



# WELCOME TO AMERICUS

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## June, 2020



### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 1st - Kaitln Houck
- 2nd - Terry Ellis  
Jerry Maxson
- 4th - Roger Anderson
- 5th - Kent Clark
- 8th - Robert Clark
- 9th - Laryl Worcester
- 14th - Sandi Simmons  
Jeff Wells
- 15th - Jack Wells
- 16th - Linda Houston
- 18th - Cody Luginsland
- 19th - Chris McWilliams  
Tracy McKee- Posey
- 20th - Mike Houston  
Richard Lee Parnell Sr.  
Debbie Fields
- 23rd - John Buckridge
- 25th - Lily Alvarez  
Axl Lucas
- 26th - Trent Burd
- 27th - Susan Moreland  
Stephanie Pope
- 28th - Jim Redelfs
- 29th - Justin Redelfs  
Liam Wilson  
Lizzy Murray  
Shelby Posey



### CLOSINGS & CANCELATIONS

See page 5 for more closing and cancelations due to the COVID-19 Epidemic.

### Fourth of July

See fireworks discharge dates on page 9.  
Happy lighting.

### *180 Disaster Relief Fresh Food Giveaway at Abundant Harvest*

- ◆ Free to all: fruit, vegetables, and dairy products:
- ◆ May 25th– June 26th.
- ◆ Monday– Friday from 7am–10am and 4pm– 6pm
- ◆ 1028 Whittier St. Emporia, KS.



### Please Do Not Flush!

The "flushable wipes" that are becoming popular are also causing problems in sewer systems and lift stations in many cities. The city of Americus is hoping to avoid some of the issues other communities are facing with extra costs to maintain the sewer system due to the issues these wipes are causing.



Besides human waste,  
**PLEASE, only flush toilet paper!!**

### PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Not meeting at this time.  
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

The Americus Township Board regrets' there was no Memorial Service at our cemeteries this year. However, we would like to give a big **THANKYOU** to **Cheryl Henry** for purchasing and placing flags on our veterans graves.

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**From City Hall:**

The following minutes are from the May 12th 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 by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, NUESSEN, BIRK and BURTON. Council member HINRICHS joined at 7:08 p.m. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Kelly Siebert, Police Chief Jody Meyers and maintenance Nick Gadino.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Marie Miller, Cheryl Henry and Joe Leiszler. Laverne Soetebier arrived at 7:39 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *April 14, 2020 business meeting.* Moved by HAMLIN to approve the minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup> business meeting. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

**BILLS TO PAY:** Moved by HAMLIN to pay the May bills in the amount of \$22,562.47. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:** Nick Gadino reported from maintenance, the department has been cleaning out ditches, helping APAC with the street project and painting of the parking stalls. The fire truck is ready to go for culvert cleaning. The maintenance department would like to thank the school district for the donation of the ¾ ton Dodge truck.

HAMLIN reported that maintenance purchased ornamental bushes to plant by the shelter house in the park.

Steve Atherton reported on the College & Park blocks, legislators will be back in session for the day next Tuesday to pass legislation that has gone through the process.

BIRK reported he would like to see more asphalt replacement next year.

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

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property.* Moved by HAMLIN to go into executive session at 7:12 for the purpose of acquisition of real property with the council, mayor, legal and Marie Miller present for 15 minutes. Motion seconded by BURTON, 5-0 vote. Back in session at 7:32p.m.

Marie Miller left at 7:34 p.m.

Moved by HINRICHS to add an executive session to the agenda (*Preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property*). Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 5-0 vote.

At this time the Zoom meeting service went off and the meeting had to be restarted.

Lavern Soetebier arrived at 7:39 p.m.

2. **2021 BUDGET REQUESTS:** At the end of 2019 there was \$14,000 for mower replacement, \$40,000 for bridge (culvert) replacement, \$5,750 for pickup replacement. In 2020 there is budgeted \$10,000 to go to ward the bridge replacement. With the donation of the pickup with a snow blade from the school district, a 1-ton pickup will not be needed to replace the current pickup. The funds could be used to replace the pickup with an equivalent pickup. Council member requests for the 2021 budget; \$3,000 towards a lawn mower, bridge (culvert) replacement - \$10,000, pickup replacement - \$3,000, chip & seal project - \$30,000.

Went off line with Zoom, re-entered into Zoom meeting at 8:14 p.m. Cheryl Henry did not rejoin the meeting.

Laverne Soetebier left at 8:16 p.m.

