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## From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the April 12th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were NUESSEN, HAMLIN, HINRICHS, and HARMON. BURTON arrived at 7:06 p.m. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City police Jody Meyers, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Laverne Soetebier, and Bruce Boettcher

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *April 12 th business meeting and April 27, 2022 special meeting.* Moved by HAMLIN to approve the April 12 th business meeting minutes with changes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0-1 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the April 12 th public hearing minutes. Motion seconded by HINRICHS 3-0-1 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the April 27 th special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0-1 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the April 27 th special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0-1 vote.

**BILLS TO PAY:** Moved by NUESSEN to approve the accounts payable for May 2022 in the amount of \$39,674.02. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 4-0-1 vote.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:** Nick reports they have been working on sewer pumps. He replaced an air pump that had gone bad, it was under warranty. The new speed limit sign got water in it and is not working properly. Jody called and will be sending it in.

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

**1. CINDY KEARNS**: Bridge. Cindy Kearns was not present but the Council wishes to move forward with the discussion. Council would like a refresh on the damage, kinds of structures to rebuild, and cost to replace Pester Creek bridges. Bruce Boettcher reported July 17, 2020, he looked at 4 different locations for Pester Creek; Walnut Street, Locust Street, Orange Street, and Sycamore Street. Sycamore bridge had failed, there was a crack that rand own the center of the bridge. Bruce's recommendation was to shut it down. Sycamore and Orange Street bridges are the same cost. This only includes construction costs, there would still be at least an additional 25% in soft costs. We would need a DWR (Division of Water Resources) permit because of such a large drainage basin. There is a question on whether the Locust Street bridge is county or city. Council would like to investigate further. There are a few different funding sources. USDA – rural development - \$300,000 loan straight payments, CF – Community Facilities, GO Bonds – pledge taxes, KDOT share – 85/15, 70/30, or 60/40, and the IKE program which also runs through KDOT. He bumped the cost up by \$50,000 due to rising costs. BURTON asked about the cheaper pipe w/overflow option for Sycamore Street bridge. Bruce said that they would have to research if that would really even be an option because of how large of a drainage basin it is. Mayor said when they talked about this the last time there was a \$3,000-\$4,000 application fee and there was a good chance it wouldn't pass. Talk about vacating that portion of Sycamore Street and then put that money into the Walnut Street crossing. NUESSEN suggests doing a survey on households connecting to these bridges. Council wants to proceed with vacating Sycamore Street. Steve will start the process. Laverne suggests continuing to put \$10,000 away every year for bridge replacement. Bruce left at 7:37 p.m.

**2. 2023 BUDGET REQUESTS:** Laverne will be here to get budget requests. Requests for the 2023 budget are \$3,000 for a mower, \$5,000 for a police car, \$3,000 for tree trimming, \$23,000 for Chip and Seal, and \$10,000 for bridge replacement. Money that was set back for fire hydrants will now be going to the tornado siren. There is \$10,000 that was for the recycle trailer that was already purchased, \$5,000 of that will go to Community Center improvements. There is \$156,000 sewer money in capital reserve. We will have \$134,143.46 in ARPA money to use towards the replacement/repair of utilities. Nick is getting quotes for sewer projects. There is \$22,883.47 for condemnation. Laverne left at 8:00 p.m.

**3. 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: Jana Smart, City Treasurer: Brian Anstey, Assistant City Clerk: (per city code) Brian Anstey, Freedom of Information Officer: Jana Smart, City Attorney: Steve Atherton, Municipal Judge: Clark Allemang, Police Chief / Public Official: Jody Meyers, Code Enforcement Officer: All city police officers, Building Inspector / Deputy Public Official: Larry Lewis, Police Officer: Marcial Hernandez, 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 & amp; 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 (2024), Seat 2 – Angela Hadden (2023), Seat 3 - David Goldsmith (2024) 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.

**4. USD #251:** Preschool crosswalk Total cost of the project is \$1,273.45. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the crosswalk not to exceed \$1,500. Seconded by HARMON 4-0-1 vote.

5. PROJECT PLAYSCAPE REQUEST: HINRICHS asked Laverne what the balance in the youth betterment fund was. There is \$55,000 in there currently with about \$70,000 expected to be in there by the end of 2022. She would like city support once again for grant writing purposes, but this time in lieu of the Splash Pad. HINRICHS would also request additional city support for the ball fields due to supply, labor, and shipping increases. As of right now, she has had to prioritize items by need, and currently, the playground is at the bottom of the list as a cut. The playground alone is priced at around \$40,000. She wouldn't need funds right now for the Splash Pad but wants to include an agreed-upon amount within the grant writing. She expressed that with possible city regulations, bleachers that were going to be purchased will now have to include side rails and closed bottoms. Steve will check into state regulations regarding the bleachers. She noted that costs have almost doubled on most things. Project Playscape announced they will be moving the grand opening of the ball field to June 11 th, due to weather, shipping, and grass delays, so that the field will be ready. They will still have the banquet on May 21 st at NLCYA. She updated the Council on construction. She explained doors are in the process of being installed at the concession stand and hopefully by Saturday the countertops and outside bathroom doors will be finished. Drainage work has been done in the bathrooms and they are waiting on concrete so they can install toilets, and paint and install partitions. The seed is down on the fields and the irrigation system is installed and working. They are now awaiting grass to grow. The garage is cleaned out and organized with the addition of new shelving and totes. Project Playscape will once again be a participant in Match Day in November 2022. Project Playscape also announced they have the opportunity of a 100% matching donation if fundraising by May 22 nd reaches \$15,000. Motioned by HAMLIN to designate from the Youth Betterment Fund \$40,000 for finishing the ball field project. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0-1 vote. Motioned by BURTON to designate \$15,000 for this year for the Splash Pad from the Youth Betterment Fund. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 4-0-1 vote.

