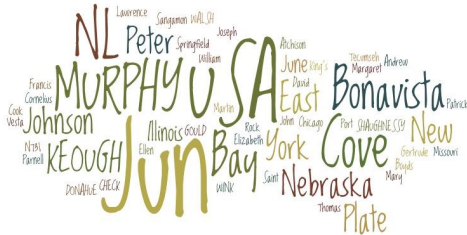


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15th - Jack Wells  
16th - Linda Houston  
18th - Cody Luginsland  
19th - Chris McWilliams  
Tracy McKee- Posey  
20th - Richard Lee Parnell Sr.  
Debbie Fields  
23rd - John Buckridge  
25th - Lily Alvarez  
Axl Lucas  
26th - Trent Burd  
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### 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

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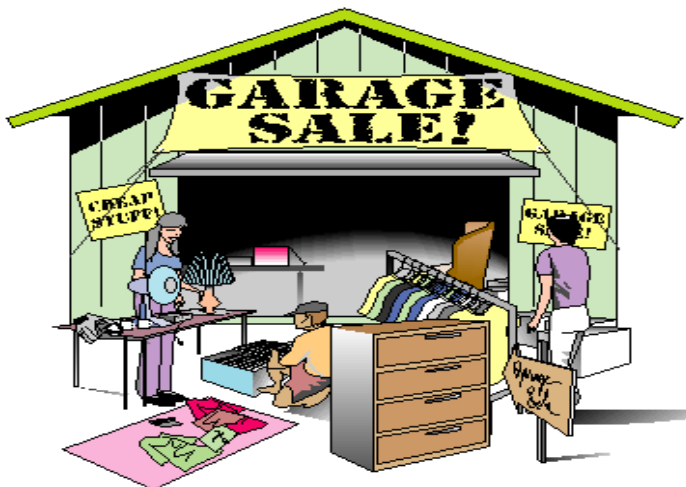
April - May

410 Locust St. - Reg. Dog  
601 Fourth St. - Reg. Dog  
1 Walnut St. - Reg. Dog and Rabies Exp.  
502 Fifth St. - Reg. Dog  
213 Walnut St. - Reg. Dog  
1218 Main St. - Reg. Dog  
303 Main St. - Reg. Dog and Rabies Exp.  
507 Maple St. - Rabies Exp.  
406 Second St. - Reg. Dog  
210 Mulberry St. - Rabies Exp.  
506 Elm St. - Rabies Exp.  
908 Seventh St. - Rabies Exp.  
805 Second St. - Reg. Dog and Rabies Exp.  
809 Locust St. - Rabies Exp.  
1107 Fourth St. - Rabies Exp.  
601 Locust St. - Rabies Exp.  
510 Hackberry - Junk vehicles X3  
115 Main # 19 - Demolition  
115 Main #19 - Minimum housing code  
414 Pine St. - Junk vehicles X7

## 2021 City Wide

Saturday, June 19th

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# From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the May 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were NUESSEN, BIRK, HINRICHS and BURTON. Council member HAMLIN absent. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton and maintenance Nick Gadino.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Laverne Soetebier

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *April 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting.* Moved by BURTON to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. Burton resented her motion, Nuessen resented her second. It was questioned on who seconded the motion on agenda no. 5. City Clerk will listen to the minutes to make sure who seconded the motion. The minutes were moved to the June business meeting for approval.

**BILLS TO PAY:** Moved by NUESSEN to approve the accounts payable for May 2021 in the amount of \$23,205.16. Motion seconded by BIRK, 4-0 vote.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:** BIRK reported from maintenance. He has spoken to Matt Collins on the damage to the asphalt by the park, the county is turning it over to their insurance. BIRK is requesting to hire a part time employee to help with the chip and seal project at minimum wage. Laverne will check if there is room in the budget for extra help. An ad will be placed in the newsletter for help, add to the June agenda. Nick reported on damage to the sewer line at the Community Center. Pictures were given to the council showing the damage and the proximity to the recently installed line for S&A Telephone. A final cost of the repair will be calculated for presentation of claim.

