



NEWSLETTER

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What's Happening

Fall Clean Up Days: Sept 28 - Oct 4. Dumpster will be at the city maintenance shop at 560 Cherry St.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 25th from 2:00p - 4:00p on the 700 block of Main St. Bring the kids and come enjoy the event!



STAY CONNECTED!



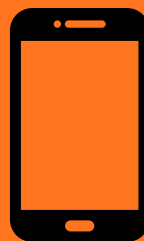
Scan the QR code to stay informed on the latest updates and news from the city of Americus.

- City announcements
- Event Updates
- Community news

Important Information

Trash bags do not belong in the recycle. Please empty bags before putting recycle in bin.

We are having issues with trees hanging into the roads. Reminder, trees need to be trimmed 14' above the road. We suggest if you are trimming them to go to 18' to avoid rapid regrowth.



- **Open the Camera app on your phone.**
- **Hold your phone so that QR code appears in view.**
- **Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.**
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Happy Birthday

2nd - Mary Littlefield
3rd - Olivia Delong
5th - Griffin Wilson
6th - Grace Kellison
7th - Dr. Scott Gordon
8th - Susan Redelfs
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
26th - Kiazer Ruhl
28th - Bradley Elbert
30th - Derek Wells
31st - Jena Johnson



Happy Anniversary

Stan & Connie Stewart
October 1st
Danny & Jasmine Gerleman
October 1st
Justin & Heaven Arb
October 1st
Bill & Sherry Duncan
October 2nd
Ron & Susan Redelfs
October 8th
Jeremiah & Kristy Ciero
October 8th
John & Celine Whitaker
October 12th
Robert & Linda Clark
October 24th

Quote of the Month

"You have to accept whatever comes, and the only important thing is that you meet it with the best you have to give."

— Eleanor Roosevelt

Birthday: October 11



October



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28 *Fall Clean Up Days Sept 28 – Oct 4*	29	30	1	2 Farmers Market	3
4	5	6 Food Pantry	7  	8	9 Farmers Market	10
11	12	13 Council Meeting	14 	15	16 Farmers Market	17
18	19	20	21  	22	23 Farmers Market	24 Food Pantry
25	26	27	28 	29	30 Farmers Market	31



Call us to reserve
a place for your
party needs!

AMERICUS
Community Center

516 Locust Street ~ Americus, KS 66835
For reservations call City Hall at 620-366-5464

**For more information on renting the
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call Americus City Hall at 620-366-5464**

AMERICUS RECYCLE TRAILER

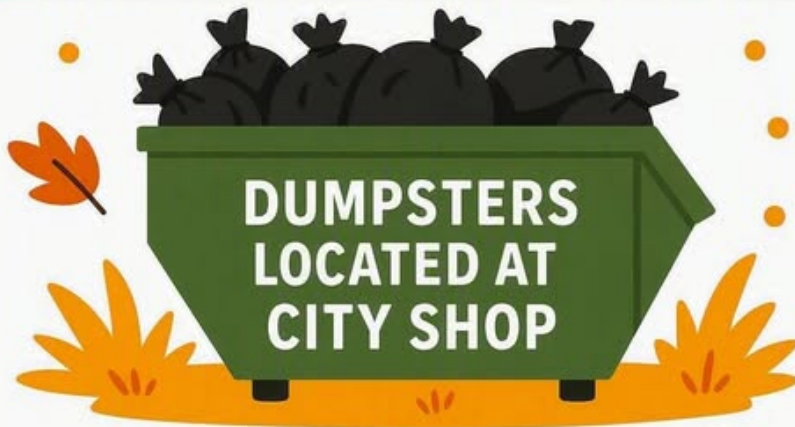
Located behind City Hall
Empty trash containers/bags into bins,
do not dispose of plastic bags in the
recycle bins

LYON COUNTY RECYCLE TRAILER

Located on south side of school gym.
Recycle Items only.
Please break down all boxes and
rinse all containers

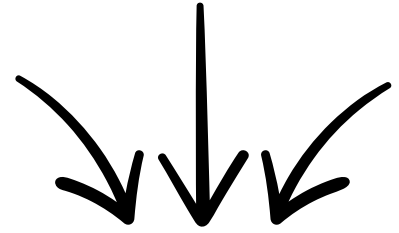
FALL CLEAN UP

SEPTEMBER 28th - OCTOBER 4th



560 CHERRY ST. 

DUMPSTERS WILL BE LABELED
WITH WHAT IS ACCEPTED



The following items will NOT be accepted:

- batteries (standard and lithium)
- chemicals
- tires
- fluorescent light bulbs
- bulk wood
- bulk yard waste
- appliances containing freon

There is a camera on premises and we will be checking for these items.

