



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 Zumbrum

10th - Desiree Swanson Tyler Ross

12th - Shelby McElfresh

13th - James King

18th - Brenah Cannon

19th - Courtny Smart Aimee Hart

20th - Dillion Horton

22nd - Savanah 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 Posev

31st - Melanie Nuessen





Shawn & Brooke Wilson March 10th John & Laverne Soetebier March 15th Luke & Lacie Succi March 18th





#### **PLANNING & ZONING BOARD**

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6.00 pm

#### **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 @ 7:30 p.m.

#### RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 Water Board Office 2501 W. 18th, Emporia



# Americus Police Department

AMERICUS

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899

#### **BUILDING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT FOR YOUR CAR**

When traveling in cold weather make sure you are prepared. The following list are items you should carry with you during cold weather: Cell Phone Charger, 1st Aid Kit, Jumper Cables, Tire Chains, Flares, Full Tank of Gas, Bag of Sand or Cat Litter, Shovel, Ice Scraper, Tow Rope, Blanket, Boots & Warm Clothing, Flashlight, Water & Snacks.





### **Code Enforcement**

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# From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the February 8th 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, NUESSEN, and BIRK. HAMLIN arrived at 7:11 and HINRICHS arrived at 7:45. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 11, 2022. Moved by to NUESSEN to approve the minutes from January 11, 2022. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 3-0-1 vote, BURTON abstained.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by NUESSEN to approve to pay the February bills in the amount of \$72,930.23. Motion seconded by BURTON, 3-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: NUESSEN reported from the Planning and Zoning meeting. The board reviewed the manufactured home ordinance #609 draft. The board recommended changing the number of days in given an owner to come into compliance from 30 days to 60 days. The board approved to move their meeting time to 6:00 p.m. The board is researching the options for the College Block, plans are to have something to the council for the March meeting. Nick reported from maintenance. During a sewer line smoke test, several infractions were found. Maintenance is working on correcting the infractions. Most of the infractions deal with open cleanouts. The first phase of correcting the infractions is to put caps on cleanouts and other issues that are above ground. The department has also been working on graveling the roads and working with the police department on installing the crosswalk flashing signs. City Clerk Marcia Johnson reported on additional information found in the council packets. The final draft of the floodplain maps is available. A public hearing will need to be held before adoption; the public hearing will be set for the March meeting.

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

- 1. HARRY & LLOYD'S: Temporary Liquor License for April 9th. Mike Phillips is applying for a temporary liquor license for the West side of the 600 block of Main Street and the basketball courts for the April 9th Flint Hills Gravel Ride. The application includes until 1:30 on the morning of the 10th. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the Temporary Liquor License for Michael Phillips for the West side of the 600 block of Main Street and the basketball courts starting at 9:00 a.m. on April 9th and ending at 1:30 am on the 10th. Motion seconded by BURTON, 3-0-1 vote, BIRK abstained. Moved by HAMLIN to waive the \$50.00 application fee. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote
- 2. PLANNING & ZONING: Ord. 609, Regulations for manufactured homes within the manufactured homes park. The council reviewed the draft ordinance and inspection form. The Planning and Zoning Board made a recommendation of extending the time for compliance from 30 days to 60 days. City Clerk recommended to change Section 6 1e to read Each manufactured home shall bear a certification plate pursuant to the "National Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 47 U.S.C. 5401 et seq., as amended. Discussion on the removal of the tongue from the structure. The council will review the updated draft and revisit it at the March meeting.

