

# WELCOME TO AMERICUS

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## May

1st Leticia Domenech  
2nd Stan Stewart, Sr  
Carla Crane  
Luke Larson  
Victoria Dixon  
Carla Crane  
4th Breanna Brecheisen  
6th Cody Campbell  
Mike Ross  
Jessica Kellison  
7th Sid Morgan  
Danny Gerleman  
9th Josh Smart  
Kennedy Dragonas  
11th Cameron Stewart  
11th Julie Dains  
12th Heaven Arb  
Angel Heiman  
Cindy Edmunds  
16th Shelby Siess  
Lindsey Hansen  
17th Drew Fields  
19th Samantha Spaiz  
25th Derrek Swanson  
Ryan Swanson  
26th Christina Wells  
Taryn Meyers  
28th Jesse McKee  
29th Courtney Elbert  
31st Jaelynne Hill  
31st Jillian Anderson



## May

*Blake & Louisa Wiggins*

May 1st

*Dillon & Cheyenna Riley*

May 5th

*Mark & Joni Siess*

May 6th

*Josh & Lea Hamlin*

May 7th

*Joe & Gretchen Russell*

May 13th

*Tyler & Britney Hinrichs*

May 20th

*Joshua & Shelby Posey*

May 24th

*Matthew & Jessica Kellison*

May 26th

*David & Kelli Elbert*

May 28th



## 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 Tuesday @ 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

### March Violation Notices Served

01.18.22 Evelyn Jahnke Emporia  
No Seatbelt \$30.00

03.19.22 Joseph Meador Wichita  
Speeding 33/20 \$146.00

## KNOW YOUR SPEED

The city has purchased a speed indicator sign. The sign will be moved to different location around town.



516 Locust Street ~ Americus, KS 66835  
For reservations call City Hall at 620-443-5655

more information on renting the Americus Community Center  
call Americus City Hall at 620-443-5655.

## From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the April 12th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

MINUTES  
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022  
CITY HALL 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 HAMLIN, HINRICHS, NUESSEN, and BURTON. One vacant seat. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, City Maintenance Nick Gadino, and City Attorney Steve Atherton.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No visitors

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

**FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT:** *Adoption of Ordinances #607 and #610:*

Adoption of #607: Moved by HINRICHS. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote

Adoption of #610: Moved by HINRICHS. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. BURTON seconded 4-0

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**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Cindy Kearns arrived at 7:09 p.m. Chris Howard arrived at 7:11 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *March 8, 2022 business meeting and March 15<sup>th</sup> special meeting.*

3/8/22 meeting-Moved by BURTON to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote.

3/15/22 meeting-Moved by HAMLIN to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

**BILLS TO PAY:** Moved by NEUSSEN to approve the bills in the amount of \$31,729.11. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

**PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:** HINRICHS reports backstop poles are in, waiting on the shell to put up the backstop fence. Dugout poles are in as well. HINRICHS is waiting to talk to Mark with Richmor Lawncare, she thinks he should be about ready to seed. Some volunteers went out and picked up rocks in the outfield this past weekend. Some of the walls were knocked out in the shower rooms to make room for more bathroom stalls. Waiting on the doors to be shipped so they can be installed. They will be cleaning out the storage room soon to put new shelves and totes in for more organization and also cleaning out the concession stand.

**PARKS:** Gerald Schumann Electric is working on the basketball court lights to get the timer working properly and adjust the angle of the lights.

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

### 2. **JOANNA MILLER:** *Rock hiding group*

Joanna Miller is a 10-year-old who lives in NLC. She is interested in starting a rock hiding group in the area. It would consist of hiding painted rocks. When you find someone's rock, you take a picture of it and post it on the Facebook page. The Facebook page would promote safe spots to hide rocks where mowers would not hit them. Then you have the option to keep it or re-hide it. She is also contacting surrounding towns to have groups started there. She is even willing to host a few rock painting meetings where kids could meet and make friends and paint rocks. There is no action needed council just wanted people to be aware.

### 3. **APPOINTMENT:** *Open council seat.*

The City of Americus received two applications for the vacant city council seat. Council reviewed both and felt the applications were acceptable, and both would do a good job if hired. Prior to the vote, it was determined that one applicant unfortunately is currently working on a project for the City of Americus, therefore would not be eligible to fill the seat. Mayor Wright appointed Bill Harmon to the open City Council seat with Council consent. Bill will be notified and welcomed at the next meeting.

