

MINUTES
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council Member HINRICHES. Council members present were HAMLIN, NUESSEN, HARMON and HINRICHES. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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

1. PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: *Update/request for funds* HINRICHES is requesting \$25,000.00 to complete the installation funding for the splash pad. Project Playscape has obtained the other funds needed through fundraisers and this request is to finish the project as turn-key. Moved by NUESSEN to approve \$25,000.00 from the Parks and Recreation Youth Fund to be used to complete the splash pad installation. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 3-0 vote. HINRICHES has presented the council with options for replacement red shale for the ball fields. Moved by HAMLIN to purchase 4 loads of red shale from Knight Trucking not to exceed \$6,500.00 from the Parks and Recreation fund. HINRICHES has presented options for replacement mulch for all playgrounds in the city. Moved by HARMON to purchase 3 truckloads of materials from Athco if they can deliver within the next 2 weeks not to exceed \$11,000.00 from the Parks and Recreation Youth Fund. If Athco cannot deliver within 2 weeks, the city will order from Knight Trucking, not to exceed \$11,000.00 from the Parks and Recreation Youth Fund. The council reviewed different playground equipment options presented by HINRICHES to replace the small structure that was removed from the park due to safety concerns. HINRICHES will get quotes on the items the council has focused on and bring them to the April 8th, 2025 meeting. HINRICHES is requesting a \$300.00 donation from the city for Project Playscape to host an Easter Egg Hunt at the park on the morning of April 19th, 2025. Moved by HAMLIN to donate \$300.00 to Project Playscape to help fund the Easter Egg Hunt. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0 vote. HINRICHES is asking the council to waive the fee for the community center for a kids event for Project Playscape that will be partnered with PAROC and ESU Outreach on the morning on May 3rd, 2025. Moved by NUESSEN to waive the community center fee for the Project Playscape event on May 3rd, 2025. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 7:08. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

absent

Dustin R. Wright, Mayor

Lea Hamlin, Council President

Nicky Nuessen

Britney Hinrichs

absent

Kayla Burton

Bill Harmon