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THIS MONTH

- 1st - Alyssa Redelfs
- 3rd - Ana Grother
- 5th - Paisley Line
Alex Larson
- 7th - Jacque Burnett
Jamee Posey
- 8th - Tammy Hopper
- 9th - Aiden Eckstrom
Boston Eckstrom
Aubrey Hinrichs
Terri Zumbum
- 10th - Desiree King
Tyler Ross
- 12th - Shelby McElfresh
- 13th - James King
- 16th - Krystle Tarver
- 18th - Brenah Cannon
- 19th - Courtney Smart
Aimee Hart
- 20th - Dillion Horton
- 22nd - Savannah Cannon
Tim Burton
Jessica Clements
- 23rd - Stephen Nuessen
Becky Wells
Josh Hamlin
- 25th - Katherine Morgan
Roland Webb
- 26th - Chanoc Domenech
Adrianna Brecheiser
- 28th - Denise King
- 29th - Mallory Burton
Shawn Wilson
- 30th - Jacob Posey
- 31st - Melanie Callaway



Shawn & Brooke Wilson

March 10th

John & Laverne Soetebier

March 15th

Luke & Lacie Succi

March 18th

March, 2020

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

Fire Station
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

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Americus, Ks 66835



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From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the January, 14th 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 BURTON, HAMLIN, HINRICHS and BIRK. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Kelly Siebert, Chief of Police Jody Meyers and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Cheryl Henry arrived at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *January 14, 2020 business meeting and January 30, 2020 special meeting.* Moved by HINRICHS to approve the minutes of January 14th. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 4-0 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the special meeting minutes of January 30th. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0-1 vote, BURTON abstained.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHS to approve the February bills in the amount of \$66,568.48. Motion seconded by BIRK, 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Ball Field Update: HINRICHS reported the balance of fundraising is at \$35,579.00. Kiwanis has donated \$500.00, they will also help with volunteer work. Hinrichs has applied for 2 grants and working on 3 other grants. HINRICHS is also working on a grant from Jones Trust. The site and field survey are planned for the end of the week or first of the week of the 17th by BG Consultants. ATHERTON gave a legislature updated to the council, the hearing on the college/park blocks is re-scheduled for tomorrow February 12th, the league attorney will be attending on the city's behalf. If the bill passes the committee level, it would then be sent to the House and Senate for passage. City Clerk Marcia Johnson reported on the recent KDHE burn site inspection. There were no issues, the inspection passed. Kansas Department of Labor also did a site inspection with no issues to report.

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

- 2019 AUDIT:** *Engagement letter from Cindy Jensen.* Moved by HAMLIN to approve the Mayor to sign the letter of engagement (with Cindy Jensen). Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote.
- FILED COMPLAINT:** *414 Pine, no city dog tags and running at large.* A complaint was filed on 2 dogs from 414 Pine Street running at large. The dogs are also not currently registered with the city. A notice of violation was served with no response. A citation has been issued to the owner for no city tags x2. The city is unable to charge for running at large unless the reporting party is willing to sign the citation. The owner of a dog is to keep a current certificate of rabies vaccinations on file at City Hall. The city will send a notice to the owner when a rabies certificate has expired. After the second notice has been sent with no reply a citation is served to the owner and court costs are assessed.
- CELL PHONE:** *Change of service for the maintenance cell phone.* Nex-Tech Wireless presented a proposal for service to the City of Americus. The service would include an unlimited data plan with insurance and emergency priority service. Nex-Tech provided the city with a phone to try out for a week. Maintenance was able to receive service in areas they were not able to with Verizon service. The cost of the service would run within pennies of the current service with Verizon. Nex-Tech will provide the maintenance department an iPhone 8 previous used as a demonstration. The phone number can be transferred from Verizon to Nex-Tech. The police department would also like to go to the service in place of their current land line and transfer their number. Nex-Tech would also provide a flip phone for the police department. The police line would run ½ of the monthly rate currently being paid to Consolidated Communications. This would allow for the officers to carry the phone when not in the office and receive text messages. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the contract with Nex-Tech to be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk pending the conditions on the Verizon contract. Motion seconded by BIRK, 4-0 vote.
- POLICE DEPARTMENT:** *Hiring of a code enforcement officer.* The department would like for the council to consider the hiring of Jenna Herrington for the position of code enforcement/police officer for 15 hours a week. Consensus of the council to move to the end of the agenda for information on the budget from Laverne. Starting wage for officers is \$15.00/hr.

Mayor Wright appointed Jenna Herrington as police officer/code enforcement officer for the city.

5. **STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE:** *Review of annual agreement.* The council was given a copy of the proposed agreement with Steve's Trash Service. The proposal has date changes only from the 2019 agreement. Steve's Trash Service did not have any changes to the agreement. There were questions from the council on the cycling of the trash truck leaving liquids along the route. The council will receive the proposed agreement for approval on the March agenda.

