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### City Hall will be closed;

Thursday, November 11th to observe Veterans Day &



**PLANNING & ZONING BOARD** City Hall 1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m. AMERICUS RECREATION 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 Librarv 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

& November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving





## Code Enforcement

October violation notices served

No violation notices were served in October.

## Americus United Methodist church

413 Walnut



will be hosting a pancake/biscuit & gravy breakfast on

Saturday, November 6th Serving begins at 7am and ends at 10am.

Freewill donations accepted.



KANSAS MASONIC FOUNDATION

THUNDERBIRD RAFFLE

# Enter to Win a 1963 Ford Thunderbird

Each year, the Kansas Masonic Foundation sponsors a raffle for a classic car, with 75 percent of proceeds supporting local communities. Over the past five years, the program has returned more than \$1 million to Kansas Masonic lodges. The 2021-2022 classic car is a Ford Thunderbird, which will be featured at the various Masonic lodges throughout the state. Participants may either buy \$20 raffle tickets online or at the lodges. The winner will be announced at the Grand Lodge of Kansas Annual Communication.



The Thunderbird will be at John North Ford , 3002 W. US Hwy 50 in Emporia the week of Veterans' Day.

### Contact for tickets: .

Jakob Edmunds 620-344-0626 Wayne Lee 620-340-2465 or any Masonic Lodge

# From City Hall:

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

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were BURTON, BIRK and NUESSEN. Council member Hamlin arrived at 7:01 p.m. Hinrichs arrived at 7:27 p.m. via phone, in person at 8:13 p.m. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton and maintenance Nick Gadino. **VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Cheryl Henry, Tim Burton and Jerry Vorhees. Steve Winter arrived at 7:07 p.m. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *August 10, 2021, September 14, 2021 and October 11, 2021.* Moved by HINRICHS to approve the minutes of August 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 3-0-2 vote, HAMLIN and BIRK abstained. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the minutes of September 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by BIRK. 4-0-1 vote, HINRICHS abstained. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the minutes of October 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0-2 vote, HAMLIN and BURTON abstained. BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HAMLIN to pay the October bills in the amount of \$59,987.25, pending payment to Coffman Construction once payment is received from Emporia Community Foundation. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

REPORTS **OF STANDING COMMITTEES:** Nick Gadino reported from maintenance, the department has been mowing, weed eating and burning at the brush pile. There is around 500 gallons of oil left they are using to do radius work. Nick will be meeting with Charles Schwindamann of Kansas Rural Water next week to talk about sewer lines and what lines can be repaired with ARPA funds.

City Clerk gave the council a copy of the city code that covers placing a patio area in front of commercial buildings. Cindy Jensen will be here to begin the cities audit in the next couple weeks.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA:** Moved by HAMLIN to adopt the agenda with moving of agenda item #1 until all council members are present. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

**1.** PLANNING & ZONING: Article XIV, Section 10, No. 7 of the P&Z Code. City Clerk Johnson contact Kansas Manufactured Housing Association. The KMHA sent a minimum habitability requirement that could be used for a draft. There is a way to check for HUD requirement approval on mobile/manufactured homes. There was discussion on keeping an age limit (proposed 25 years, currently 10 years), inspection requirements, annual inspections at owners' cost. Also not allowing the demolish of trailers in the park. The council took comments from visitors. The Planning and Zoning Board will revisit the issue and present a proposal to the council. The council is asking for inspection requirements (initial and yearly), no demolishing within the park and age limit in the proposal.

2. PLANNING & ZONING: Water Dist. Membership charge. City Clerk Johnson reported on research, there are 5 water districts in Lyon County. RWD #1 charges \$3,000.00 plus installation of the meter plus an application fee of \$75.00. RWD #2 charges \$3,000.00 meter fee with an application fee of \$50.00 that credits to the \$3,000.00. RWD #3 charges \$4,000.00 for a benefit unit, includes meter, well, setter, ring, setter and on joint of pipe not to exceed 20 feet. RWD #4 charges \$3,000.00 for a benefit unit, plus cost of installation for service. RWD #5 charges \$4,500.00 including the application fee of \$50.00. Kansas Rural Water General Manager Elmer Ronnebaum estimated the state average of \$2,500.00.