6. WELL: Meter at the ball field. The city needs to file a new application and place an approved meter on the well at the ball field to report yearly to the State. This is now in process.

**7. RESOLUTIONS 286:** Fireworks. Moved by NUESSEN to approve resolution No. 286 with the dates for July 4 th discharge of fireworks for July 1 st - 4 th, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and the dates for the New Year Holiday for December 31 st, 2022 – January 1 st , 2023 from 9:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

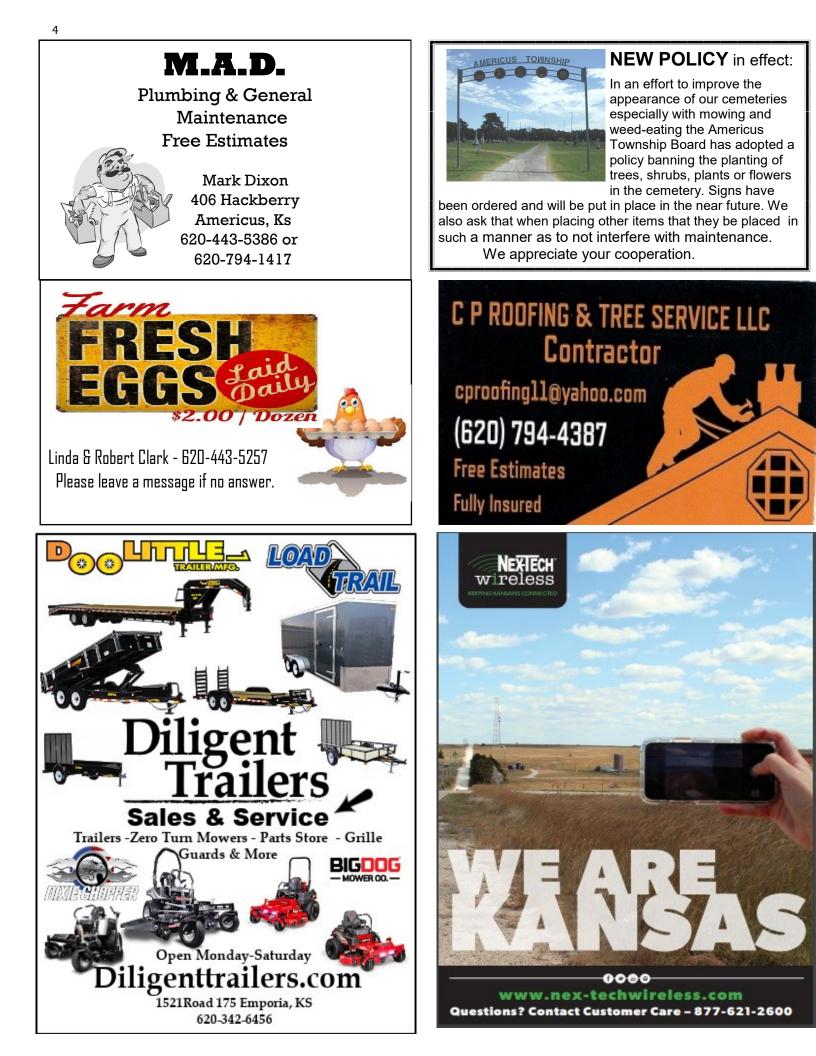
**8. MOWING RELEASE APPLICATIONS:** Yearly applications to hay ground. Application for mowing release of hay ground has been received by Lori Davis at 903 Walnut. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the mowing release form as proposed. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

9. ARPA: Report. The ARPA report was due to the Treasury by April 30 th , 2022. Jana reported that it was submitted by the due date and no money has been spent to date.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON, 5-0 vote.

#### AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 City Hall 7:00 PM

- 1. Harry & Lloyds liquor license renewal
- 2. 2023 Budget; review proposal
- 3. Building Resilient Infrastructure and communities (BRIC)



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Saturday June 11th Social hour 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm

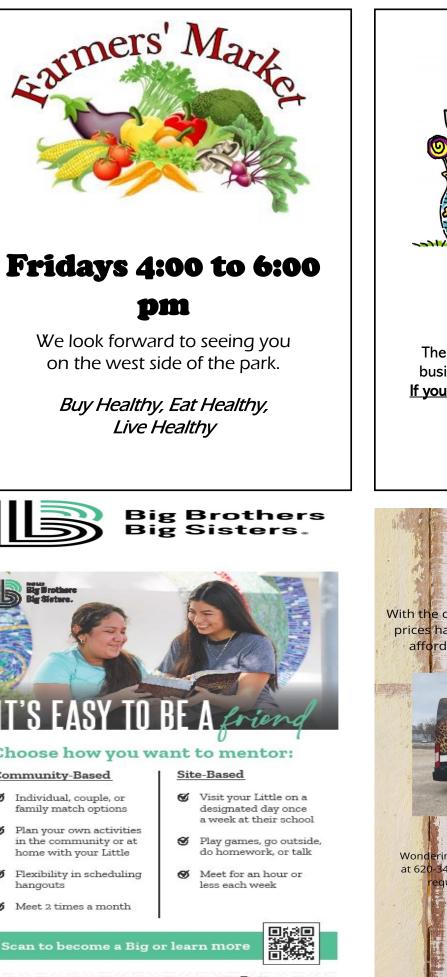
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### Saturday June 18th.

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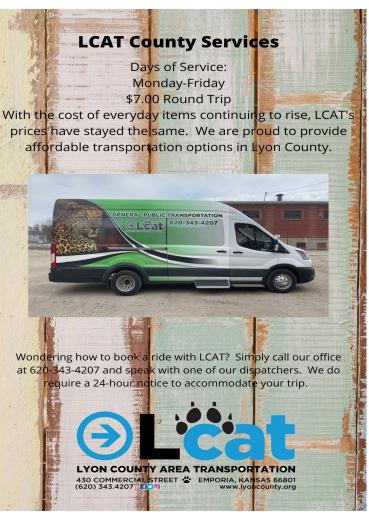


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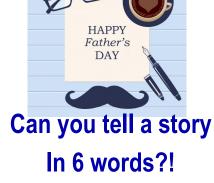
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The library is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Kansas (Topeka). When aluminum pop tabs are sent they are taken to a recycling center. The money then to goes back into the House for general operating expenses.



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!

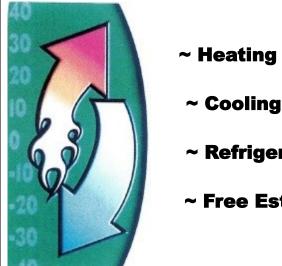


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Carmen Hernanz

Brooke A Mealman

Bobby R Rathke

Jerrod L Campbell

Makenna K French

Ethan B Hansen

Aubrey B Hinrichs

Henry S Phillips

Mitchel A Redelfs

Aaron M Ross

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.

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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, 2022 through July 4, 2022. 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 <u>December 31, 2022</u> and <u>January 1, 2023</u>. The discharge of the designated fireworks on these specified days shall be limited to the hours between <u>9:00 P.M. and 12:30 A.M</u>.

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

ADOPTED by the Governing Body this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.





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#### Date When Celebrated : Always June 14th

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As Americans, we have every right to be proud of our culture, our nation, and our flag. So raise the flag today and every day with pride!

#### **Properly Display Our Flag**

Care and handling of the American flag is steeped in tradition and respect. There is a right way and a wrong way to display the flag. This is called **Flag Etiquette**. The American flag should be held in the highest of regards. It represents our nation and the many people who gave their lives for our country and our flag. Here are the basics on displaying the American flag:

- The flag is normally flown from sunrise to sunset.
- In the morning, raise the flag briskly. At sunset, lower it slowly. Always, raise and lower it ceremoniously.
- The flag should not be flown at night without a light on it.
- The flag should not be flown in the rain or inclement weather.
- After a tragedy or death, the flag is flown at half staff for 30 days. It's called "half staff" on land ,and "half mast" on a ship.
- When flown vertically on a pole, the stars and blue field, or "union", is at the top and at the end of the pole (away from your house).
- The American flag is always flown at the top of the pole. Your state flag and other flags fly below it.
- The union is always on top. When displayed in print, the stars and blue field are always on the left.
- Never let your flag touch the ground, never...period.
- Fold your flag when storing. Don't just stuff it in a drawer or box.
- When your flag is old and has seen better days, it is time to retire it. Old flags should be burned or buried. Please do not throw it in the trash.

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- $\Rightarrow$  You receive collection notices or calls about a debt that isn't yours.
- $\Rightarrow$  You have a good credit rating but are denied credit in response to an application.
- $\Rightarrow$  Your checks are refused by merchants.
- $\Rightarrow$  Bills, statements, or other expected mail or email doesn't arrive.
- $\Rightarrow$  You get bills for accounts you didn't open or medical services you didn't receive.
- ⇒ Your health insurance responds to your legitimate medical claim with a notice that your benefits limit was reached.
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June Schedule 8th & 22nd July Schedule 6th & 20th

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