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

**2022 BUDGET REQUESTS:** *Laverne will be here to get budget requests.* Request for the 2022 budget is \$10,000 towards asphalt replacement in parking on Main Street, police vehicle replacement \$3,000, dump trailer for recycle program \$(unspecified), bridge replacement \$10,000, utility truck replacement \$5,000. At the end of 2021 the city will have \$15,750 towards a utility truck, \$23,000 towards mower replacement and in bridge replacement \$60,000. Discussion on replacement of concrete and fence at the basketball courts.

Laverne Soetebier left at 7:32 p.m.

**2. ENGINEERING CONTRACT:** *Review of current contract with BG Consultants.* City Clerk researched other communities to see who else has an engineer on contract vs. putting projects out for bid. Americus was the only one out of 9 that has a contract for engineering. Moved by BURTON to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of 30-day notice of termination of contract. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

**YEARLY APPOINTMENTS:** Council President: Lea Hamlin, Department head of parks and recreation: Lea Hamlin, Department head of maintenance: Kayla Burton, Head of special projects and grants: Britney Hinrichs, Department head of police: Nicky Nuessen, 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: All police officers, Building Inspector / Deputy Public Official: Larry Lewis, Police Officer: Marcial Hernandez, D.J. Drangonas, Sinjin Andrews and Brandon Early, 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 (2023), Seat 3 - David Goldsmith (2021) Outside city limits, Seat 4 – Open (2023) Outside city limits, Seat 5 – Kayla Burton (2024), Seat 6 - Nicky Nuessen (2022), Seat 7 - Open (2022), Official Bank: KansasLand Bank, Official News Paper: Emporia Gazette. Mayor Dustin Wright appointed as stated with the change of maintenance department head to Kayla Burton and adding Kayla Burton to seat 5 of the Planning & Zoning Board. Moved by NUESSEN to approve Lea Hamlin as council president. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

**4. RESOLUTIONS 281:** *Fireworks.* Moved by HINCHS to approve resolution no. 281 with the dates for July 4<sup>th</sup> discharge of fireworks for July 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Motion seconded by BURTON. 3-1, BIRK voted nay.

**5. MOWING RELEASE APPLICATIONS:** *Yearly applications to hay ground.* Applications for mowing release of hay ground have been received by Darold Miller, Delbert Swift, Richard Miller, Roy Miller and Lori Maxson. Moved by NUESSEN to approve the mowing release forms as proposed. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote.

**6. FILED COMPLAINTS:** A complaint was filed at City Hall. The complaint was signed by a non-resident. The complaint was on the speed of traffic going West out of town on Locust Street. The complaint also mentioned the method Tenth Street is being maintained. The complaint was presented to the police department. The council took note of the complaint.

7. **BLOCKS 20 & 21:** *College & Park block:* The statute is not effective until July 1<sup>st</sup> (HB 2178). Legal recommended getting the blocks surveyed out into lots. City Clerk has spoken with GeoTech on the cost of surveying to area. The cost would be between \$1,000.00 to \$1,800.00. It was recommended if the city wants to plat alleyways to go larger than the standard 16' that the rest of Americus has. The city could also consider not having an alley, but doing an easement depending on how the properties lay out. The Planning and Zoning Board has discussed tax abatement and green space. NUESSEN will speak with the Planning and Zoning Board about researching the project.

8. **SPLASH PAD:** *Discussions* HINRICHS asked the council if they have questions on the information that was given at the last meeting. The recirculation system estimates the upkeep at \$9,000.00 yearly. HINRICHS would like for the council to meet with a representative to ask questions and determine which system would be best for the community. Discussion on adding a new restroom with changing area and the renovation of the basketball court included in on the grant writing for the project. HINRICHS will work on setting up a meeting with a representative at a special meeting.