Thank you for your cooperation!



\$3.00 / Dozen

Robert and Linda Clark

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Americus United Methodist Church



413 Walnut, Americus, KS

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Email: pastor.americus@gmail.com

Worship Service
Sunday at 8:00 am

During services a nursery is available.
We invite all to join us.



Facebook: Americus UMC



USD 251: VOTE YES ON NOV. 3

INVEST IN A STRONGER FUTURE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

On November's ballot, USD 251 voters will consider a two-question bond proposal to invest in safe, modern facilities for our students and community.

QUESTION 1 — \$25,950,254

A new high school adjacent to our current K-8 facility, creating a connected campus and a modern learning environment for our students.

QUESTION 2 — \$5,188,836

A new athletic complex near the schools, providing updated facilities for athletics and activities.

Question 2 will move forward only if Question 1 passes.

TOTAL: \$31,139,090 OVER 30 YEARS

OUR KIDS DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DREAM BIG

Our children only get one childhood. They deserve to learn in places that make them feel proud, supported, and ready for what comes next. They deserve classrooms where they can grow, spaces where they can discover their passions, and facilities where they can compete with pride.

This isn't just about buildings. It's about the experiences we are creating for the next generation of Wildcats.

Let's give our kids facilities that match the future we want for them.

Let's invest in them.

Let's invest in their future.

Let's invest in USD 251.

VOTE YES — OUR KIDS ARE WORTH IT.

Calculate how much your property taxes will be based on Question 1 passing and if Questions 1 and 2 pass.



Scan for
Tax Calculator

You'll need your appraised value and will need to select the correct property type: Residential, Commercial, or Agricultural

Be sure to select the category that applies to your property!

For reference, the average appraised value in North Lyon County is \$156,300. At that value, the calculator shows an estimated increase of about:

\$305 per year if Question 1 passes

\$377 per year if both Question 1 and Question 2 pass

Upcoming Informational Meetings

October 3 at 10:00am

Public Meeting at NLC Elementary

October 8 at 5:00, 5:30 & 6:00pm

Tour the NLC Elementary School!

October 28 at 6:30pm:

Public Meeting at Northern Heights High School

LEARN MORE: USD251.ORG/PAGE/USD-251-BOND-INFORMATION

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MORE & GET CONNECTED!**



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PAID FOR BY USD 251 TOGETHER COMMITTEE, NANCY WELLS TREASURER



A New High School
 A modern high school designed for the students of USD 251 — with learning spaces built to support today's students and the generations of Wildcats who come after them.
 Proposed location: Adjacent to our current K–8 facility



A New Athletic Complex
 A dedicated athletic complex designed to provide our students with updated spaces to compete, participate, and build memories together.

Proposed location: Near our schools
 The athletic complex would move forward only if Question 1 passes.

PICTURE THE POSSIBILITIES.

New spaces.

New opportunities.

New memories.

A future our kids can be proud of.

They deserve a place that inspires them to dream about where they can go next.



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- BE THE DIFFERENCE

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Include your name and your why!



YOUTH SPORTS. STRONGER TOGETHER.
STRONG KIDS. STRONG COMMUNITY.



PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

City Hall

2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

MUNICIPAL COURT

City Hall

2nd Wednesday @ 3:00 p. m.

AMERICUS RECREATION

City Hall

October 7TH @ 5:30 p.m.

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD

Library

4th Monday @ 5:30 p.m.