3. **YEARLY APPOINTMENTS:** The Recycle Center has been operated by Jason Dye. Mr. Dye will work the Recycle Center until the end of the grant period that will be around the end of July. At that time the Recycle Center could become the responsibility of the maintenance department. Council President: (This position is appointed by the council, not the Mayor as per LKM) Lea Hamlin, Department head of parks and recreation: Lea Hamlin, Department head of maintenance: Larry Birk, Head of special projects and grants: Britney Hinrichs, Department head of police: Nicky Nuessen, Department head of Recycling:

Larry Birk, City Clerk: Marcia Johnson, City Treasurer: Kelly Siebert, Assistant City Clerk: (per city code) Kelly Siebert, Freedom of Information Officer: Marcia Johnson, City Attorney: Steve Atherton, Municipal Judge: Clark Allemang, Police Chief / Public Official: Jody Meyers, Code Enforcement Officer: Jenna Herrington, Building Inspector / Deputy Public Official: Larry Lewis, Police Officer: Marcial Hernandez, D.J. Drangonas and Jenna Herrington, Council Representative on Board of Zoning Appeals: Dustin Wright, Board of Zoning Appeals: Seat 1- Open, Seat 2 – Dustin Wright, Seat 3 – Erick Dean, Seat 4 – Cheryl Henry, Seat 5 - Open, Zoning Administrator: David Goldsmith

Planning & Zoning Board: 3 year terms (appointed by the Mayor w/ council consent 5 in-town and 2 w/ in a 3 mile radius of town) Seat 1 - Erick Dean (2021), Seat 2 – Open (2020), Seat 3 - David Goldsmith (2021) Outside city limits, Seat 4 – Open (2020) Outside city limits, Seat 5 – Open (2021), Seat 6 - Nicky Nuessen (2022), Seat 7 - Stephen Beemer (2022), Council Representative on the Americus Housing Authority Board: Open, Official Bank: KansasLand Bank, Official News Paper: Emporia Gazette. Moved by HAMLIN to approve appointments as presented with the addition of maintenance over the recycle center. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

4. **RESOLUTION #275: Discharge of fireworks.** The Fourth of July is on a Saturday in 2020. The current hours of discharge in the resolution are 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Moved by HINRICHS to approve resolution #275 with the days July 2, through July 5 with the hours of 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 a.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-1 vote, BIRK voted against.

5. **SEWER: Approval of maintenance agreement with A-1 Pump & Jet.** Moved by HAMLIN to approve the 3-year agreement with A-1 Pump & Jet. Motion seconded by BURTON, 5-0 vote.

6. **FUNDRAISER: Approval for use of sidewalk and temporary liquor license.** PASS until a date is set.

7. **ANIMAL CONTROL: Impound of cats.** The city does not require cats to be registered with the city. When a cat is picked up and taken to Emporia it costs the city \$40. Consensus of council to continue taking stray cats to Emporia with the approval from the city.

**COVID-19: Opening of the playground equipment and City Hall.** During Phase two of the state’s reopening plan, the playgrounds can be opened with social distancing and informative signage required. Outdoor restrooms can open in phase 2 only with daily sanitation, informative signage required. Consensus of council to follow the lead of the county on reopening playground, restrooms and City Hall.

BIRK reported that commercial tree trimmers are dumping loads at the limb dump sight. Moved by BIRK to have maintenance to place signs at the limb dump site, stating that limb and concrete dumping by Americus citizens only. No limbs bigger than 1 foot in diameter. Motion seconded HAMLIN, 5-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by BIRK to go into executive session at 8:35 for 10 minutes with council, Mayor and legal present. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

Out of executive session and back into regular session at 8:44 p.m. Moved by HINRICHS to approve for the Mayor to negotiate terms, not to exceed \$ 1,500. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 5-0 vote.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

**CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** (as of print time)

Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. **2021 BUDGET:**
2. **HARRY & LLOYDS:** *Liquor license renewal.*
3. **FUNDRAISER:** Approval for use of sidewalk and temporary liquor license.
4. **JULY 4TH HOLIDAY:** *Declare a holiday off for employees. July 4th is on a Saturday.*
5. **507 ELM:** *90-day review.*
6. **RECORDS REQUEST POLICY:** *Draft of proposed policy and application.*

We invite our community to join us.

*Mayor Dustin Wright, Council President Lea Hamlin, Britney Hinrichs, Kayla Burton, Larry Birk and Nicky Nuessen*

# Americus Police Department



City of Americus Police Department has a new number for all non-emergency calls 1-620-487-5899. Emergency Calls dial 911.



## Code Enforcement

April - May

- 401 Elm St. - Mowing notice
- 1103 Second St. - Mowing notice
- 612 Maple St. - Mowing notice
- Block 118, Lots 9-13 - Mowing notice
- 612 Hackberry - Mowing notice
- 612 Maple St. - Mowing notice

Curbside breakfast on Saturday, June 20th, 7am-10am.  
Check KVOE website or NLCYA facebook page for schedule changes.

