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- 19th - David Jones
- 20th - Richard Littlefield
- 24th - Clara Jean Fehr
- 28th - Bradley Elbert
- 30th - Derek Wells
- 31st - Jena Johnson



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



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October 1st

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

Robert & Linda Clark
October 24th



Americus Police Department

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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.



Remember;

Grass clippings on the roadway pose a danger to cyclists. Please be considerate and don't discharge clippings on the roadway.

From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the September 13th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

MINUTES
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HINRICHS, BURTON, and HARMON. Council members HAMLIN and NUESSEN were absent. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, maintenance Nick Gadino, and City Accountant Laverne Soetebier. NUESSEN arrived at 7:02 p.m.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors present.

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

- 2023 BUDGET: Revenue Neutral Rate.** The Revenue Neutral Rate is based on the amount raised from the previous year. The RNR for Americus was calculated as 32.412 mills. The city shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the RNR by 2.913 mills for a rate of 35.325. Resolution #288 allows the city to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Moved by BURTON to approve resolution 288. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote. A vote on the resolution was taken by a roll call vote.

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

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VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors present.

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

- 2023 BUDGET: Proposed budget for adoption.** Moved by HARMON to adopt the 2023 budget as presented. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote.

MINUTES
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 – FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARINGS
CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HINRICHS, NUESSEN, BURTON, and HARMON. Council member HAMLIN was absent. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, maintenance Nick Gadino, and City Accountant Laverne Soetebier.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: *Jeff Shirley.* Mr. Shirley was present to express concern over the ad valorem tax notice that was sent out by the county. Mr. Shirley left at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *August 9, 2022 business meeting & August 16, 2022 special meeting* Moved by NUESSEN to approve the minutes for the August meetings. Motion seconded by BURTON. 3-0-1 vote. HINRICHS abstained. Laverne left at 7:18 p.m.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HARMON to pay the September bills in the amount of \$39,715.15. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: HINRICHS reported that they are almost finished with the fencing. The shelter house is up, the plumbing is all done, and the lights are all functional. Project Playscape will be kicking-off fundraisers for the next couple of months as we will be able to use any funds raised for Match Day. There will be a volunteer weekend to put bleachers together at the ballfield.

MAINTENANCE: They have been busy working on mowing, spraying, and weed-eating. Chip and seal is almost complete for the year, there are just a few areas to touch up.

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

1. **CRASE TRAINING:** *(Civilian response to active shooter events)* This course was designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004, providing strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, and considerations for conducting drills. There was some interest in the training course. HINRICHS will check more into it. This would be available for a training session with the council and fire department.
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Non-elected personnel matters* Moved by HINRICHS to go into executive session at 7:26 p.m. not to exceed 10 minutes with council, mayor, and legal present to discuss non-elected personnel matters. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.
Out of executive session at 7:31 p.m.

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

AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 Americus City Hall 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *September 13th meetings*

BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

MAINTENANCE:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

1. **MATCH DAY:**
2. **ROLLING HILLS:** *Liquor license renewal*

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NEW POLICY in effect:

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 as to not interfere with maintenance. We appreciate your cooperation.

To contact the City of Americus after hours, please call **620.443.5655** and leave a detailed message.

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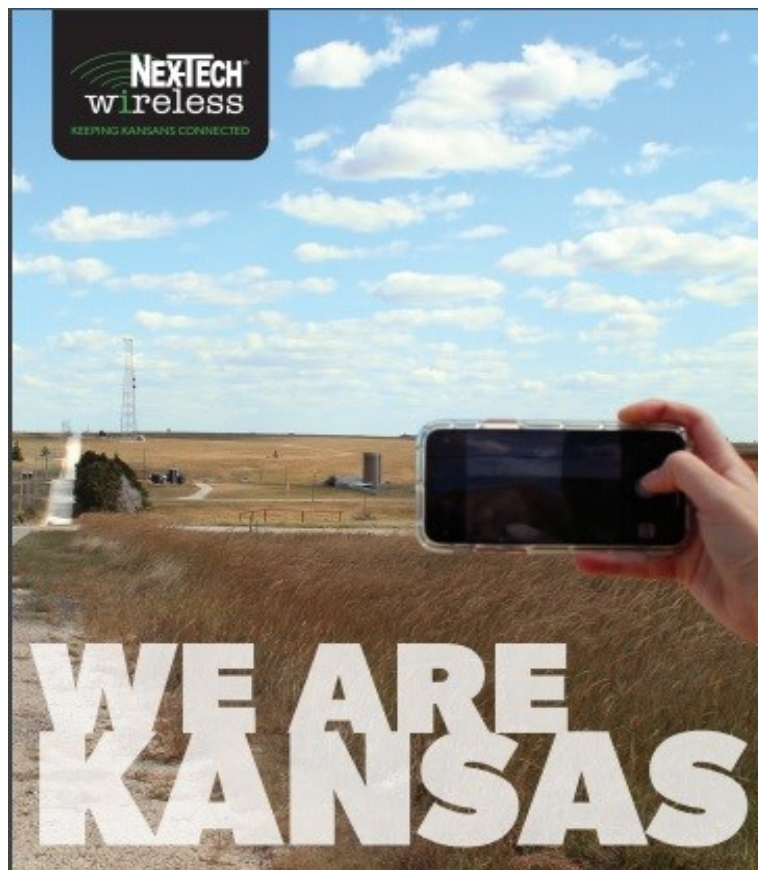