9. **UNBOUND GRAVEL:** *Use of park, garage for event and closing of streets.* City Clerk spoke on behalf of Unbound Gravel requesting the use of the garage for storage of equipment, also requesting the closing of Fifth Street from Broadway Street to Locust Street along with Locust Street from Fifth Street and Main Street on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Moved by HINRICHS to close Fifth Street from Broadway to Locust Street and Locust Street from Fifth to Main Street on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the use of the Community Center garage the week before June 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.  
Moved by BIRK to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (as of print time)

TUESDAY, June 11, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

**AGENDA:**

1. **2022 BUDGET :**
2. **SPLASH PAD:** *Discussions.*
3. **MAINTENANCE :** *Part-time help for chip and seal.*
4. **HARRY AND LLOYDS:** *Liquor license renewal.*



*As of July 2021, the Americus newsletter will no longer be sent in the mail. It can read on the Americus City Website, [www.cityofamericus.municipalimpact.com](http://www.cityofamericus.municipalimpact.com). Additional hard copies can be picked up at Kansasland Bank, Caseys, the Americus Library, Rolling Hills Bar & Grill, and City Hall.*



# AMERICUS WILL HAVE BIKE STOP & CHECK POINT

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### Worship Service

Sundays at 10:30 am

### Children's Sunday School

During services

Americus Community Food Pantry

**Tuesday**

**Saturday**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 pm. - 8:00 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.



## Countryside 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)

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. **Youth Group for grades K thru 12**

6:30 p.m. Christian programs for adults

### For more information:

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



## Americus Township Library

710 Main Street/ PO BOX 404

Phone: 443-5503 Fax: 443-5218

Email: americuslibrary@gmail.com

Webpage: americus.lib.nckls.org

Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com

**June 14th is Flag Day**



### Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 1pm –5:30pm

Tues, Thurs: 9a–12p and 1p–5:30p

Sat: 9a–12p (afternoon closed)

Sunday: closed

**No story times because of Covid 19.**

**Masks are optional, but appreciated.**

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19 constrictions**

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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.

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The Library Book Sale is still underway.

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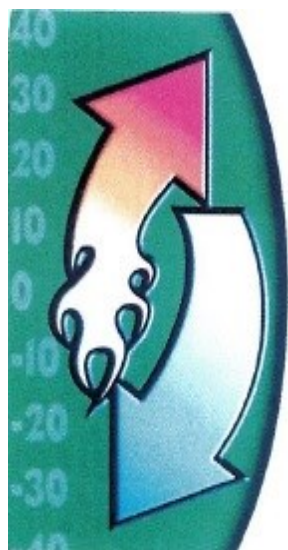


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# 2021

## *Northern Heights Graduates*

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Cody Medien

Hank Parks

Leo Rathke

Courtney Thompson

Zeke Ball

Christine Brammell

Taylor Hahn

Abigail Johnson

Mekenzey Lucas

Katie Miller

Hunter Plankinton

Kaylyn Schrock

Colton Tiffany

Olivia Barrett

Alexia Domenzsch

Jayden Hall

Darrett King

Ryder McGuire

Samantha Myers

John Pringle

Calzigh Smart

## RESOLUTION NO. 281

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE DAYS AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISCHARGE OF CONSUMER (1.4G) FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF AMERICUS, KANSAS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER VII. FIRE, ARTICLE 3. SECTION 7-303A(b)(2) OF THE AMERICUS MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, Section 7-303A(b)(2) of the Americus Municipal Code prohibits the discharge of consumer (1.4G) fireworks within the City of Americus, Kansas, except for those days designated by resolution adopted by the Governing Body of Americus, Kansas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF AMERICUS, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE: Authorized Days for Discharge of Consumer (1.4G) Fireworks. Pursuant to Section 7-303A(b)(2) of the Americus Municipal Code, the following days are designated as the days that the discharge of consumer (1.4G) fireworks are permitted to be discharged within the City of Americus, Kansas:

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.** The discharge of consumer (1.4G) fireworks shall be permitted on July 1, 2021 through July 4, 2021. The discharge of the designated fireworks on these specified days shall be limited to the hours between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 A.M. (Midnight).

**New Year Holiday.** The discharge of consumer (1.4G) fireworks shall be permitted on December 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021. The discharge of the designated fireworks on these specified days shall be limited to the hours between 9:00 P.M. and 12:30 A.M.

SECTION TWO: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.





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June Schedule  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

July Schedule  
7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

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