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City Hall

1st Monday @ 6:00 pm

AMERICUS REC. ORGANIZATION

City Hall

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 Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.

RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

Water Board Office
2501 W. 18th, Emporia

Jerry & Mary Beth Voorhees

June 10th

Brian & Stephanie Morgan

June 10th



The Americus Township board has photographed each gravestone in the Americus, Fruitland and Sunnyside cemeteries. They are stored at the Americus Library. Feel free to copy and/or make notations on the back. Please handle them carefully and remember they are of historical value to others.

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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 May 9th 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 Council President Lea Hamlin.

Council members present were HINRICHS, NUESSEN, HARMON, and BURTON. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Laverne Soetebier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 11th business meeting. Moved by HARMON to approve the April 11th business meeting. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0-1 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by BURTON to approve the accounts payable for May 2023 in the amount of \$ 17,630.72. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: The Grand Opening of the ball fields is this Saturday, May 10th . The ribbon cutting will be at 10am, the Art Mobile will be there and will have baseball washer necklaces and keychains for the kids to make. S & A Telephone will be providing the community meal of hot dogs, chips, baked beans, and water free of charge. There will also be desserts provided by Hostess. Vintage baseball will start at 1 pm. They are still waiting for a few things to come in and a few small things to finish up. Mulch has been ordered for the playground area and should be here Friday. Volunteers finished up the weekend installing playground equipment, working up in-fields, putting lines on the fields, and installing the foul poles. Project Playscape wants to thank all of the volunteers that have made all of this possible. Project Playscape was also just informed that they were selected to participate in Match Day 2023! This is very exciting news and they will be looking for some big donors to match some fundraisers in the coming months.

MAINTENANCE: Sewer pumps and drivers are installed along with new springs in the south lift station. They are mowing and weed-eating around the rain. It was requested that maintenance get quotes for a light switch for the lights at the basketball courts.

CLERK: No report

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

1. 2024 BUDGET REQUESTS: Laverne will be here to get budget requests. Requests for the 2024 budget are \$3,000 for a mower, \$5,000 for a police car, \$10,000 for bridge replacement, and \$3,000 for condemnation. Additional funds for the maintenance building, chip and seal, and the community center were requested. Laverne will work on the budget and a report will be drafted showing each item, the total amount needed and what has been reserved for the item. BURTON brought up the need for roads by College Block. She questioned if we would be able to use ARPA funds to help build the roads. A general quote she received was around \$30,000 per block. The quote included dirt work for ditches and road, 6" ab3 rock, and black dirt replacement. ARPA funds will be checked into to see if that is an option. Laverne left at 7:29 p.m.

2. CONDEMNATION: Council went over the list and updated properties of concern. There has been a demo permit issued for 612 Hackberry and improvements at 1103 Second. The city is still waiting on title searches, as soon as those are received the next step is to pass a resolution fixing a date and time for a hearing for properties located at 409 Broadway, 1010 Main, and 1021 Main. Other properties were discussed that are a blight to the community and need to be cleaned up. These properties include areas that contain junk in the yards, sheds that are falling down, and inoperable vehicles. Code enforcement will be checking on those.

3. PARKS: The playground at the city park is in desperate need of new mulch. HINRICHS received a quote from Knight Trucking for \$10,696.00 for the playground area and the smaller kiddie area. This quote includes product and delivery. She also reached out to BYO Playground and did not hear back. Moved by NUESSEN to go with Knight Trucking in the amount of \$10,696.00 for mulch for the city park playground areas using money from the Youth Betterment Fund. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

4. 2022 AUDIT: Engagement letter from Cindy Jensen. The council received the letter of understanding of services provided by Cindy Jensen for the City of Americus audit services for the year ending 2022. Moved by NUESSEN to approve the mayor to sign the letter of engagement (with Cindy Jensen). Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