## NLCYA Breakfast

NLC COMMUNITY CENTER  
ALLEN, KS

## Cindy's Leather Repair

2348 Rd F4 across the road from the Baptist Church

All types of leather repairing:

- \*Belts \* Purses
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- \*Zipper Repair
- \*Replace Shoe Heel
- \*Prescription Shoe Lifts

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443-5993 Leave a Message

# 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.

# CITY HALL IS NOW OPEN ...

## AS OF JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

For the safety of our citizens and staff we will still practice social distancing. City services will continue to operate as usual.

*Code Enforcement* will be out an about issuing violation notices for yards in need of mowing along with any other code violations.

# CITY PARKS ARE NOW OPEN

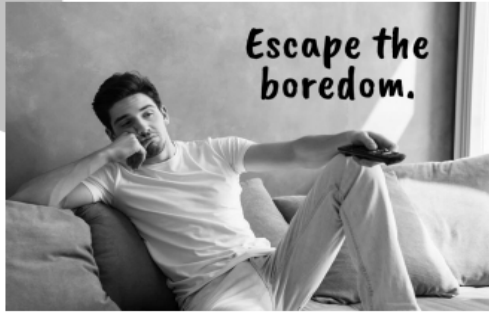
## *City of* **Americus**

### **COVID-19 \*ALERT\***

- Wash hands before and after play
- Use hand sanitizer
- Playground equipment is not sanitized
- Play at your own risk

**PROTECT  
YOURSELF AND  
OTHERS**





Bored! Not knowing what to do with yourself during the COVID-19 quarantine?

SOS CASA of the Flint Hills will be holding online training for new Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Email Jacque Wellnitz at [jwellnitz@soskansas.com](mailto:jwellnitz@soskansas.com) for more information or go to [soskansas.com/casa](http://soskansas.com/casa) to get started with an application. Must be 21+ to apply.

Change a child's story!



## 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

At this time Services are not being held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Watch** our Facebook page and website for more information.

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](http://www.AmericusUnitedPresbyterian.org)

[facebook.com/amicuspresbyterian](https://facebook.com/amicuspresbyterian)



## 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** **Saturday**

June 9th

June 27th

6:30 pm. - 8 pm.

10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

Open to anyone in need. No Restrictions.

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.

DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS, LISTEN TO KVOE RADIO FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES.



