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- 7th - Jacque Burnett
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- 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

NLC Elementary

3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 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



Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899



Code Enforcement Violation Notices Served

KNOW YOUR SPEED

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 13th 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, BURTON, and HARMON. HAMLIN and HINRICHS were absent. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Ben Sachs, Donna and Jessica Mosby

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 9 th business meeting. Table until next meeting.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HARMON to approve the accounts payable for February 2024 in the amount of \$72,619.00.

Motion seconded by BURTON, 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

MAINTENANCE: Maintenance has been busy working on roads and getting the community center ready for the carpet installation.

PROJECT PLAYScape: No report

CLERK: No report

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by BURTON to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 3-0 vote.

1. UNBOUND GRAVEL: Ben Sachs. The Unbound has gone South for the last two years so they will be heading North for the next 2 years. It will be held on Saturday, June 1 st , 2024. They hope to set up an aid station at the city park and close Locust Street from Fifth Street to Main Street from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on that Saturday.

Moved by BURTON to close Locust Street from Fifth Street to Main Street on Saturday, June 1 st , 2024 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for the Unbound Gravel Ride contingent upon approval from the county, also allowing the use of the city park and shelter house. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0 vote.

Ben Sachs left at 7:16 p.m.

2. CONDEMNATION: 1021 Main. The owners of 1021 Main are present. They have not been able to make much progress on demolition. There was discussion of possibly using it as training for the Americus Fire Department, but that would not get rid of the building. The council will revisit this at the March council meeting. Donna and Jessica Mosby left at 7:29 p.m.

1010 Main. Tabled until the March council meeting.

3. STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE: Review of contract. The council was given a copy of the proposed agreement with Steve's Trash Service. The city currently retains a portion (\$1.70) of the charges to cover the cost of billing. Moved by NUESSEN to allow the mayor to sign the contract with Steve's Trash Service. Motion seconded by BURTON. 3-0 vote.

4. SEWER RATE REVIEW: Annual review of sewer rates. New sewer rates went into effect in 2020. In 2022 cash receipts were \$185,800.75 with expenditures of \$151,546.08, in 2023 cash receipts were \$177,308.33 with expenditures of \$157,349.95. The consensus of the council is to leave the rates where they are at this time and revisit them next year.

5. SEWER: Manhole repair. There is a manhole that requires repair, it was jet-routed but is still seeping water. It will need to be dug up, pulled apart, sealed, and re-grouted. Seimears Construction was able to get over to look at it and quoted \$2,000 to repair it. Moved by HARMON to have Seimears Construction repair manhole 3.2 as presented not to exceed \$2,000. Motion seconded by BURTON. 3-0 vote.

6. CULVERTS: The city is out of pipe used for culverts, we have not ordered any since 2017. Costs have skyrocketed since then. We use 10", 12", 14" & 16". Frank Black can offer us used pipe at a discounted price. They only have 10"(\$26.35/ft) & 12"(\$16.40ft) in stock. The quote for 200 ft of each 10" & 12" plus freight is \$9,094.00. Moved by BURTON to accept Quote #114891 from Frank Black not to exceed \$9,500.00. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0 vote.

7. PLANNING & ZONING: Interest in serving letter. Victor Hadden has submitted an interest in serving letter to the council for the Planning & Zoning Board. After some discussion, Mayor Wright appoints Victor Hadden to Seat 7 of the Planning & Zoning Board.

8. OJA SPRING CONFERENCE REQUEST: Wichita, February 29 th -March 1 st . The City Clerk is requesting to attend the OJA Spring Conference in Wichita. The cost of attending the conference is covered by OJA and the clerk will be reimbursed by OJA for hotel and mileage. She is requesting to be reimbursed by the city for meals not provided at the conference. Moved by BURTON to reimburse meals not to exceed \$50/day. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

9. CCMFOA CONFERENCE REQUEST: Manhattan, March 20 th -22 nd . The City Clerk is requesting to attend the CCMFOA Conference in Manhattan. The clerk applied for a scholarship that covers the cost of attending the conference. She is requesting for the city to pay for the hotel for 3 nights, meals not provided at the conference, and mileage. Moved by BURTON to pay for the hotel for 3 nights at \$125/night, meals not to exceed \$50/day, and mileage at .67/mile. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0 vote.

10. COMMUNITY CENTER: The old carpet has been removed and the new carpet has been installed. The vinyl plank still needs to be installed. The baseboards were not in good shape so we need to order new. Moved by BURTON to order vinyl baseboard not to exceed \$500. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

11. COLLEGE BLOCK: The council asks that the city clerk publish the lots for sale in The Shopper, The Emporia Gazette, and on the city's Facebook page. They would also like to purchase a sign to place on the lots advertising the lots are for sale. Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion seconded by BURTON. 3-0 vote.

**AGENDA
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**

- CITY HALL

- CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
- VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 9 th business meeting and February 13 th business meeting
- BILLS TO PAY:
- REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
- PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:
- MAINTENANCE:
- CLERK:
- ADOPT THE AGENDA
- 1. CONDEMNATION:
- 2. SPENDING POLICY/AUTHORITY:

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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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Worship Service
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During services

Americus Community Food Pantry

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Tuesday

Saturday

March 5th

March 16th

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.

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Countryside Baptist Church

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SUNDAY

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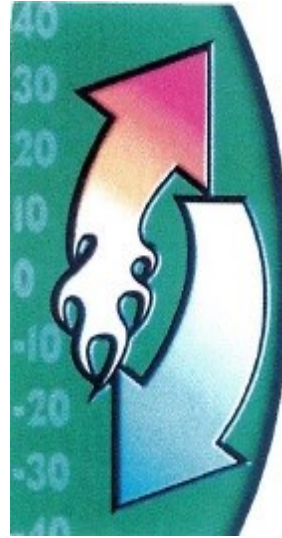


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Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com

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.

Do you want something new?

We are starting a jigsaw puzzle exchange.

Come in and borrow one and bring one to exchange.

Many Adult and Children's books for sale
Price: Free will donation

No Preschool story time
March 7th and March 14th

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

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March Schedule
6th & 20th
April Schedule
3rd & 17th

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