- 3. STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE: *Review of agreement*. The contract with Steve's Trash Service has only date changes from the previous contract. Steve did voice concerns with the rise in fuel and parts costs. There is wording to allow for the contract to be terminated by either party upon a 90-day written notice to the other party. The contract is moved to the March meeting for adoption.
- 4. SEWER RATE REVIEW: Annual review of the sewer rates. In 2019 the cash receipts were \$139,520.11 with expenditures of \$146,510.59, new sewer rates went into effect in 2020. The 2021 cash receipts were \$187,045.56 with expenditures of \$150,467.71. The consensus of the council is to leave the rates where they are at this time.
- 5. OUTDOOR WARNING SIGNAL: During a recent test the siren did not sound. Police Chief Meyers has researched the original siren The siren is over 30 years old. In speaking with the company, the model and parts for it are no longer made. City Clerk Marcia Johnson is checking into the ARPA funds to see if the funds can be used for this purpose. The council requested to have more information and bids for a siren. A special meeting is to be held once quotes can be received.
- 6. PARKS & RECREATION: Quote for the time clock to control basketball court lights. A quote has been received from Schumann Electric to install an adjustable timer and a new time clock to control the basketball court lights. The previous timer was vandalized. The quote including labor and material is for \$1,163.76. The lights would turn on for an hour when the start pushbutton is pressed then shut off. There is a master time clock that will shut lights off when the park closes and will not be able to turn back on until the next evening. Moved by HAMLIN to approve to move forward with Schumann Electric to install an adjustable timer at the city ball courts, not to exceed \$1,200.00. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.
- 7. CITY CLERK: Letter to the council and mayor. City Clerk Marcia Johnson presented to the council a letter of resignation effective April 4, 2022. Moved by HAMLIN to accept the resignation of Marcia Johnson. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.
- 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Non-elected personnel matters*. Moved by HAMLIN to go into executive session with the council, mayor, and legal present for 20 minutes for non-elected personnel matters at 7:43 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote. Back in regular session at 8:03 p.m.
- Moved by BURTON to allow for Brian Anstey to end his probation period and allow him to be added to the bank account. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote. The position of City Clerk is to be advertised on Facebook, Indeed, the cities web site and newsletter. Interested applicants are to apply by resume and cover letter including 3 references. The applicant must be able to be bonded. Pay will be based on qualification. The position is to be open until filled. Marcia Johnson recommended to the council for the new hire to attend training as much as possible.
- 9. PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Update on Ball Field Complex and Splash Pad Projects. The fencing has begun on the ball fields. The original plan called for 4' fencing around both fields. The backstop in the original plan was for one panel, not 3. There has been a change to 3' fencing around the fields. An opening with a gate in the fencing was moved so as not to hit a light pole. The outfield fence has been moved to 280 feet per KASHA regulations. When the distance is shorter the fence must be higher, this adjustment was also made to comply with KASHA regulations. RichMor will begin putting in the irrigation system. A contract with Mark Morgan with RichMor will be available at the March meeting for approval. The City Clerk is in contact with the state to have the well registered and in compliance with the state. Doors for the concession stand have been ordered. Additional screenings for the infield are on order. Discussion on the Redelfs memorial from the school fields that were taken out, and how to honor the memorial. HINRICHS continues grant writing for the splash pad and is making plans for fundraisers. The cow patty bingo is planned for May along with events in April.

Moved by BIRK to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

#### AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING Tuesday, March 8, 2022 City Hall 7:00 PM

- 1. FLINT HILL GRAVEL RIDE: Bobby Thompson, finalize plans for the event.
- 2. RICHMORE LAWN CARE: Agreement for services.
- 3. PLANNING & ZONING: Ord. 609, Regulations for manufactured homes within the manufactured homes park.
- 4. STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE: 2022 contract.
- 5. OUTDOOR WARNING SIGNAL:
- 6. THE LIQUOR SHED: Liquor License renewal

7. EXCESS PROPERTY: Opening of bids.



# APRIL 2, 2022 22ND ANNUAL FISH FRY & SILENT AUCTION

PROCEEDS BENEFIT NLC YOUTH ASSOCIATION 501(C)(3)

#### MENU:

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Saturday, April 2nd NOON - 8 P.M.

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# The City of Americus is offering for sale by sealed bid on the following items:

Sealed bids for the following building will be received by the City Clerk, 604 Main Street, Americus, Kansas, until 3:00 p.m., local time on March 8, 2022. Bid forms are available at City Hall during business hours or after hours from the outside box. The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. The structure is being sold asis, to be moved by the buyer. Sealed bids will be opened during the March 8, 2022 business meeting.

If you are the winning bidder, understand that payment must be made within 10 business days after notification. The building must be removed after payment has been received by the City Clerk within 30 business days. Payment by check will require a hold on the release of the building until funds are secured.

