

MARCH 2025



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9th - Aiden Eckstrom

Boston Eckstrom

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Terri Zumbrum

10th - Desiree Swanson

Tyler Ross

12th - Shelby McElfresh

Barbara Johnson

13th - James King

17th - Camden Way

19th - Courtney Smart

Aimee Hart

20th - Dillon Horton

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 Perrill



Shawn & Brooke
Wilson

March 10th

*John & Laverne
Soetebier*

March 15th

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 11th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright.

Council members present were HARMON, NUESSEN, HAMLIN, and BURTON. HINRICHS was absent.

Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Treasurer Dodie Doudna, Attorney Steve Atherton, and Maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Jim Zornes, David Simon, Sandra Simon, Tim Burton, Larry Goza and Kris Goza. Amy Hecke was present via phone.

BUSINESS MEETING

FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright.

Council members present were HARMON, NUESSEN, HAMLIN, and BURTON. HINRICHS was absent.

Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Treasurer Dodie Doudna, Attorney Steve Atherton, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: David Simon, Sandra Simon, Tim Burton, Larry Goza and Kris Goza.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 19 th , 2024 special meeting, January 14th, 2025, and January 30th, 2025 special meeting. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the minutes of the December 19 th , 2024 special meeting. Motion seconded by BURTON. 3-0 vote. Moved by NUESSEN to approve the minutes of the January 30 th , 2025 special meeting. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote January 14 th , 2025 business meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HARMON to approve the accounts payable for February 2025 in the amount of \$18,138.97. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

MAINTENANCE: Nick Gadino reported that he has been working on getting pricing for a flatbed for the new maintenance truck. The north lift stations had to be cleaned out. A new thermal overload switch has been installed as well. Nick mentioned that the sewer system is 20 years old and repairs will become unavoidable.

CLERK:

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

1. TIM BURTON: Trash service issues Tim Burton is here to speak to the council about issues he is having with the current trash company contracted with the city. He would like the council to consider using a different company.

HINRICHS arrived at 7:37 p.m.

2. LARRY GOZA: Trash service issues. Larry Goza is here to speak to the council about issues he is having with the current trash company contracted with the city. He would like the council to consider using a different company. David and Sandra Simon share the same concerns.

HINRICHS arrived at 7:37 p.m.

Larry Goza, Kris Goza, David Simon and Sandra Simon left at 7:37 p.m.

RESOLUTION 305: 507 Elm Resolution Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Resolution 305. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.

4. STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE: Review of contact The council was provided with information about changes to the city's contract with Steve's Trash Service. BURTON has provided the council with pricing and information for Waste Management. Motioned by BURTON to put the trash service for the city up for public bid., Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.

Tim Burton left at 7:48 p.m.

5. SEWER RATE REVIEW: Annual review of sewer rates Tabled until next meeting

6. PERSONNEL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES: Update Tabled

7. ORDINANCE NO. 623: Open Burn Policy enforcement and penalties Tabled

8. KACM SPRING CONFERENCE REQUEST: Manhattan, March 27 th & 28 th City Clerk is requesting to attend the KACM conference in Manhattan on March 27 th and 28th, 2025. KACM will provide reimbursement for the conference registration and hotel. The City Clerk is requesting reimbursement for fuel and meals not provided during the conference. It is the consensus of the council to approve the request.

AGENDA

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 14 th , 2025 business meeting, February 11th, 2025 business meeting, February 11th, 2025 public hearing

BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

MAINTENANCE:

CLERK:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

- 1. CONDEMNATION: 311 Elm Bolinger/Hecke
- 2. TRASH SERVICE BIDS: Review
- 3. STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE: Review of contract
- 4 SEWER RATE REVIEW: Annual review of sewer rates
- 5. ORDINANCE NO. 623: Open Burn Policy enforcement and penalties
- 6. CITY CODE VIOLATIONS: Dog registrations/UTV registrations
- 7. 2025 RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC: Updates



From City Hall: Revision of Minutes

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: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HINRICHS, HARMON, and NUESSEN. HAMLIN and BURTON were absent. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Treasurer Dodie Doudna, Attorney Steve Atherton, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Ronald Huffington, Sharon Huffington, Lillie Kleemeyer and Bobby Thompson

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

1) **PUBLIC HEARING: Condemnation**

a) 507 Elm: Welsh. The following conditions were found to exist by the city: 1) Trees and weeds/brush are extremely overgrown. 2) 1 vehicle (in front) has not moved in months. 3) Siding is off in multiple areas. 4) Front porch has trash knee-high with a path leading to front door. 5) Backyard shed is in very bad condition and is barely visible due to the trees/weeds/brush. 6) A path has only been mowed from street to house. 7) Building inspector was almost certain that the property was vacant until he heard a window AC running. 8) Roof gutters are full and falling down. 9) The entire property is in extremely poor condition. 10) Condition of property will definitely attract pests and vermin. The property owner is not present at this hearing. Moved by HINRICHS to give the property owner 6 months, no later than July 14, 2025, to correct and/or repair the findings or demolish. An inspection is to be performed by the city at the end of the 6 months. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 3-0 vote.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HINRICHS, HARMON, and NUESSEN. HAMLIN and BURTON were absent. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Treasurer Dodie Doudna, Attorney Steve Atherton, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Ronald Huffington, Sharon Huffington, Lillie Kleemeyer and Bobby Thompson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 10 th , 2024 business meeting, December 19 th , 2024 special meeting. Moved by HARMON to approve the minutes of the December 10 th , 2024 business meeting. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0 vote. December 19 th , 2024 special meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HARMON to approve the accounts payable for January 2025 in the amount of \$17,589.37. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Fundraisers and grant writing are still ongoing. There was a great turnout for Match Day. There will be a partial payment made to Athco for the splash pad to schedule installation.

