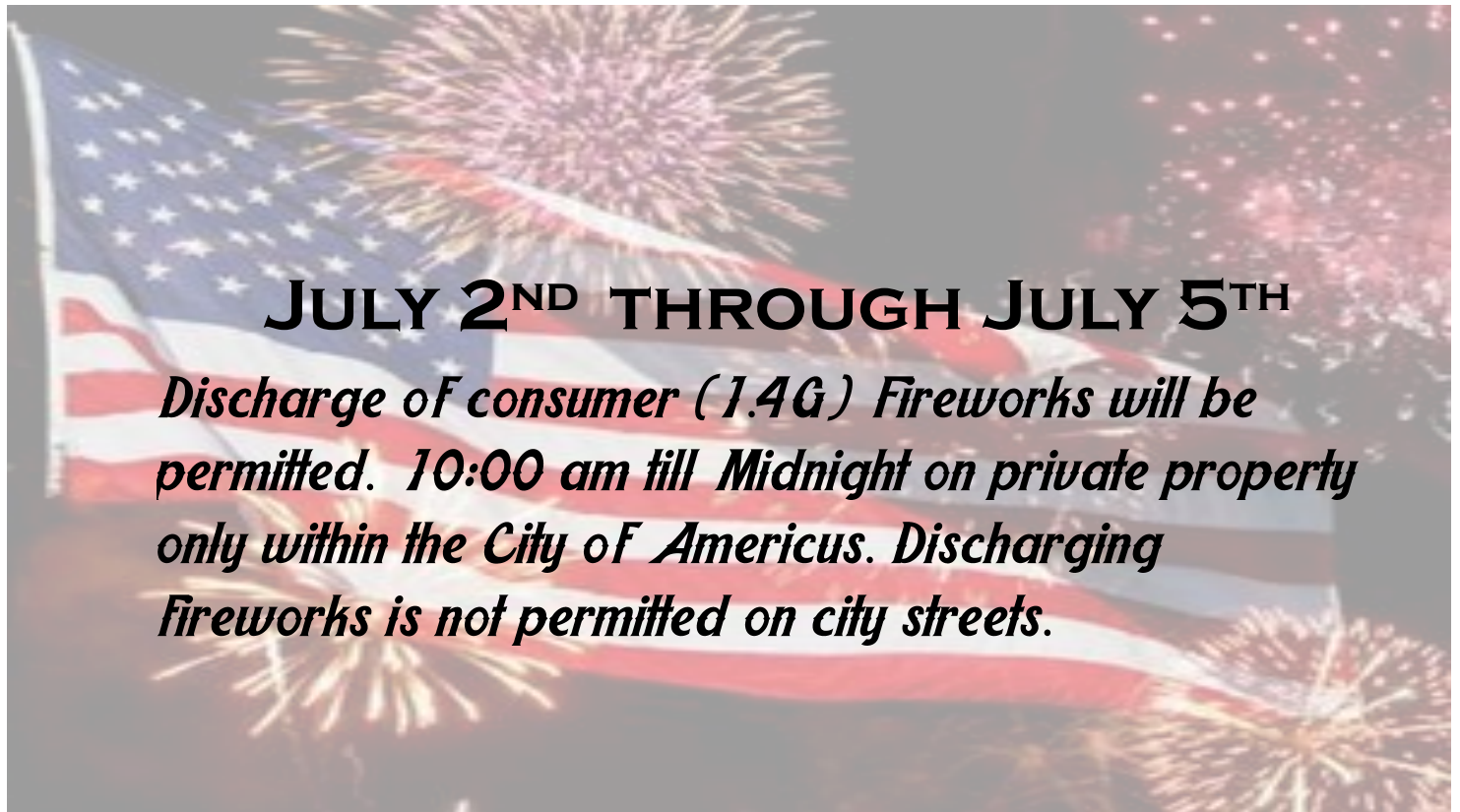
Please watch the City of Americus facebook page for any changes or cancelations.