### 20' X 20' metal building by Carolina Carports.

The structure has a 10' x 8' rollup door, 36" x 80" walkthrough door, breaker box, and a ventilation fan.















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Silver Bike



Red Bike



Green Bike



Blue Bike



Divider from LTD



Divider from Crown Vic.



Push bar - Ford Explorer.



Console



2 cases



Tire: Goodyear P235/55R17



Florescent bulbs - 4'



Gun case



12v multiple port power divid-



Duty belts and amo holders
Lot B



Misc. items Lot C



Misc. radios - Lot D



Canon camera - Lot E



RCA Camcorder - Lot F

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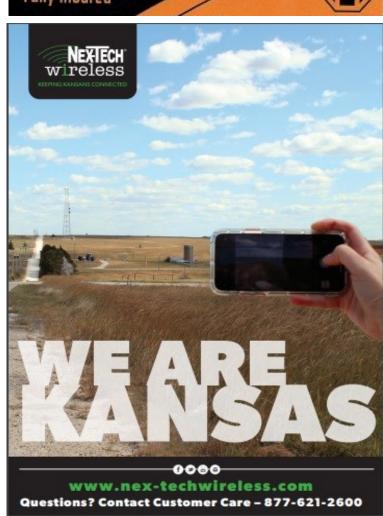


#### **NEW POLICY** in affect:

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 to not interfere with maintenance.





# Spring Lawn Care Packages Available Now

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# SPRING A TIME FOR ENCOURAGMENT

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March is that month of "In-betweens".	
It's between winter and almost spring. It's like going on a long trip and the kids ask, "ARE we there yet?" Sometimes we just need something to lift us and keep us going.  Try reading the <i>Bible</i> .	
Here are two verses that will encourage you!	
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**16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

#### John Chapter 3

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved

Countryside Baptist Church Sunday Worship Service 10:30AM 6th First St. Americus, KS
Paster Rich Arnold







The newly formed NHHS Trap Team will make their debut this spring. Coy Horton has researched and organized this team with Roger Wells as our

head coach. We are excited to shoot this spring and compete as part of the Clay Target League of Kansas. This is the fastest growing high school sport in the nation! We will be starting our season in March and ending it with the state shoot in June where everyone gets to compete. This sport uses the school name only, therefore we are in the process of seeking donations and grants to help fund our supplies and in the future build our own range. If you would like to donate or have questions, please email <a href="mailto:nhhstrapteam@usd251.org">nhhstrapteam@usd251.org</a> or call Coy Horton at (620)481-2087.



### Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS 620-443-5371

Adult Sunday School
Sundays at 9:30 am
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

<u>Saturday</u>

March 1st 6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm.

March19th 10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

Open to anyone in need. No Restrictions.

Pre-boxed pickup

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)

**Pastor Rich Arnold** 

Call 620-343-1546, For more information.

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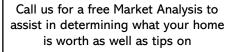
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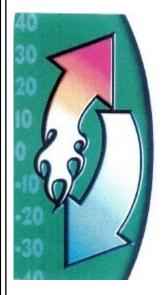
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### **Americus Township Library**

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Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com

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.

We have many new books for your enjoyment and will be glad to Interlibrary Loan anything you may need.

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!



# Can you tell a story In 6 words?!

One of the most famous examples is a tale of only six words:

> For sale, baby shoes, never worn.

by Ernest Hemingway

Submit your 6-word story to the library by email, Facebook or stopping in. We are anxious to hear your 6-word story.

#### **Library Hours:**

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

> We will not be holding Story Time/Grab & Go on Thursdays, March 10th and March 17th.

Do you think you would qualify for **HOME BOUND LIBRARY SERVICES?** 

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# **Fundraisers!**

#### March

# Benefit for Krystal Collier

Raising money to help with travel and medical expenses for an amazing family in our community.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2022 4PM-9PM

HARRY & LLOYDS, AMERICUS KS

- \*Chili &/or Baked Potato Bar (suggested donation \$5)
- **\*50/50 Raffle** (drawing @9pm)
- \*Cupcakes \$2ea. (chance to win mystery prizes!)