# 1st Annual July 4th "40" ATV/UTV Poker Run



## 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

## Prizes

## Raffle

## Benefiting Americus Baseball Field



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





# Congratulations

## 2020

*Northern Heights High School*  
*Graduating class*



**Arb, Justin A**

**Arens, Sophia E**

**Bailey, Taj M**

**Brammell, Gabriel A**

**Burton, Kaylee J**

**Coe, Cheyenne L**

**Davis, Nataleigh R**

**Delgado, Landon H**

**Elbert, Courtney M**

**Floyd, Tyler W**

**Gilbert, Emily R**

**Hall, Southern B**

**Heiman, Cameron J**

**Hines, Aleah I**

**Hunter, Kermit A**

**Landis, LeAnn**

**Marcotte, Michael L**

**Massey, Khylee B**

**Meyers, Joseph T**

**Miller, Katie**

**Orender, Weston**

**Paige, Morgan-Rae**

**Phillips, Myra J**

**Potter, Amber M**

**Preisner, Stewart-Tee**

**Redelfs, Taylor J**

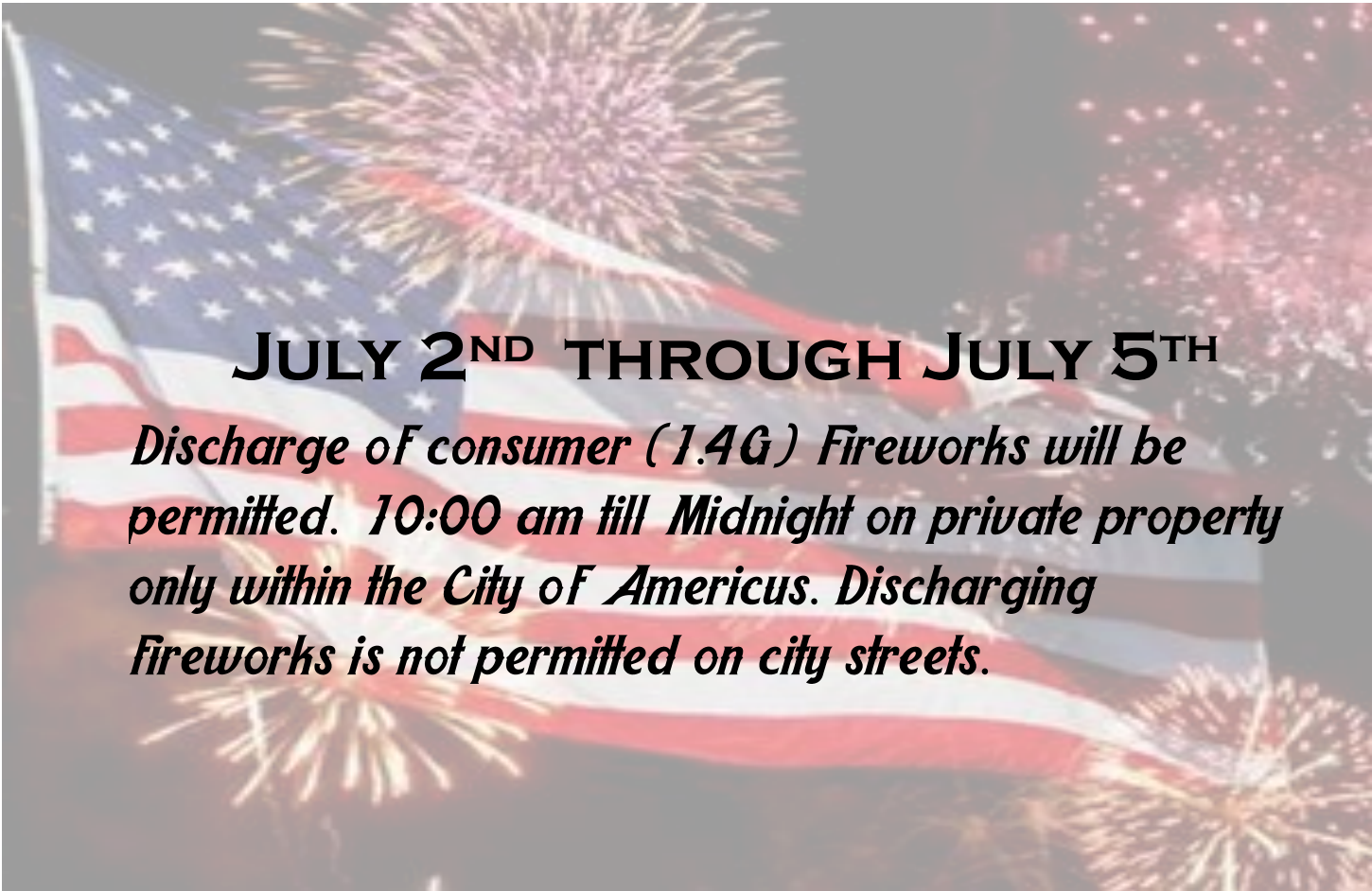
**Sparks-Thomas, Debra K**

**Sull, Kylee N**

**White, Malinda L**

**Wilson, Andrea R**





**JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> THROUGH JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

*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.*

**Community**



Will tentatively be held on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Call City Hall (443-5655) and put your name on the master list that will be distributed to local businesses the morning of the sale. Watch City of Americus facebook to keep informed if plans change and the city is unable to hold the sale.

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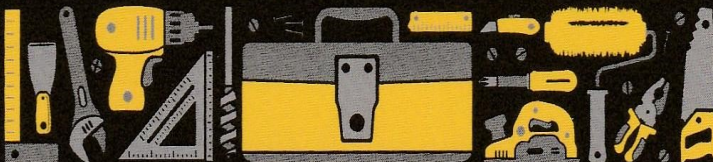
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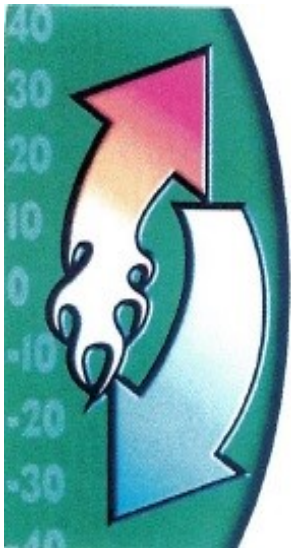


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- Weight-loss support by other members

Americus United Methodist Church  
6 to 6:30 Monday Evenings

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The recycle trailer is located on the south side of the grade school gym.

June Schedule  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

July Schedule  
8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

**CITY HALL**

Hours:  
**Monday - Friday**  
Closed until further notice

PO Box 526  
Americus, KS 66835  
Phone: 620-443-5655  
Fax: 620-443-5644

[www.cityofamericus.municipalimpact.com](http://www.cityofamericus.municipalimpact.com)

Americus Police Department invites you to visit their Facebook page

All newsletter submissions need to be into City Hall or emailed to [amcitykelly@yahoo.com](mailto:amcitykelly@yahoo.com) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month.

**Americus Recycling Center**

Located behind City Hall

Recycle items only.  
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.