MAINTENANCE: Snow removal and restocking supplies have been the main focus so far this month.

CLERK: Working on getting the two new vehicles registered. Maintenance employee Domanic McCoy is expected to be released to come back to work in March. There will be a fundraiser on January 25 th that includes a side-by-side fun ride as well as an auction and 50/50 raffle at Harry and Lloyd's. All proceeds will help cover home, medical, and vehicle expenses that have accrued for Domanic since being hit by a drunk driver in November.

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

1. **BOBBY THOMPSON:** Flint Hills Gravel Ride Bobby is here to discuss his list of requests for the upcoming event on April 12th, 2025. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the list from the FHGR. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

Bobby Thompson left at 7:33

2. **RONALD HUFFINGTON:** Senior Center Mr. Huffington is here to discuss the use of the community center for senior citizen gatherings. The consensus of the council is to agree to the use as long as Mr. Huffington goes through the appropriate steps to reserve the building.

3. **2024 AUDIT:** GAAP Waiver Resolution Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Resolution 304. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0 vote.

4. **PERSONNEL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES:** Update The council discussed various topics that need to be updated in the handbook. They will continue to discuss and revisit at the next meeting.

Moved by NUESSEN to add item 4a to the agenda. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

a. **LILLIE KLEEMEYER:** Late fee on sewer bill Ms. Kleemeyer is upset about being charged the late fee after her payment was received by the city after the cutoff date and time. The consensus of the council is to waive the fee due to extenuating circumstances.

Ronald Huffington, Sharon Huffington, and Lillie Kleemeyer left at 8: 11

5. **CCMFOA SPRING CONFERENCE:** Request to attend City Clerk is requesting to attend the CCMFOA conference in Manhattan from March 19-21, 2025. She is requesting the council pay for a room for 2 nights and the conference registration fee totaling \$622.56 as well as reimbursement for fuel and meals not provided during the conference. It is the consensus of the council to approve the request.

6. **CONDEMNATION:** 7 Fourth The owner has failed to correct the conditions within the time stated in Resolution No. 300. It is the consensus of the council for the city to move forward to cause the conditions to be corrected and the cost charged to the owner of the property.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Non-elected personnel matters Moved by NUESSEN to delete agenda item 7. Motioned seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0 vote.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0 vote.



2025 SCHEDULE



SATURDAY APRIL 5

The UNDEAD Death Ride - A FREE
“drop” Group Ride (Madison, KS).....8:30am

THURSDAY APRIL 10

Mulreadys Pub Group Ride
(717 Commercial St Emporia KS.).....6:30pm

FRIDAY APRIL 11

All Athlete Check In (Harry/Lloyds).....3:00pm-8:00pm
Sponsor Expo Meet & Greet (Harry/Lloyds).....3:00pm-7:00pm
Dirt Squad ShakeOut Ride (Harry/Lloyds).....5:00pm
Axe Throwing PB Brianna Nielsen American Family In
Mulreadys Pub ShakeOut Ride (Harry/Lloyds).....6:00pm
Project Playscape Spaghetti Supper (H&L).....5:00pm-9:00pm

SATURDAY APRIL 12

All Athlete Check In (Harry/Lloyds).....6:30am-8:30am
The Adventure Rolls Out.....7:45am
All other cycling distances begin.....8:00am-8:40am
All running distances start.....9:00am
Family FUN Ride.....9:10am
Running Distance Awards (Podium Zone).....10:30am
ROCKOUT and Tour Awards (Podium Zone).....11:30am
Challenge Awards (Podium Zone).....1:00pm
Great Plains Gravel Cup Awards (Podium Zone).....1:00pm
Adventure Awards (Podium Zone).....4:00pm
LIVE Music at Harry/Lloyds.....4:00pm-7:00pm



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Remember

ALL Dogs must be registered with the City.

Dogs must have a current rabies vaccination certificate on file.