50/50 Raffle 5 tickets for \$5 12 tickets for \$10 25 tickets for \$20

> Venmo @Britney-Hinrichs RE: KC Raffle

### **MARCH MADNESS** TOURNAMENT

Enter our bracket

**Donation** purchase of \$10 per bracket.

**Bracket Picks** start: March 13th **Bracket Picks** end: March 16th





1 pt. for evey correct selection in Sweet 16 4 pt. for every correct selection (5th round) Elite 8 5 pt. for every correct selection (6th round) Final 4 16 pts. for every correct selection (Champtionship game) 32 pts. for the correct national champ winner



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP lbs lbs lbs #MARCHMADNESS



\*Adult-\$60 per team (max 4 players, min. 1 woman) Needing Ref Volunteers!

**3PT CONTEST** 

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For Entry Forms & Information text @620-794-1685 or email projectplayscape4community@gmail.com or pick up at City Office

**Opening Ballfield Complex** Saturday, May 21st, 2022 Americus, KS

Project Playscape

Sunday, March 27th

8 to 11:30AM

SUGGESTED MIN.

\$5/Person

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Pancakes OR Biscuits & Gravy

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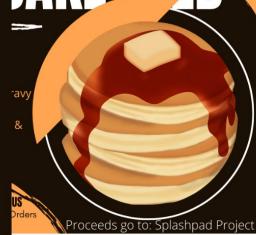
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Proceeds go to: Splashpad Project

Sunday, May 22nd 8 to 11:30AM



# PROJECT PLA YSCAPE

PROJECT UPDATE & FUNDRAISERS



AMERICUS BALLFIELD COMPLEX

# **CONSTRUCTION**

Families are getting excited and driving by to see the progress of the new fields. We are happy to say that through delays, bad or not ideal weather, product unavailability, or bad timing, we are continuing to overcome the obstacles and progress is making way!! What has happened the last couple months?

- \*Holes were dug for light poles.
- \*Bases to the poles were installed and cemented in place.
- \*Trenching and running of the electrical cables were completed.
- \*Light poles were assembled.
- \*Light poles were lifted and placed on the bases. (Fun to See!)
- \*Electrical box was installed.

- \*Screening were delivered.
- \*Fields were string lined.
- \*Screenings were spread.

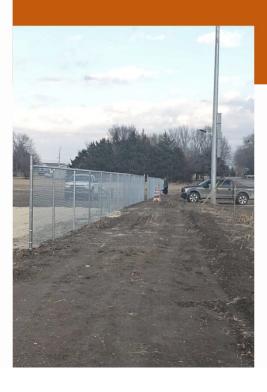
# What is currently being worked on?

\*Midland Fencing is currently at the HS & Tball fields installing fence. You will see holes dug, poles cemented in, and top rails installed, along with the fence material being installed.

\*Richmor is also working at both fields installing irrigation to properly water the outfields! You will see trenching and pvc piping laid out.

Behind the scenes, we are busy getting quotes and ordering other supplies for the project!

Join "Project Playscape"
On Facebook!
See all our pictures and videos throughout the construction!
Also watch for events & fundraisers approaching!



#### PROJECT PLAYSCAPE

## SPLASHPAD & BB COURT PROJECT

#### **Donations:**

If you are interested in a monetary donation for the **splashpad**, please make your check payable to ECF RE: "Project Playscape Splash" and mail to:

Emporia Community Fund Re: Project Playscape 527 Commercial St., Suite B Emporia, KS 66801 (620) 342-9304

Or drop off at Americus City Hall. You will receive a receipt for tax-deduction purposes with the tax id# from ECF.

If you are interested in donating supplies or labor to the project, please contact
Project Playscape at:
projectplayscape4community@gmail.com

### *WHERE ARE WE AT?*

We are currently rolling out fundraisers, grant writing, and writing letters for donations! The splashpad can be installed in a 4-8week time frame, so we are hopeful that funding can be locked in by May/June, and the splashpad could be installed for partial summer play! Help us get there! Share! Like! Donate! Volunteer! \*Future Splashpad site below!





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March Schedule 2nd & 16th April Schedule 6nd & 20th

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# Americus Recycling Trailer

Located behind City Hall

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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.