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Emma Pracht
Harper Pracht
14th: Connie Boyce
18th: Linda Lee
Matt Hart
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20th: Richard Littlefield
24th: Clara Jean Fehr
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30th: Derek Wells



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Danny & Jasmine Gerleman
October 1st
Justin & Heaven Arb
October 1st
Bill & Sherry Duncan
October 2nd
Ron & Susan Redelfs
October 8th
John & Celine Whitaker
October 12th



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

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD

Library
2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 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



**Fridays from 4:00 pm till 6:00 pm
Through October 29th
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You may now subscribe to the Americus Newsletter. Subscriptions are \$1 per month. Subscriptions are for a full calendar year (\$12) with 2021 being prorated. Just drop \$2 for 2021 or \$14 for the remainder of this year and 2022 by City Hall along with the name and address the newsletter is to be sent.

Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: **620-487-5899**



05.02.21 Jesse McKee, Americus
Dog at large / no registration \$133.00
07.29.21 Sharon Hugg, Overland Park
Stop sign violation \$143.00



CRIME STOPPERS
LYON COUNTY
CALL 342-2273

Code Enforcement

September violation notices served

300 Block of Elm - Mowing
311 Elm - Mowing
407 Seventh - Mowing
503 Main - Mowing
511 Main - Mowing

The Americus Township Board would like to thank Cheryl Henry and Belle Grimsley for their hard work cleaning unreadable grave stones and plant debris in the Americus Cemetery.



LOOKS GREAT!!!

Also Thanks to Charlie McKenzie for some metal fabrication to support a broken stone.

If you are seeing extra yellow flags in the cemetery we are preparing to digitalize a map of the cemetery to make it easier to locate the graves and for families to locate their loved ones. We are also adding 5 more acres on the North side of the cemetery.



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 620-794-1197



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From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the September 14th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

RNR PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE 2022 BUDGET

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, NUESSEN, BURTON and BIRK. Council member absent was HINRICHS. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton and City Accountant Laverne Soetebier.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors present.

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

1. 2022 BUDGET: Revenue Neutral Rate. The Revenue Neutral Rate is based off of the amount raised from the previous year. The RNR for Americus was calculated as 34.203 mills. The city shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the RNR by 1.522 mills for a rate of 35.725. Resolution #284 allows the city to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Moved by BURTON to approve resolution 284. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 4-0 vote.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE 2022 BUDGET

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, NUESSEN, BURTON and BIRK. Council member absent was HINRICHS. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton and City Accountant Laverne Soetebier.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors present.

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

1. 2022 BUDGET: Proposed budget for adoption. Moved by NUESSEN to adopt the 2022 budget as present. Motion seconded by BIRK, 4-0 vote.

Move by NUESSEN to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion seconded by BURTON, 4-0 vote.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, NUESSEN, BURTON and BIRK. Council member absent was HINRICHS. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton and City Accountant Laverne Soetebier.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *August 10, 2021* Due to the lack of quorum from the August meeting, the minutes were moved to the October agenda for approval.

BILLS TO PAY: The statement from Gerald Schumann Electric is awaiting clarification. Moved by HAMLIN to pay the September bills in the amount of \$36,154.67, pending payment on Gerald Schumann Electric for explanation. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: BURTON reported from maintenance, they still have some chip and seal to do. John is keeping up with the department in Nick's absence this week.

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

Lavern left at 7:09 p.m.

- 1. PLANNING & ZONING:** *Water Dist. Membership charge & Article XIV, Section 10, No. 7 of the P&Z Code.* The Planning & Zoning Board is inquiring on the charges by RWD #1 on their membership. Research is needed on the membership costs and what comes with the membership, along with what other water districts charge for new service for comparison. Consensus to table for further research.
Article XIV, Section 10, No. 7 of the P&Z Code states the age of a modular home being moved into town can be no older than 10 years of age. The Planning and Zoning Board is recommending changing from 10 years of age to 25 years of age or going to a case-by-case basis. Legal Council recommended tabling for further research. Consensus of council to table.
- 2. NEWSLETTERS:** *Discussion on distribution.* The newsletter is currently not being mailed out. The newsletter is distributed to local business for residents to pick up. There is also a box outside of City Hall for pickup. The newsletter is also put on the city's web page. One option is to offer a subscription of \$1 month/newsletter. The subscription would be for a full year, prorated for 2021. The newsletter will also be published on the cities Facebook page.
- 3. EMPLOYEE POLICY:** *Covid pay no policy was enacted.* The city does not have a covid pay policy in place. City Clerk Marcia Johnson spoke with other communities, most require the employee to use sick leave or vacation. The League of Municipality recommended the city have a covid leave policy if the city didn't want to require the use of sick leave or vacation. At this time the council is not interested in a covid leave policy, keeping with the employee policy and procedures manual.
- 4. MAINTENANCE:** *Condition of patch on parking area in the 700 block of Main Street.* The asphalt parking on the East side of Main Street in the 700 block was replaced in 2020. The county highway department parked equipment on the newly replaced asphalt causing damage. A sealer product was placed on the area, giving one year to revisit. Matt Collins will be called to look at the area.
- 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Attorney client privileged information.* Moved by NUESSEN to go into executive session for attorney client privileged information for 10 minutes with council, legal, mayor and clerk present at 7:39. Motion seconded by HAMLIN 4-0 vote.