FIRE BOARD MEETING

Library

2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 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

AGENDA

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 – 7 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 8, 2026, Business Meeting

BILLS TO PAY:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PARKS & REC :

MAINTENANCE:

CLERK:

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

1. ROLLING HILLS LIQUOR LICENSE: Renewal

2. PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

1. Cookies with Santa:

2. Court equipment

3. COMMUNITY SURVEY:

4. SEWER BID: Community Center line replacement

5. CHAIRS: Community Center

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters

MINUTES AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

CITY HALL 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Nuessen. Council members present were NUESSEN, HARMON, GERLEMAN, and HINRICHS. Also present was City Clerk Dodie Doudna and Code Enforcement Justin Arb.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

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

1. RESOLUTION 313: Moved by HINRICHS to approve Resolution 313. Motion seconded by GERLEMAN. 4-0 Vote

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters. Moved by HARMON to go into executive session for 20 minutes with Council present starting at 6:01 PM. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 Vote. Moved by HARMON to extend 10 minutes adding legal to the session. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 Vote. Moved by HINRICHS to extend 10 minutes with Council present.

Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 Vote. Out of executive session at 6:41 PM. No action taken.

Moved by HINRICHS to adjourn at 6:42 PM. Motion seconded by GERLEMAN. 4-0 Vote

MINUTES AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

CITY HALL 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Wright. Council members present were NUESSEN, HARMON, GERLEMAN, BURTON, and HINRICHS. Also present was City Clerk Dodie Doudna and City Attorney Steve Atherton.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

ADOPT THE AGENDA: : Moved by HINRICHS to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 Vote

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters. Moved by BURTON to go into executive session for 15 minutes with Council, Mayor, and Legal present starting at 6:01 PM for non-elected personnel matters. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 Vote. Moved by BURTON to extend executive session for 15 minutes, same members present. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 Vote. No action taken.

Moved by HINRICHS to adjourn at 6:36 PM. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 Vote

FROM CITY HALL

MINUTES

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL - BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 - 7 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Absent: HINRICHS. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor WRIGHT. Council members present were NUESSEN, GERLEMAN, BURTON, and HARMON. HINRICHS was absent. Also present, Attorney Steve Atherton, Clerk Dodie Doudna, Code Enforcement Justin Arb

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Robert Blair, Chris Rush, Devin Holloway, Jasmine Gerleman, Connie Vantuyl, Kim Meyers, Duane Billinger, Kayeloni Davidson, Stephen Davidson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 11, 2026, Business Meeting, August 20, 2026, Special Meeting, August 24, 2026, Special Meeting, September 1, 2026, Special Meeting. Moved by NUESSEN to approve August 11, 2026, Budget Hearing/Business Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 Vote. Moved by NUESSEN to approve August 20, 2026, Special Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 Vote. Moved by NUESSEN to approve August 24, 2026, Special Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0-1 vote. Moved by NUESSEN to approve September 1, 2026, Special Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by GERLEMAN. 4-0 Vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by BURTON to approve the September bills in the amount of 20,275.38. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 Vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: None

MAINTENANCE: Dealing with the heat, mowing caught up. Mulch from county, put in parks.

CLERK: Clerk reported that the leather chairs in the community building are growing mold. Advised to quote new chairs for October meeting. Advised that clerk could be out part of next week for jury duty.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: none

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by BURTON to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 Vote.

1. BOB BLAIR: Bond update. Robert Blair gave school bond proposal update. Successful bond issue would close Broadway street. Presented survey results with boards recommendations. 2 questions on the ballot, construction of high school, new athletic complex. Council will wait to act on road closure until after the November election. Will discuss possibility of annexation of property of sports complex if the bond passes.

2. TRUNK or TREAT: Kim Meyers request for fund. Kim requested funds for the annual Trunk or Treat. Moved by HARMON to give \$500 to the Trunk or Treat event. Motion seconded by GERLEMAN. 4-0 Vote.

3. DUMPSTER PROS: Tree Trimming. Requesting trees be trimmed off of the street as currently causing problems for the trash truck. Will give Justin the list to send letters to the homeowners. 312 orange is causing issues with potholes. Advised clerk to put something in the newsletter regarding keeping trees trimmed off of the road.

4. FALL CLEANUP: Set days for Fall Clean Up set date. Council set Fall Clean Up days to be September 28- October 5, 2026. Not to exceed \$3000 in total fees.