5. 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 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 ; Seat 1 - Erick Dean (2024), Seat 2 – Angela Hadden (2026), Seat 3 - David Goldsmith (2024) Outside city limits, Seat 4 – Open (2026) Outside city limits, Seat 5 – Kayla Burton (2024), Seat 6 - Nicky Nuessen (2025), Seat 7 - Open (2025), Official Bank: KansasLand Bank, Official News Paper: Emporia Gazette. Moved by HINRICHS to accept yearly appointments as presented. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

6. RESOLUTION 290: Fireworks Moved by HINRICHS to approve resolution No. 290 as modified with the dates for July 4 th discharge of fireworks for June 30 th – July 4 th, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. and the dates for the New Year Holiday for December 31 st, 2023 – January 1 st , 2024 from 9:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

7. FIRE HYDRANT: North Main When maintenance went to order the part for the hydrant it was discovered that shipping was not included in the first quote that was received. The total will now be \$894.85 which will include all shipping and tools needed to install the new part, that is \$194.85 over what was approved at the April business meeting. Moved by HARMON to accept the new quote and order the part not to exceed \$1,000. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0-1 vote. BURTON abstained.

8. ORDINANCE 616: Partial Hickory Street vacate Moved by NUESSEN to approve Ordinance 616 vacating a portion of Hickory Street. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote.
Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING Tuesday, June 13th , 2023 Americus City Hall 7:00 PM
CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 9 th business meeting
BILLS TO PAY:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
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PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:
MAINTENANCE:
CLERK:
ADOPT THE AGENDA
1. 2024 BUDGET:
2. HARRY & LLOYD'S: Liquor license renewal
3. 2023 LEAGUE CONFERENCE: Request to attend

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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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JUNE - A TIME TO REMEMBER

We just celebrated Memorial Day at the end of May. Do you remember why?

Memorial Day was established to give thanks to the soldiers, sailors, and airmen that died while serving in the U.S. Military. Many of us have expanded this day to include remembering all of our deceased family members as well. Remembering is good!

But also remember to give thanks to God and attend Church this Sunday.

Countryside Baptist Church
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m

6 First Street, Americus Ks.
Pastor Rich Arnold



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- ✔ Flexibility in scheduling hangouts
- ✔ Meet 2 times a month

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- ✔ Visit your Little on a designated day once a week at their school
- ✔ Play games, go outside, do homework, or talk
- ✔ Meet for an hour or less each week



Bargain Hunters

The City Wide sale will be on
Saturday June 17th.

The master list will be distributed to local businesses the afternoon prior to the sale. If you wish to have your sale added to the list call city hall 620.443.5655

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Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS
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Adult Sunday School
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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

June 6th

June 24th

6:00pm. - 7:30 pm.

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
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (nursery available)

Pastor Rich Arnold

Call 620-343-1546,
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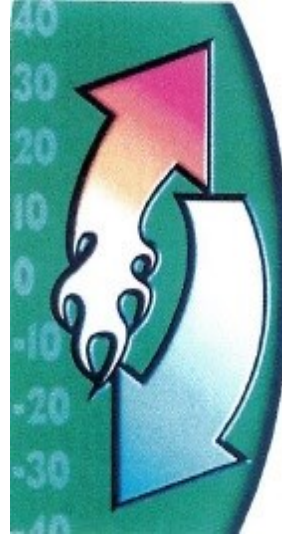


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Library Hours:
Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:30-5:00pm
Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm
Sat: 9a-12p (afternoon closed)
Sunday: closed

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.

Have a great summer! See you in the fall for preschool storytime

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!

Closed Monday June 19th for Juneteenth

Happy Father's Day



Many Children's books for sale
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RESOLUTION NO. 290

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:

- A. July 4th Holiday. The discharge of consumer (1.4G) fireworks shall be permitted from June 30, 2023, through July 4, 2023. 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).
- B. New Year Holiday. The discharge of consumer (1.4G) fireworks shall be permitted on December 31, 2023, and January 1, 2024. 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 9th day of May 2023.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 9th day of May 2023.





NORTHERN HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL 2023 ALUMNI BANQUET

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2023

Social Hour- 5pm

Dinner-6pm

Price: \$20/person

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June Schedule
7th & 21st
July Schedule
5th & 19th

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