**3. MAINTENANCE:** *Condition of patch on parking area in the 700 block of Main Street.* BURTON meet with Matt Collins of Lyon County, there is an area 16'x8' that needs repair. They provided a sealant for the area. The sealant was to be placed on the entire area, only the cracks were sealed. The county propose that the county will mill the area out and replace the asphalt. The cost of the asphalt would be split between the county and the city. Moved by BIRK to accept the county's offer to fix a 16'x8' area. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

4. ROLLING HILLS BAR & GRILL: Liquor license renewal. Owner Angie Brockelman has received her state license and will get a copy to the city. Moved by HAMLIN to approve Rolling Hills liquor license renewal pending proof of state license. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

5. STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE: Adoption of ordinance 605. Moved by BIRK to adopt ordinance 605 (Standard Traffic Ordinance). Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 VOTE.

6. **UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENCE CODE:** Adoption of ordinance 606. Move by NUESSEN to adopt ordinance 606 (Uniform Public Offence Code). Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

Moved by HAMLIN to modify the agenda and move agenda item #9 up. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Employee matters. Motioned by HAMLIN to go into executive session for non-elected personnel matters at 7:53 for 15 minutes with the council, mayor, legal and city clerk present. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote. Out of executive session at 8:03. Mayor Dustin Wright appointed Brian Anstey as Assistant City Clerk/ Treasurer with the contingency he can be bonded.

8. **PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:** *Projects.* HINRICHS has applied for tax exemption. The Emporia Community Foundation cannot apply for tax exemption. The Invoice for Coffman Construction will need to be paid by the city in order to be exempt from sales tax. Match Day is coming up. Information was placed in the October newsletter. HINRICHS is asking for help from the council to distribute the information. The match will go toward the splash pad project. Match day is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. HINRICHS updated the council on the progress at the ball park. The light poles are going up and electrical lines being ran as weather permits. Score boards are being ordered. The infield will be 2" of screenings with the top being red clay. HINRICHS is getting bids on the plumbing inside of the concessions stand building.

9. **RECYCLE CENTER:** *Pickup of trailer, future of recycle building.* The city won the bid on a recycle trailer. Once confirmation of payment is received by Purple Wave the city can go get the trailer. Council discussed selling the current recycle building. Consensus of council to put the building out for sealed bid with the city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

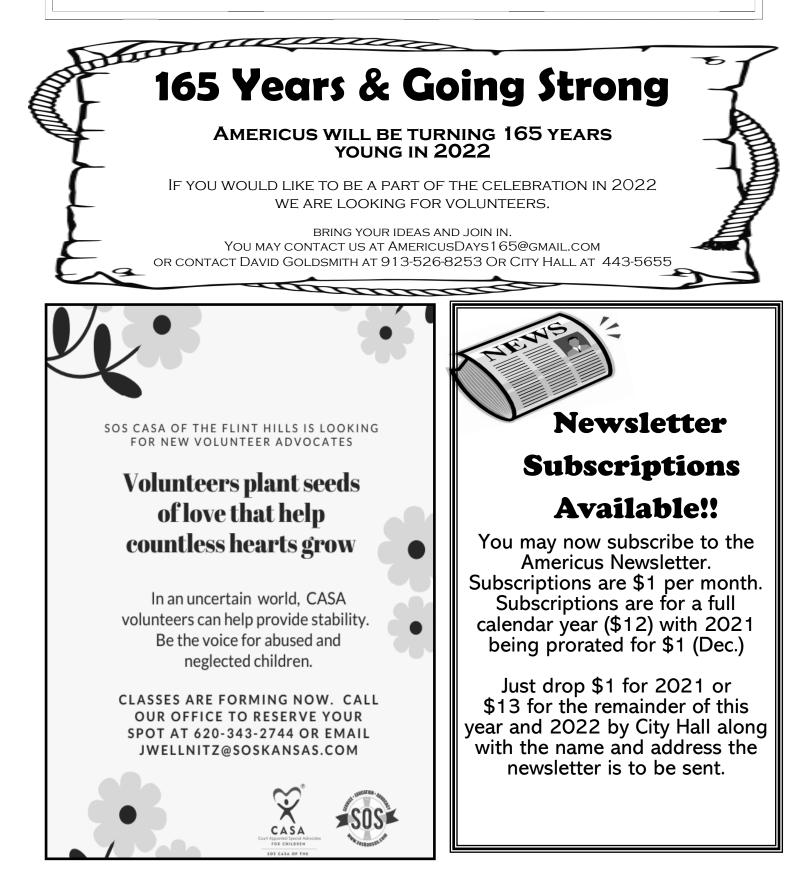
Jerry Voorhees, Cheryl Henry, Steve Winter and Tim Burton left at 7:53 p.m.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion seconded by BIRK 5-0 vote.

#### CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (AS OF PRINT TIME)

TUESDAY, November 9th, 2021 - 7:00 pm City Hall

PLANNING & ZONING: Article XIV, Section 10, No. 7 of the P&Z Code. PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Projects update. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Opening of bids on trailer. CASEY'S GENERAL STORE: CMB Licquor License renewal. CHRISTMAS PARADE: Approval of Santa's travel funds and donation for treats.







**ADVANCED VOTING** will be at the Lyon County Court House from 8:00am - 5:00pm starting October 18th until Nov. 1st at noon.

**1% Sales Tax** On August 19th the Lyon County Commission passed a Resolution requesting the extension of the current 1% -county-wide sales tax to be placed on the ballot for the November 2nd election. This is not a new tax, but an extension of the current sales tax. If passed the tax would be extended for 15 years. The money from this tax is being used in Americus for the chip and seal of the streets.



Running for the Mayor's seat are Jesse McKee and incumbent Dustin Wright. The Mayor serve a 4 year term.

## Meet the Candidates....



Jesse McKee I am a sales specialist for Fastenal Company. I am currently serving on the board for Americus Recreation Organization. I have served now for 2 years. I am running for mayor because I want to continue to help the city and community of Americus to continue to grow and improve however we can.



**Dustin Wright** During my past four years as Mayor, I have not only been active with the Americus City Counsel but in the private sector of our community in developing ideas for the betterment of our community and looking at future growth opportunities for our community.

One of my first accomplishments with the counsel was the negotiation and purchase of the building known as the

Senior Center in Americus. It has now become the Americus Community Center which is available to the public for events, meetings, and other activities. I have been actively involved in the implementation of the new ball fields project in conjunction with Project Playscape. Both projects will be benefiting the youth of our community for generations. The council has implemented a fund designated for Youth Betterment which can be used for any existing project improvements or new projects for the community. Future upkeep and maintenance of projects could be paid for through the Youth Betterment Fund. In my spare time, I have been active in cleaning up and rehabbing several distressed and deteriorating properties in Americus. I have volunteered for Farm to Table, delivering fresh food to members of our community as well as multiple projects to raise funds for Project Playscape, and various other community activities. My vision for the community of Americus is to look at each issue individually and how it affects each constituent and make decisions that are the best for the community as a whole. I look forward to continuing to build on what we've accomplished the last four years and serving as a voice for our citizens of all ages.

THE CITY OF AMERICUS HAS 2 POSITIONS ON THE COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR'S SEAT UP FOR ELECTION THIS YEAR. COTCE ELECTION THIS YEAR. Lea Hamlin Got her BSE in from Emporia State University

Meet the Candidates....

Running for the 2 council positions are Veronica Dean, incumbent Britney Hinrichs and incumbent Lea Hamlin. Council members serve a 4 year term.