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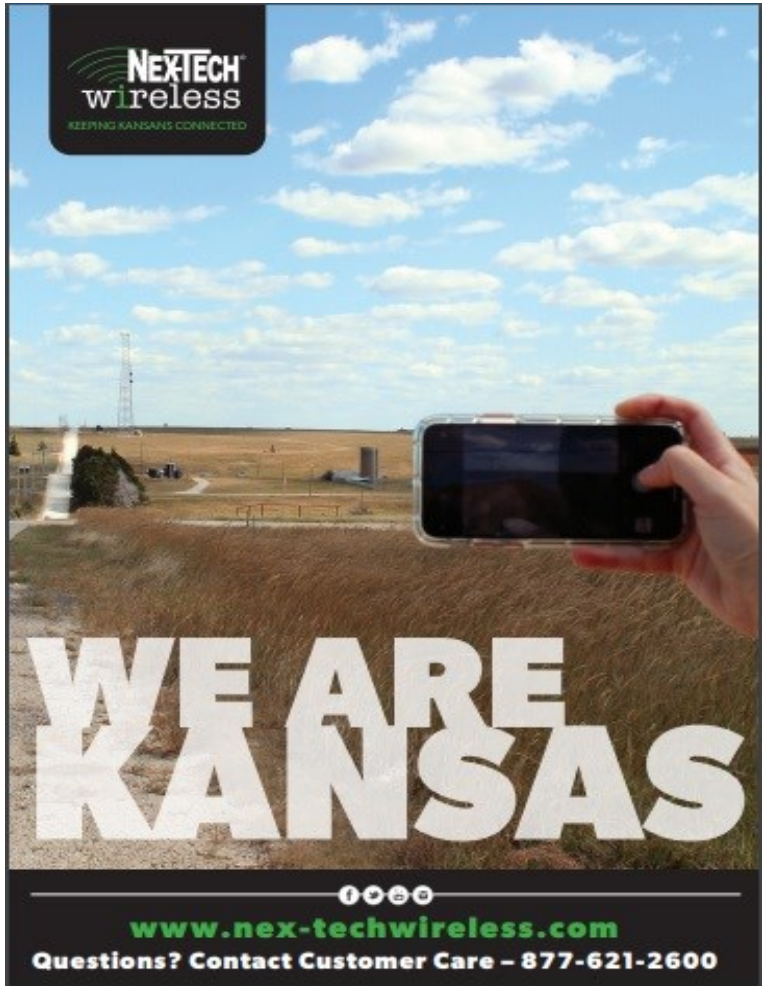
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Library Hours:

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Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm
Sat: 9a—12p (afternoon closed)
Sunday: closed

Watch our Facebook page and signs on the front door for information on closure and times.

Preschool Story Time
Thursdays 10:00 to 10:30 am

Check out our **BOOK SALE**
Free will donation appreciated

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.

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!



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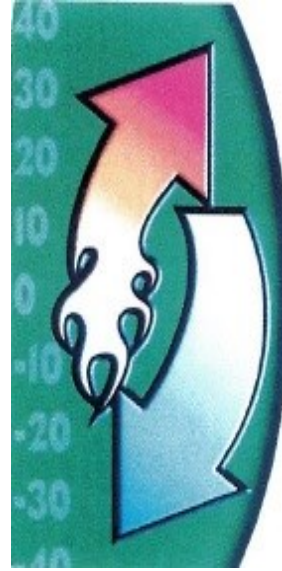
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March 4th

March 22nd

6:00pm. - 7:30 pm.

9:30 am. - 11:00am.

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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



**Please return sign up sheet to
NLC Elementary.**

**Can sign up day of meeting, must have
form filled out and returned.**



Good News Club

(Snacks, Songs, Bible lesson, Missionary story, Learning activities)

Place: Americus United Methodist Church (AUMC)

Date: January 22 – April 30, 2025

We will be meeting January 22 and every other Wednesday until April 30, 2025.

Jan.22, Feb.5, Feb.19, March 5, Spring Break- no club, April 2, April 16, & April 30

Time: 3:30-5:00pm

For 1st-5th graders, the children will walk with adult volunteers 5 blocks to the United Methodist Church after school. Please pick up your children at **5:00pm** at the church.

Our first meeting will be an **Outer Space Theme!**

If you have questions:

CEF coordinators: Kevin & Sandy Karr (620) 794-5873

AUMC: Becky Maxwell (620) 412-3925

AUMC Pastor: Debbie Senters (316) 737-4823

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Permission to attend Good News Club – Spring 2025

(must be returned to the school by Wednesday January 22, 2025)

(child's name) _____ has my permission to attend Good News Club at the Americus United Methodist Church.

Please contact _____ in case of an emergency.

Phone number _____

Note allergies _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Address _____

CITY OF AMERICUS, KANSAS INVITATION TO BID

The City of Americus is accepting bids for the city's residential and commercial trash service.

Sealed bids and contract proposals must be received by the City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 526, Americus, Kansas 66835 by March 11th at 3:00 p.m. Sealed bids will then be publicly opened and considered during the City Council meeting at City Hall on March 11th , at 7:00 p.m. The City of Americus reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For additional information and to obtain a bid sheet contact the City Clerk, Lesley Harbaugh at 620-443-5655 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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As stated by Americus City Code: Chapter II: Article II, Section 2-201 B

"Upon registration, the owner shall present a current, completed certificate of immunization against rabies. No registration shall follow without evidence of this document, and it shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog over six months of age to fail to maintain effective rabies immunization of such dog."

A complete copy of codes can be seen at City Hall.



Lyon County Recycle Trailer

The recycle trailer is located on the south side of the grade school gym.

March Schedule

5th & 19th

April

2nd & 16th



City Hall

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