Countryside Baptist Church is taking Vacation Bible School Mobile! Meet us each evening **July 13-17 at the Americus Park from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.** We will have a Bible Story, Music, Crafts and Snacks! All welcome (even Parents)! We do ask if you have Pre-School/Kindergarten age that a parent accompanies them.

We're all a work in progress. Life is a hard hat zone. But just wait 'til you see what God will do at VBS! Mark your calendars now and be ready to start building on the love of Jesus!





JULY 2ND THROUGH JULY 5TH

Discharge of consumer (1.4G) Fireworks will be permitted. 10:00 am till Midnight on private property only within the City of Americus. Discharging fireworks is not permitted on city streets.

A HISTORY OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.

By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence.

Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

Did you know? John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

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- Alabama ,Arizona, Arkansas, Maryland
- Been on a cruise ship or river cruise
- Traveled internationally

The travel list was updated June 17 and will be updated/reviewed next on July 1.

Please note these quarantine orders do not apply to critical infrastructure sectors needed to continue operations during this pandemic. Public health, including hospitals, clinics, law enforcement, meatpacking supply, etc. need to have the staffing resources to continue serving Kansans. While KDHE strongly recommends these quarantine restrictions for everyone, we do recognize that services need to continue. KDHE encourages facilities to ensure they have updated their Emergency Preparedness Plans and implement protocols to ensure that no employee comes to work symptomatic. Find resources in the [Businesses and Employers toolkit](#).

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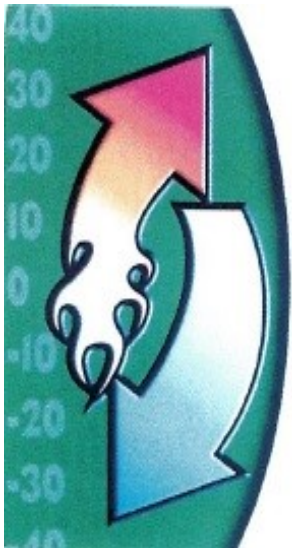
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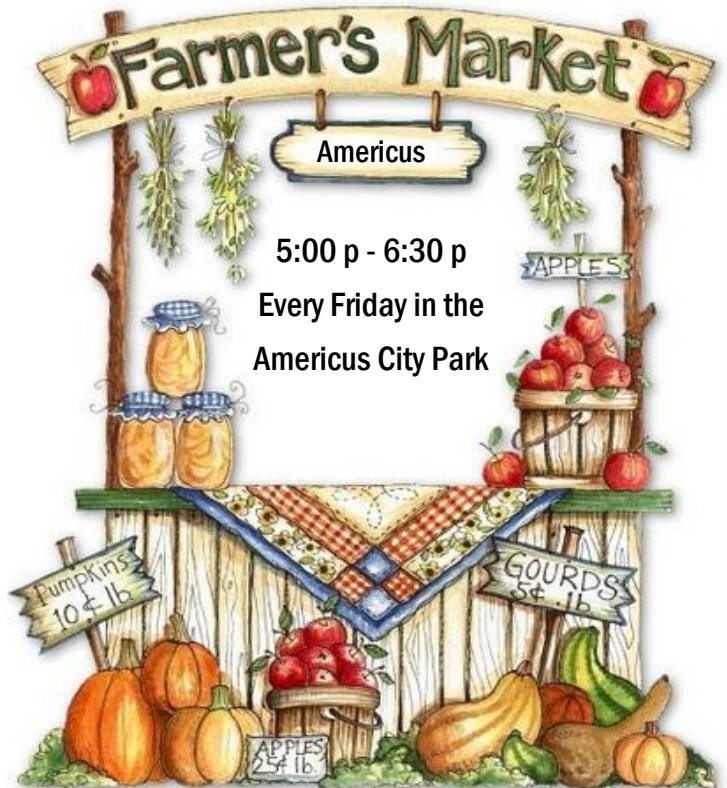
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8th & 22nd

Aug. Schedule
5th & 19th

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