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- 7th - Dr. Scott Gordon
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- 9th - Trey Rathke
 - Ava Matile
 - Logan Centlivre
 - Lee Lowder
- 11th - Brooke Wilson
- 12th - Cheryl Henry
 - Emma Pracht
 - Harper Pracht
- 14th - Connie Boyce
- 18th - Linda Lee
 - Matt Hart
- 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

City Hall

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 Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.

RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia

Stan & Connie Stewart
October 1st

Danny & Jasmine
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October 1st

Justin & Heaven Arb
October 1st

Bill & Sherry Duncan
October 2nd

Lee & Rae Lowder
October 7th

Ron & Susan Redelfs
October 8th

Jeremiah & Kristy Ciero
October 8th

John & Celine Whitaker
October 12th

Robert & Linda Clark
October 24th



Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899



KNOW YOUR SPEED

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



Code Enforcement

Violation Notices Served

All structures, residential or business shall have house numbers affixed to them indicating the physical address of such structure. The numbers shall be a minimum of four inches in height. The numbers shall be affixed so as to be visible from the street frontage. Violations shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$25.00 for said violation and each continuing violation thereafter.

From City Hall:

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

MINUTES

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 – 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, NUESSEN, HAMLIN, and HARMON. Council member BURTON was absent.

Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: J.D. Chanley, Kassey McKee

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

1. 2024 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 32.105 mills. The city shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the RNR by 3.15 mills for a rate of 35.255. Resolution #296 allows the city to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Moved by HARMON to approve resolution 296. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote. A vote on the resolution was taken by a roll call vote.

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

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

1. 2024 BUDGET: Proposed budget for adoption. Moved by HAMLIN to adopt the 2024 budget as presented.

Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

MINUTES

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 – FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARINGS

CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HINRICHS, NUESSSEN, HAMLIN, and HARMON. Council member BURTON was absent.

Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 8, 2023 public hearing and August 8, 2023 business meeting. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the minutes for the August 8 th public hearing. Motion seconded by NUESSSEN, 4-0 vote. Moved by HARMON to approve the minutes from the August 8 th business meeting. Motion seconded by NUESSSEN, 4-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHS to pay the September bills in the amount of \$35,048.30. Motion seconded by HARMON, 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: No report

MAINTENANCE: They are continuing to work on chip/seal and keeping up with mowing and weed-eating.

CLERK: No report

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

1. NLC CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CLASS: Mr. Chanley and Kassey McKee are here on behalf of the NLC Civic Engagement elective. They want to give back to the community through the class and would like input from the council on some things that would be helpful. They are partnering with the Methodist Church in Americus and will be doing a food drive for the food pantry and they will also be going over to Reading. There are some community events that will be coming up that might need some volunteers. Some other ideas from the council are to replant flowers, “adopt” places around town or have a book drive for the lending library at the park. Mr. Chanley will talk with his students and reach out with some ideas that they come up with.

Mr. Chanley and Kassey left at 7:20 p.m.

2. STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE: Adoption of Ordinance #617 Moved by NUESSSEN to adopt Ordinance #617 (Standard Traffic Ordinance). Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote.

3. UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE ORDINANCE: Adoption of Ordinance #618 Moved by NUESSSEN to adopt Ordinance #618 (Uniform Public Offense Code). Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote.

4. TIME CLOCK: The shop is in need of a new time clock; the ribbon has been changed and you still can’t read certain numbers. The mayor authorized expenditures of up to \$500 to purchase a new time clock for the city shop. Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote.

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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.



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SERVING GOD

It seems like people are less religious than in the past. Maybe we are too busy to bother with God– or we have just forgotten all the things He has done for us. Think about this: What if God forgot about you?

For me, as I get older, I want to serve God more. “ Our work for God is never done; but at some point our work draws to a close.” Makes me think of the hymn; “I’ll work till Jesus comes.”

How about you?

He comforts us whenever we suffer. That is why whenever other people suffer, we are able to comfort them...” (2 Corinthians 1:4)

Countryside Baptist Church
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m

6 First Street, Americus Ks.
Pastor Rich Arnold



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620-443-5655.



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

October 3rd

October 21st

6:00pm. - 7:30 pm.

9:30 am. - 11:00am.

We welcome any nonperishable donations. Drop off on the parsonage porch or contact the church at 620.443.5371. Thank you to the community for all donations

Social distancing practices will be in place. Open to those living in USD 251 school district.

**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

Just a thought: It is interesting to see how people respond to growing older. Aging brings us aches, but also provides memories of family and friends. And 'Wondrous memories of what God has done for us'.

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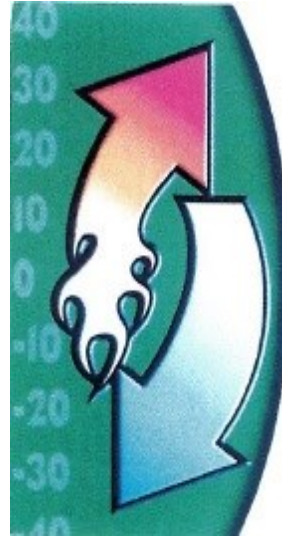


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Americus Township Library

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Webpage: americus.lib.nckls.org
Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com

Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:30-5:00pm
Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm
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
Thursdays 10:00 to 10:30 am

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!



Many Adult and Children's books for sale
Price: Free will donation

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

Call us to see how we can help!

DONATE TO THESE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Arvonnia Historic Preservation Society
 Baby Closet of Emporia, KS
 Camp Alexander
 Chase County Care & Compassion
 Chase County Historical Society & Museum
 Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity
 Emporia Children's Choir
 Emporia Eastside Community Group
 Emporia First Friday Art Walk
 Emporia Municipal Band
 FEAS dba Flint Hills Animal Advocates
 Food for Students
 Friends of the Emporia Public Library
 FUMC School Supply Project
 Greenwood Preservation Society
 Hispanics of Today and Tomorrow
 House of Morrow
 KS Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Lyon County
 Latimer Lutheran Church Preservation Society
 Lyon County Crime Stoppers
 Lyon County Historical Society / History Center
 Main Street Mommas
 Mount Mitchell Prairie Guards
 Newman Regional Health Volunteers
 NLC Youth Association
 No Coast Film Fest
 Olpe Downhome
 Pink Gravel
 Pioneer Bluffs
 Project Playscape
 Red Rock - WAW Community Partnership
 Strong City Preservation Society
 Team Schnak Strong Fund
 Vernon H. Buck VFW Post 7957
 Wade Barrett Memorial Fund



MATCH DAY

**Monday,
November 13, 2023**



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4th & 18th
November Schedule
8th & 21st

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