Veronica Dean I have

worked for the State of Kansas since 2007 as a Abstract Section Coordinator. Currently, I work with the counties to determine their appraised tax values. I also assist with the process to set their mill levy to verify their information is charging the correct mill levy per taxing district. I assist other staff in working with Utility com-

panies. I have an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Allen County Community College. I also have an Associate Degree in Health Information Technology and a Bachelors Degree in Health Information Technology from Washburn University. I am currently an active member of the Americus Recreational Organization and the Treasurer for the Americus Fire Dept. I want to make Americus a place where my children will want to stay. We moved to this community because of how friendly and welcoming it felt. I want to continue that within the community. Before moving to Americus, I was previously a volunteer at St. Francis and Stormont Vail hospitals in Topeka. I believe that we need to find a way to bring people into our community and work towards better communication within the community. My approach to government is to do the right by the taxpayers while not overstepping the government's reach. I want the taxpayers to see the community government to become better and more open to the public. While working with other City Council members, it is best to be respectful and provide adequate respect to each member, even if without agreeing with their point of view.



**Lea Hamlin** Got her BSE in 2004 from Emporia State University and has been teaching for 16 years. Currently, she is in her 7th year at Northern Heights High School as a business/PE teacher and Athletic Director. Lea was on the committee that worked to implement Community Service as a graduation requirement for the students of Northern Heights High School. Lea has been a member

of the Americus City Council since 2008. Serving as parks "director" for the city. She has been a co-chair for Project Playscape since 2010 and served as Co-President for NLC PTO for 3 years. Lea feels that the important issues for the City are to manage the budget, maintain the current tax rate (Mill Levy) as best the council can, while finding ways to improve the City and encourage new families to move in. Listening to the concerns of our city residents is important to Lea. They are the building blocks for growth.



**Britney Hinrichs** I am the Executive Associate for Emporia State University. I do grant writing & fundraising for Project Playscape (2010 & 2012 Park Install, current Americus Ballfield Project & future splashpad) I have served as council member for 9 years, Project Playscape President for 11 years, Rep on the Fire Station Planning Board for 1 year, Americus Fire Board I am currently in my first year, Americus Lending Library at the Park, 4th year active with the NHHS Booster Club, coordinator of the Americus

Christmas Parade and Cookies with Sant Event for 8+ years. I have served on the Americus/NLC PTO for 7 years, Emporia MOPS—(Lyon County Moms) for 2 years leadership team. I believe the top issues affecting the City of Americus are our future budget, growth and improvement (residential housing, business & amenities, escaping the "bedroom community" title. Community Outreach & Event to promote growth. Follow city regulations and codes and update those outdated or that need to better meet our small community. I am very thorough in problem solving and research issues comparable prior to making a decision. I also collect opinions and experiences from community members and other council members. I am very efficient (keep in mind costs, options, weigh pros & cons). I hear both sides of issues before making a decision on how I favor. I appreciate working with other council members but also considerate of others' opinions when not aligned with my own. I work to achieve the best possible outcomes to issues, even when I may not be familiar with an issue.

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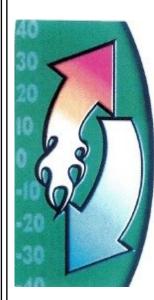
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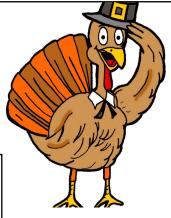
### Americus Township Library

710 Main Street/ PO BOX 404 Phone: 443-5503 Fax: 443-5218 Email: americuslibrary@gmail.com Webpage: americus.lib.nckls.org Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com

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 to goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

We have many new books for your enjoyment and will be glad to Interlibrary Loan anything you may need.

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!



We will be closed Nov. 11th to observe Veterans Day and November 25th for Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Library Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri: 1pm - 5:30pm

Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:30p Sat: 9a—12p (afternoon closed) Sunday: closed

> **Story times on Thursdays** beginning September 9th will be Grab and Go, with bags with activities and crafts for preschoolers. 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Please let us know if you are interested.

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

Call us to see how we can help!



### **Cemetery Auxiliary ATTENTION!!**

Seeking people who would like to see the Americus Cemetery look it's best! There are many gravesites that need attention beyond what the mower can do.