6. **THE LIQUOR SHED:** *Liquor license renewal.* Moved by HINRICHS to approve the liquor license renewal for The Liquor Shed. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 4-0 vote.

7. **MAINTENANCE:** *Backhoe purchase.* Nick Gadino presented to the council a 2011 John Deere 310SJ from Murphy Tractor Equipment at a cost of \$43,950.00. The city has \$20,000.00 set back for a backhoe. Murphey Tractor will give the city \$9,000 towards a trade-in (1976 New Holland). Yearly payments on a 3-year loan for \$24,950.00 would be \$8,991.65. Yearly payments over 5 years would run \$5,605.15. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the purchase of the 2011 John Deer Backhoe with putting down \$15,000 and holding \$5,000.00 for future payment. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to authorize the mayor to sign the loan with KansasLand Bank for 5 years. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

8. **AMERICUS SENIOR CENTER:** *Request for donation.* Moved by HINRICHS to approve the donation amount of \$1,000 to the Americus Sr. Center as per the Americus Donation Policy. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 3-1 vote, BIRK voted against.

DIRTY KANZA: *Approval of road closing and use of park.* The Dirty Kanza will go through Americus, including the high school, 25 mile, 50, 100 and 200 riders. The event is scheduled for May 30th. Cyclists will be traveling on Fifth Street and Locust Street. Locust Street is a county road and will need approval from the county. Cyclists are to follow the rules of the road. Event organizers are requesting closing of Fifth Street from Broadway to Locust and Locust from Fifth Street to Main Street. The intersection at Fifth and Locust Street would be closed to traffic from the south and east. Organizers are also requesting permission to use the park and to keep the park open past 11:00 p.m. Moved by HAMLIN to block off Fifth Street from Broadway (south side) to Locust Street (south side). With County approval Locust Street from Fifth Street (east side) to Main Street (east side). Along with approval of the use of the park on May 30th through 31st. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

Moved back to agenda item no. 4.

Moved by HINRICHS to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion seconded by BIRK, 4-0 vote.



CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (as of print time)

Tuesday, March 10th 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. **120 DAY PROPERTY REVIEW:** *507 Elm St.*
2. **STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE:** *Annual agreement.*

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



- 12.06.19 Nicolas Cerretti, Emporia, Stop Sign \$143.00
- 12.06.19 Pamela Smith, Americus, Spd. 34/20 \$152.00
- 12.06.19 Summer Rush, Americus, Spd. 40/20 \$188.00
- 01.07.20 Ginger Barber, Americus, Exp. Rabies Vac. \$83.00

Code Enforcement

January 21st—February 11th

- 115 Main - No Dog Registration
- 115 Main #23 - No Dog Registration
- 414 Pine - No Dog Registration
- 802 Orange - Trash Pile
- 603 Walnut #11 - Junk Vehicle
- 102 Main #3 - Junk Vehicle
- 406 Second - No Dog Registration
- 411 Cherry - Expired Dog vaccinations
- 1 Walnut - Expired Dog vaccinations



Saturday, March 21, 2020
7 AM - 10 AM

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Tues, Thurs: 9a-12p and 1p-5:30p
Sat: 9a-12p (afternoon closed)
Sunday: closed

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March Story Time Themes (10 am Thursday)

March 5th - No Story Time
March 12th - No Story Time
March 19th - Spring
March 26th - Zoo

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- 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

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- 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



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- Worship Service
Sundays at 10:30 am
- Children's Sunday School
During services



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Tuesday **Saturday**

March 3rd

March 21st

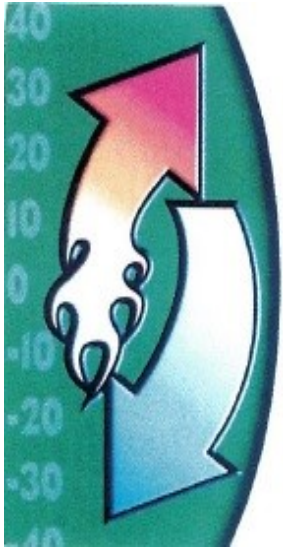
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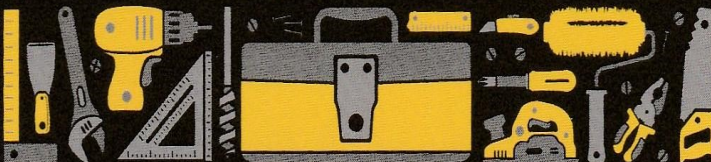
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March 2020

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1	2	3	4	5	6 11:00 Board Meeting 12:00 Meal 7:00 Music	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 7:00 Music	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 12:00 Meal 7:00 Music	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 7:00 Music	28
29	30	31				

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