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- 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
- 17th - Camden Way
- 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 Brecheisen
- 28th - Denise King
- 29th - Mallory Burton
Shawn Wilson
- 30th - Jacob Posey
- 31st - Melanie Nuessen

Shawn & Brooke Wilson

March 10th

*John & Laverne
Soetebier*

March 15th

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6:00 pm

AMERICUS REC. 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 Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.

RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia

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DAY**



Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899



Code Enforcement

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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 February 14th 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 Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were NUESSEN, HAMLIN, BURTON, HINRICHS, and HARMON. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: David Goldsmith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 10 th business meeting. Moved by BURTON to approve the January 10 th business meeting. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0-1 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HARMON to approve the accounts payable for February 2023 in the amount of \$78,679.04. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

MAINTENANCE: The light is installed and working at the Recycle trailer. Roads have been re-rocked.

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: No report

CLERK: No report

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

1. PLANNING & ZONING: David Goldsmith. There are contractors who are interested in buying all 16 lots on College Block. We need to have the infrastructure marked out and have a survey done. David has talked to the water district and BH Energy. He has also talked to both title companies, the paperwork is roughly \$250. A road would need to be built to accommodate the houses. There was also discussion on the way the contractors would like the houses set and whether that would work with the way the sewer is laid out.

2. REAL ESTATE: College Block. The city is not limited on the sale of real property. The suggested route would be to draft a resolution declaring the property a surplus and it would be in the best interest of the city to permit the sale of it. Once that passes then publish it and interested parties can come forward. Council is concerned about selling all the lots at once because they don't want them to sit empty, they would like to sell them two lots at a time. There needs to be a survey done to mark out standard city lots. Moved by BURTON to have a survey done between Hickory and Sycamore Streets between Second and Third Streets to mark out standard city lots not to exceed \$2,000. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote.

David left at 7:26 p.m.

3. 2022 AUDIT: GAAP Waiver Resolution Moved by HAMLIN to adopt Resolution 289. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.

4. STEVE’S TRASH SERVICE: Review of contract. The council was given a copy of the proposed agreement with Steve’s Trash Service. The proposal has date changes and an increase of \$ 1/month for Residential and Standard Business and an increase of \$5/yard for dumpster services. The city currently retains a portion (\$1.70) of the charges to cover the cost of billing. Moved by HARMON to allow the mayor to sign the contract with the price increase with Steve’s Trash Service. Motion seconded by NUJESSEN. 5-0 vote.

5. SEWER RATE REVIEW: Annual review of sewer rates. New sewer rates went into effect in 2020. In 2021 cash receipts were \$187,045.56 with expenditures of \$150,467.71, in 2022 cash receipts were \$185,800.75 with expenditures of \$151,546.08. The consensus of the council is to leave the rates where they are at this time and revisit them next year.

6. CONFERENCE REQUEST: Municipal Court Clerk Conference. The city clerk has requested to attend the Municipal Court Clerk Conference on March 2nd and 3rd in Wichita. There is no cost to attend the conference. There will be a one-night hotel stay for \$138.34 and reimbursement for food and gas. The consensus of the council is to approve the request.

7. FURNITURE: City Hall. City hall staff has requested to get a new refrigerator and larger desks for the City Clerk, Treasurer, and Police. Council has asked them to get bids for the desks and will table further discussion until the March meeting. The mayor authorized expenditures of up to \$500 to purchase a new refrigerator for City Hall.

8. CONDEMNATION: Updates. The trailer park at 115 Main Street is in the process of being worked on. Permits have been issued for two trailers to be demolished. City Building Inspector Larry Lewis has inspected and reported to the council on the following properties: 1021 Main, 612 Hackberry, 409 Broadway, and 1103 Second. 1010 Main is also a concern and the council requests that Larry inspect the property. All of these properties have been vacant for years. The next step is to do a title search and pass a resolution to move forward with the condemnation process, setting a time a place for a public hearing. The consensus of the council is to move forward with title searches.

Moved by BURTON to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion seconded by NUJESSEN. 5-0 vote.

<p><u>AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING</u> Tuesday, March 14th , 2023 Americus City Hall 7:00 PM</p> <p>CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:</p> <p>VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 14th business meeting</p> <p>BILLS TO PAY:</p> <p>REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:</p> <p>ADOPT THE AGENDA</p> <p>1. 2022 AUDIT: Audit engagement letter</p> <p>2. THE LIQUOR SHED: Liquor license renewal</p> <p>3. FURNITURE: City Hall</p> <p>4. CONDEMNATION: Updates</p>

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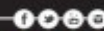
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April 8th, 2023

Americus, KS

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MARCH IS NOT FOR WIMPS

This is the time of year when people are especially challenged by the change in climatic seasons. It's almost spring and yet winter is still with us. And that pesky wind. You know, this problem with cold and hot has been with us for a long time. The Bible even talks about people who are cold or hot about working for Jesus.

What about you?

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot, I could wish you were either cold or hot."

(Revelation 3:15)

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

6 First Street, Americus Ks.
Pastor Rich Arnold



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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

Saturday

March 7th

March 18th

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 only.

**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

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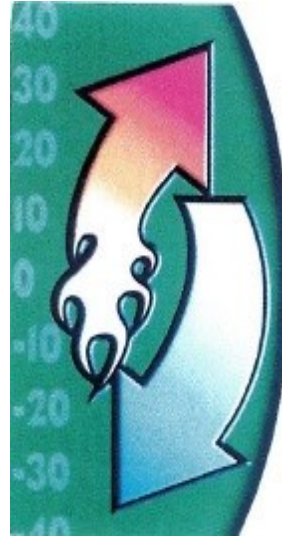


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The library is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Kansas (Topeka). When aluminum pop tabs are sent they are taken to a recycling center. The money then goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

Preschool Story time
 Thursdays-10:00 to 10:30 am.
No story time March 9th or 16th.

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!



March is Dr. Seuss Month;
 Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss



Library Hours:

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March Schedule
8th & 22nd
April Schedule
5th & 19th

City Hall

Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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