### 4. **USD #251:** *Preschool crosswalk*

USD #251 is wanting to put in a crosswalk from the preschool to the other side of the street so the kids don't have to walk through the parking lot. The total cost of the project is \$1273.45. The crosswalk will be located in the city easement between the two properties at 551 Broadway and 557 Broadway. NUESSEN asked Jana to check with Laverne about the budget and table until the next meeting.

### 5. **COMMUNITY JUNK JAMBOREE**

Raymond Paige approached the council at the December 2021 meeting about having a type of flea market once a month during the summer. Council was thinking about maybe combining it with the city-wide garage sales and letting people sell at the park. HINRICHS is concerned about who is going to run it. With it being on city property, insurance is a concern as well as the work that it entails. When they did the vendor booths around Christmas they had to compile a list of names and all information, gave a packet with tax information so vendors could report how much they made and Marcia had to give out tax sheets. HINRICHS suggested putting together a community committee to put it on. Talk to the insurance carrier and see if they have a problem with having it in the park if someone else heads it up and would not be a city-sponsored event.

### 6. **PURCHASE OF LAWN MOWER**

BURTON reported Council has set aside \$20,000 for the purchase of a new mower. The quote came in at \$16,091.22 for a new Grasshopper mower. BURTON tried to get a quote from John Deere but they couldn't guarantee when it would be in stock. Moved by HINRICHS not to exceed \$16,500 for the purchase of a new Grasshopper mower. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote

## **AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING** Tuesday, May 10, 2022 City Hall 7:00 PM

1. **CINDY KEARNS:** *Bridge*
2. **2023 BUDGET REQUESTS:** *Laverne will be here to get budget requests.*
3. **YEARLY APPOINTMENTS:**
4. **USD #251:** *Preschool crosswalk*
5. **PROJECT PLAYSCAPE REQUEST:**
6. **RESOLUTION 286:** *Fireworks*
7. **MOWING RELEASE APPLICATION:** *Approval of Application*



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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.

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# Thank You

**Hi. My name is Bobby Thompson. On behalf of Flint Hills Gravel and over 700 cyclists and runners, thank you. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for simply being you. We had a wonderful time on April 9th in and around Americus, Kansas!!**

## Small Engine Repair

2348 Rd F4 Across the road from the Baptist Church

We service lawn mowers, chainsaws, weed eaters, tillers, and small engines. Chainsaw sharpening, mower blades and parts available.

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- \*Replace Shoe Heel
- \*Prescription Shoe Lifts



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## Northern Heights

## Alumni Banquet

Saturday June 11th

Social hour 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

**NLCYA**

Allen, Ks

## All classes invited

For more information

Contact: Stacie Horton

**620-344-0825**



## May: A time to look back

**Remember** the friends we had when we were in school?  
**Remember** when we all went to Sunday School and sang  
*"Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so."*

**Remember** when we memorized John 3:16 from the Bible?  
 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that  
 whoever believes in him....."

**Remember when going to church was a family affair?**

It Still is!

**See you in Church!**

Countryside Baptist Church  
 Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

6 First Street, Americus Ks  
 Pastor Rich Arnold



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- ✔ Meet 2 times a month

### Site-Based

- ✔ Visit your Little on a designated day once a week at their school
- ✔ Play games, go outside, do homework, or talk
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## Americus High school Alumni banquet

**Saturday May 28th**

Social at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

\$15.00/person

Call KansasLand bank for reservations

620.443.5163



## 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**

**Saturday**

*May 3rd*

*May 21st*

6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm.

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.

For a Bus Ride to Church, call (620)443-5177

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Could you use a little **good news**?  
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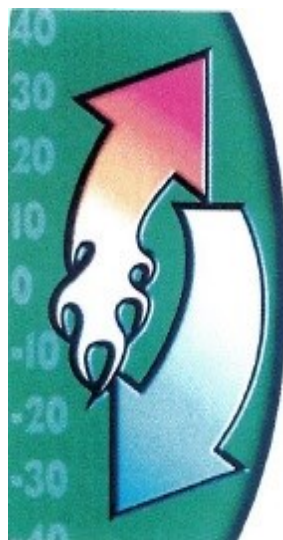
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## Americus Township Library

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Email: americuslibrary@gmail.com  
Webpage: americus.lib.nckls.org  
Facebook: americusli-

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.