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FALL IS A TIME OF BEAUTY

Finally, it's fall! We have waited such a long time for this season. The temperature is cooling, the tree leaves are turning colors, and a sense of calmness is in the air.

Life is great!

This brings to mind a well-known hymn that expresses it so well;

"For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies; For the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise".

(Tina English)

See you in Church this Sunday!

Countryside Baptist Church

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m

6 First Street, Americus Ks.

Pastor Rich Arnold



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters**



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- ✔ Individual, couple, or family match options
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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

October 4th
6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm.

October 15th
10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

Open to anyone in need. No Restrictions.
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Social distancing practices will be in place. Open to those living in USD 251 school district only.

**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.

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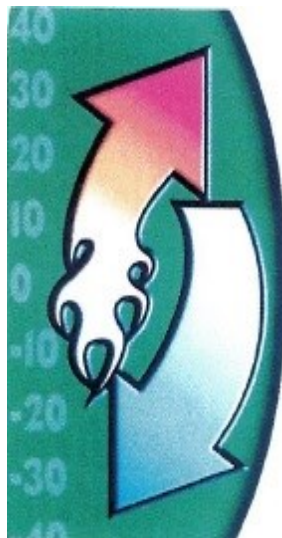


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Library Hours:

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

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.

Preschool Story time will begin Thursday **September 1st** from 10:00 to 10:30

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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Emporia Area
**MATCH
DAY**



Here's How It Works

Emporia Area Match Day on Monday, November 14, 2022 holds an incredible opportunity for nonprofit organizations within the greater Emporia area. On that day, your contributions will be matched on a prorated basis. To date, there will be \$70,000 in matching funds from: Clint Bowyer 79 Fund; Jane & Bernard Reeble Endowed Fund; Preston Family Trust; Trusler Foundation; W.S. & E.C. Jones Testamentary Trust; Nick and Jan Laurent/Fred and Paula Neuer; Emporia Lodge No.12, A.F. & A.M.; and the Emporia Community Foundation from the Fund for the Future.

Here's how it works:

Donate online for 24 hours that day only. Donations may also be dropped off at the ECF Office that day from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Date: Monday, November 14, 2022

Time: Online 24 hours

Web Address: www.emporiamatchday.com to donate online

- The money earned by each non-profit group is an outright donation and may be used as they wish. Some may choose to put it in their fund with the Emporia Community Foundation for future use or they may choose to use it for day-to-day operating expenses.
- Cash or check donations may be dropped off at the ECF Office the day of the event. Individuals are encouraged to visit the organization pages on the Match Day website to learn about their activities. When donating by check, please make one check payable to Emporia Community Foundation on one form and indicate which nonprofit(s) will benefit.
- Credit card gifts will be made online. Simply sign in on this site and complete the form.

The majority of the participating Match Day nonprofit organizations have a fund with the Emporia Community Foundation. These funds are very beneficial for the future of non-profit organizations, but each one still faces monthly expenses. They still need contributions to their annual campaigns. Emporia Match Day is an opportunity to support their activities and enrich their programs for even greater impact for years to come.

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| \$ _____ Bloom House Youth Services | \$ _____ Main Street Mommas |
| \$ _____ Camp Alexander | \$ _____ Mount Mitchell Prairie Guards, Inc. |
| \$ _____ Chase County Care & Compassion | \$ _____ NLC Youth Association |
| \$ _____ Chase County Historical Society & Museum | \$ _____ Olpe Downhome |
| \$ _____ Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity | \$ _____ Pioneer Bluffs |
| \$ _____ Emporia Celebrates the Flint Hills | \$ _____ Project Playscape |
| \$ _____ Emporia Eastside Community Group | \$ _____ Red Rocks - WAW Community Partnership, Inc |
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| \$ _____ Food for Students | \$ _____ Vernon H. Buck VFW Post 7957 |
| \$ _____ Friends of the Emporia Public Library | \$ _____ Volland Foundation, Inc. |
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October Schedule
5th & 19th
November Schedule
2nd & 16th

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