If interested, call Cheryl Henry at 620-366-0688



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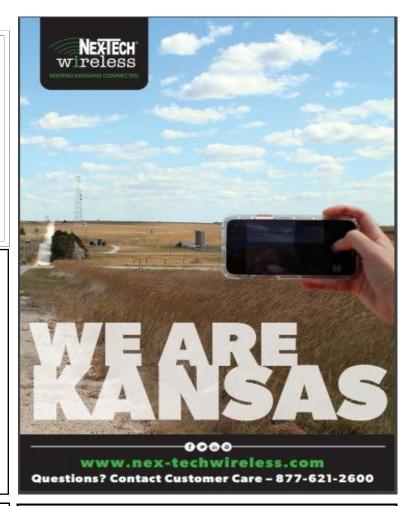
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# Monday, November 15th Online Event: 12 am - 11:59 pm

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# A day of giving for 25 charitable organizations in the greater Emporia area. The more you give, the more your favorite charities get from our \$60,000 Match Pool.

### Support These Charitable Organizations

Arvonia Historic Preservation Society Chase County Care & Compassion Camp Alexander Chase County Historical Society & Museum Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity Emporia Celebrates the Flint Hills Emporia Granada Theatre Alliance, Inc Emporia Municipal Band Emporia Sertoma Club Miniature Train FEAS (Friends of the Emporia Animal Shelter) Food for Students Friends of the Emporia Public Library Hispanics of Today & Tomorrow Humane Society of the Flint Hills Keep It A Safe Summer Taskforce Lyon County Crime Stoppers, Inc. Main Street Mommas Mount Mitchell Prairie Guards, Inc. NLC Youth Association Pioneer Bluffs

### **Project Playscape**

Team Schnak Strong Vernon H. Buck VFW Post 7957 Wade Barrett Memorial Fund

Red Rocks - William Allen White Community Partnership, Inc.

Donations accepted only on the day of the event. For more information: Call – 620-342-9304 Visit the Match Day Website – emporiamatchday.com

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put in soon. Quotes are now being collected for work to the old date by liking "Project Playscape" facebook page. Pictures shown are the installation of the light bases and our volunteers. A big thanks to our volunteers and businesses helping with the



construction.

#### New Project

Don't forget, Nov. 15th, we will be participating in Match Day for the first time! Funds raised at the

event will go towards our next big project, the Splashpad! The

splashpad will be located at the Americus Jones City Park! Watch our facebook for upcoming fundraisers and sneak





peek pics! -Project Playscape



#### Donations:

 If you are interested in a monetary donation for match day & the splashpad, please make your check payable to ECF RE: "Project Playscape", dated November 15th and mail to:

**Emporia Community Fund** Re: Project Playscape 527 Commercial St., Suite B Emporia, KS 66801 (620) 342-9304 Or drop off at Americus City Hall.

- Your donation will be matched up to \$1,000!
- You will receive a receipt for tax -deduction purposes with the tax id# from ECF.
- If you are interested in donating supplies or labor to the project, please contact Britney at projectplayscape4community@gmail.com

2021 PARADE THEME: "CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES"





THE POLAR EXPRI

# Americus Christmas Parade Saturday, December 4th, 2021

\*Cookies w/Santa Event following parade!!

# LINE UP: 6:15PM PARADE STARTS: 7PM (Corner of Main & Walnut)

Entry forms available at: Americus City Hall or by link provided on Facebook Event Page QR Code.



Questions? Contact projectplayscape4community@gmail.com

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### Project Playscape, City of Americus, & Americus Fire Dept

# Cookies with Santa Event

\*Sign up for Facebook live family giveaways. (1

entry per family)

\*First 100 kids will get a holiday book

\*First 100 kids will get a Santa Goodie Treat Bag

\*Hot Chocolate & Cookies to go (individ. packaged)

\*Emporia Arts Mobile will be at the event!

& Santa pictures!!

Drop your Santa letter in Santa's Mailbox. Be sure to include a return address, as Santa will send a reply letter.

> There will be a station where you may donate any can or non-perishable item to be given to the local Americus Food Pantry and/or donate any children's used books for the Americus Lending Library.

> > Americus Home Lighting Tour If you would like to be put on the list to share your home lighting, please email: projectplayscape4community@gmail.com. Include: Family name & address! KVOE will iudge at a later determined date.











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November Schedule 3rd & 17th December Schedule 8th & 22nd

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