**We will be closed May 30th for Memorial Day**

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 be holding  
The last **Grab & Go** for  
pre-schoolers  
on **Thursday**  
**May 12th.**

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

Call us to see how  
we can help!

# Animal Clinic

The 2022 annual animal clinic will be held

May 14th

in the Americus City Park.



Dr. Scott Gordon, DVM, will be here to vaccinate your pets between 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

Dog registrations with the city will be available during the clinic.

See page 11 for details.



**Fridays 4:00 to 6:00  
pm**

We look forward to seeing you  
on the west side of the park.

*Buy Healthy, Eat Healthy,  
Live Healthy*



**Bargain Hunters**

The City Wide sale will be on

**Saturday June 18 th.**

Be sure to take advantage of  
“pre-owned” deals!

To have your yard sale on the master list,  
please call city hall at 620.443.5655



Americus Animal Clinic

May 14th, 2022 ~ 9:00 am until 11:00

Please complete the following information located in the box below and bring this form with you to the clinic. If you have questions about which vaccinations and products your pet needs, Dr. Scott Gordon, of the Emporia Veterinary Hospital will be available to assist you.

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:

Mailing: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Physical: \_\_\_\_\_

FELINE

Pet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_ Neutered/Spayed Age: \_\_\_ Color \_\_\_

VACCINATIONS:

\_\_\_ Rabies - 1 year \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Rabies - 3 years \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must have had previous rabies vaccination)  
\_\_\_ FRVCP (distemper) - \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Leukemia - \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Nail Trim - \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPLIES:

REVOLUTION PLUS (topical flea/tick/ear mite)

SINGLE 3 PK 6 PK  
\$17.00 \$48.00 \$88.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Tag# \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Vacc Serial #322595

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CANINE

Pet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_ Neutered/Spayed Age: \_\_\_ Color \_\_\_

VACCINATIONS:

\_\_\_ Rabies - 1 year \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Rabies - 3 years \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must have had previous rabies vaccination)  
\_\_\_ DA2p/p/cvK - \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Distemper/Parvovirus/Coronavirus  
\_\_\_ Lymes - \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Heartworm Test - \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Blood test results will be phoned  
\_\_\_ Nail Trim - \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPLIES:

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SIMPARICA (monthly oral flea & tick) (rebates available 3&6 packs)

SINGLE 3 PK 6 PK  
1-22 lbs \$17.00 \$44.00 \$80.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
23-44 lb \$18.00 \$46.00 \$84.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
5-88 lbs \$19.00 \$48.00 \$88.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
89-132 lbs \$20.00 \$50.00 \$92.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Tag# \_\_\_\_\_

*Save the Date*  
**Grand Opening**

**Ballfield Complex**  
**Saturday, May 21st, 2022**

**Americus, KS**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
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ANNUAL BANQUET

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Purchase a square (s) by Sunday, May 22nd.



Americus Soccer field will be sectioned into 300 3x3 foot squares.



The cow "in charge" of the event will be led onto the field Sunday, May 22nd 11:30am. If the cow drops it's "patty" in your square, you win the "udderly" fabulous "moo-lah!"



Where-ever the majority of the first cow patty lands, that square will be the winner. the remainder will win Second Place Prize. We will Facebook live the event @ "Project Playscape." You are highly recommended to swing on by!



You do not have to be present to win!



**1st Place Winner:** \$350 (if all squares are sold)



**2nd Place Winner:** \$50 and \$25 Restaurant Gift Card.

*All Proceeds go towards the Americus Splashpad & BB Court Projects!*

**Buy your Cow Patty's @ H&L on:**

**Fri. May 6th 5-11pm**

**Sat. May 7th 5-11pm**

**Fri. May 20th 5-11pm**

**Contact any member of Project Playscape to claim your squares!**

**Britney Hinrichs 620-794-1685**

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**Lea Hamlin 620-794-6262**

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## Lyon County Recycle Trailer

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May Schedule  
4th & 18th  
June Schedule  
8th & 22nd

## City Hall

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

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