Back in regular session at 7:49 p.m. no action taken.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 7:49. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (as of print time)

TUESDAY, October 12, 2021 – 7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

- 1. PLANNING & ZONING:** *Water Dist. Membership charge & Article XIV, Section 10, No. 7 of the P&Z Code.*
- 2. MAINTENANCE:** *Condition of patch on parking area in the 700 block of Main Street.*
- 3. ROLLING HILLS BAR & GRILL:** *Liquor license renewal.*

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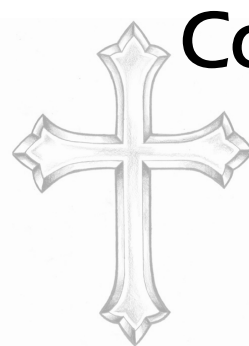
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GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

The City of Americus has 2 positions on the council and the Mayor's seat up for election this year.

Running for Mayor are Dustin Wright and Jesse McKee

Running for the 2 council positions are Britney Hinrichs, Lea Hamlin and Veronica Dean (vote for 2)

Meet the Candidates...



Veronica Dean



Lea Hamlin



Britney Hinrich is the Executive Assoc. for Emporia State University. I does grant writing & fundraising for Project Playscape (2010 & 2012 Park Install, Current-Americus Ballfield Project, & future splashpad) I have served as council member for 9 yrs. Project Playscape President 11 years. Rep on Fire Station Planning Board 1 year. Americus Fire Board (current first year) Americus Lending Library @ Park. 4th year active with the NHHS Booster Club, coordinator of the Americus Christmas Parade and Cookies with Santa Event 8+ yrs. I have served on the Americus/NLC PTO 7 yrs, Emporia MOPS - (Ly. Co. Moms) 2 yrs leadership team. I believes the top issues affecting the City of

Americus are our future budget, growth and improvement (residential housing, business, & amenities, escaping "bedroom community" title, Community Outreach & Events 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. She is very efficient (keep in mind costs, options, weigh pros & cons). I hears 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.



Jesse L. McKee, I am a sales specialist for Fastenal Company. I am currently 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.



Voter registration closes at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12th. Registration forms are available at City Hall, County Courthouse or online at;

[KSVotes.org](https://www.KSVotes.org)

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 Nov. 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 to chip and seal the streets in Americus.



Dustin Wright During my past four years a 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. 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.

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During services

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Tuesday

Saturday

October 5th
6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm.

October 23rd
10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (nursery available)

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Youth Group for grades K thru 12
6:30 p.m. Christian programs for adults

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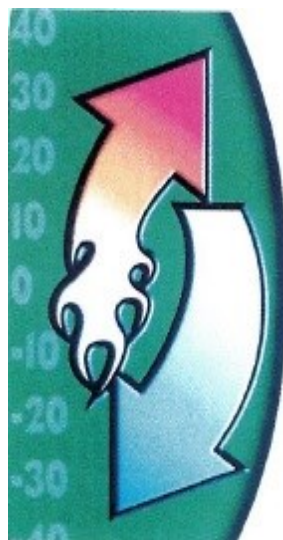


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The library is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Kansas (Topeka). When aluminum pop tabs are sent they are taken to a recycling center. The money then goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

We 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



Happy Halloween!

We have several new movies available for checkout.

Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 1pm - 5:30pm
Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:30p
Sat: 9a-12p (afternoon 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.

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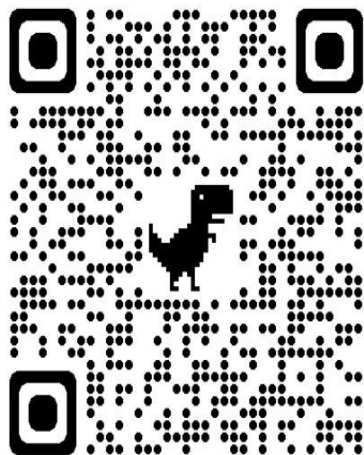


Americus Halloween Events

Follow the QR CODE below, as we will continue to have businesses and organizations add their Americus happenings on this page for Sunday, October 31st! So far:

1. Americus Fire Dept. Meal: 5pm till food runs out.
2. Harry & Lloyds Pumpkin Painting and Costume Contest. Details to come!
3. Project Playscape: Books & Treats giveaway. Details to come!

Want to participate in providing a fun activity? Contact projectplayscape4community@gmail.com





Emporia Area **MATCH DAY**

Monday, November 15th

Online Event: 12 am - 11:59 pm

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Main Street Mommas
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NLC Youth Association
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October Schedule
6th & 20th

November Schedule
3rd & 17th

City Hall

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