5. DEVIN HOLLOWAY: 1207 First St., sewer access. Devin discussed building a house on the North end of First St. Would like to put a 6 inch sewer line instead of 4 inch, if city would share cost. This would allow more homes to be built in that area and have sewer access. Devin will gather information on how many feet and approximate cost to council.

6. LARRY EDMISTON: Mowing orders. Larry did not attend. Council discussed changing how mowing exemptions read currently. Clerk will place mowing exemptions on the January agenda to discuss in more detail.

7. COMMUNITY CENTER: Carpet cleaning and plumbing issues. Council advised to collect bids to replace sewer lines. Council advised to collect bids for carpet cleaning.

8. RESOLUTION 314: Amending Personnel Policies and Guidelines. Moved by BURTON to adopt Resolution 314. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 Vote.

9. RESOLUTION 315: Resolution designating the Americus Kansas Website as the official city newspaper. Moved by BURTON to adopt Resolution 315. Motion seconded by GERLEMAN. 4-0 Vote.

10. TEMP CMB LICENSE: Harry & Lloyds- 620 Main Moved by NUESSEN to approve temporary CMB License to Harry & Lloyds on September 19, 2026 at 620 Main St. Motion seconded by GERLEMAN. 3-0-1 Vote.

11. ARO UPDATE: Review meeting that Kayla had with ARO. Kayla has attended two meetings. Made a lot of progress. Article for ARO needs to be updated. Items that the city can help with are as follows: mail, record keeping, collecting registrations. Discussed adding a city employee to bank account to be able to pay bills. Discussed using Youth Betterment fund to help replace some equipment. Storage of equipment was discussed; old pool house for baseball/softball equipment, city building storage can be utilized, and football equipment is stored at the school. Current ARO members would like to increase from 5 members to a 7-member board. Ashley Darbro has resigned as Board President. Mayor WRIGHT appointed the following members to ARO Board: Jasmine Gerleman, Kyle Lococo, Connie Vantuyl, Dillon Horton, Candice Fields and new member Courtney Welch. Mayor WRIGHT appointed Denisha Seiter as Treasurer of ARO.

12. CONDEMNATION LIST: 507 Elm and 410 Cherry, next steps. 507 Elm contractors- overgrowth was bad. Every contacted about trees in lines. 410 Cherry- 30-day notice will be given to remove inside cats from property.

13. APPOINTMENTS: Animal Control Officer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Mayor WRIGHT appointed Justin Arb as Animal Control Officer and Denisha Seiter as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters. Moved by BURTON to go into executive session at 7:53 for 20 minutes for non-elected personnel matters, inviting council, mayor, and legal. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 Vote. Out of executive session at 8:09 PM, no action taken.

Moved by BURTON to adjourn at 8:09 PM. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 Vote.



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

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on the west side of the park.

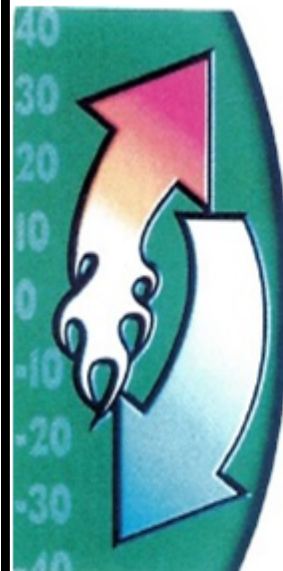
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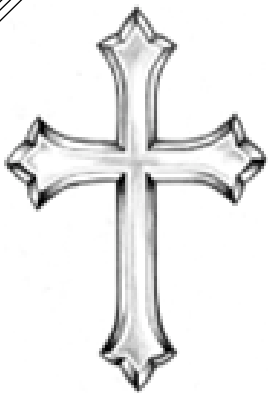
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Americus Community Food Pantry

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Tuesday

October 6th

6:00pm- 7:30 pm

Saturday

October 24th

9:30 am-
11:00am

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Starts Sept. 3rd



The Crayon Initiative
Ask for details!

Watch our Facebook page and
signs on the front door for
information on closure and times



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.