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- 9th- Scott Anderson
- 10: Todd Soetebier
- 11th - Mitchel Redelfs
- 12th - Alex Gadino
- 14th - Tim Delcamp
- 15th - Ashley Goddard
- 16th - Elizabeth Smith
 Randy Redelfs
 Sophia Posey
- 17th - Glen Shearer
- 18th - John McElfresh
- 19th - Mary Beth Horton
- 20th - Mekenzy Lucas
- 21st - Travis Finney
 Jason Way
- 23rd - Natalie Leffler
- 25th - Peyton Heins
- 26th - Gary Myers
- 27th - Mark Siess
- 29th - Gail Lee
 Hayli Gerkin
- 30th - Christina Zumbrum

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

Jody & Kim Meyers

September 10th

Travis & Angela Richard

September 12th

Mark & Rene Dixon

September 19th

Josh & Jana Smart

September 21st



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 August 8th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

MINUTES

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023

CITY HALL
PUBLIC HEARING
7:00 PM

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

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Corbin Spellman, Cheryl Greenwood, Josh Smart, Veronica Dean, Jessica Mosby, Donna Mosby, and Megan Dye

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HAMLIN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

1) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Condemnation

a) **409 Broadway:** Americus Properties. The following conditions were found to exist by the city: 1) The foundation is in poor condition and in need of repair. 2) The porch is caving in. 3) The unsightly appearance of the property constitutes a blight to the adjoining property, neighborhood, and city. 4) Property is vacant. The property owner states that the porch has been removed and the steps are up against the house. She is requesting time to fix the issues. She is planning on new siding, a new roof, painting, and a new door for the back of the house. Moved by HAMLIN to include the findings including securing the structure of any openings that would allow for varmints and rodents to enter and give the property owner 12 months from the date of the building permit pulled on 3/28/23, no later than April 9, 2024 to remedy the conditions within a resolution. An inspection is to be performed by the city at the end of the 12 months. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

b) 1010 Main: Greenwood. The following conditions were found to exist by the city: 1) Roof over the hot tub has fallen in. 2) Gutter and eaves are in very poor condition and falling off in some areas. 3) The property has a very large amount of trash and debris in the yard, this is a hazard and will attract pests/vermin. 4) There are vines and small trees growing into the chain link fence, the property as a whole is very overgrown. 5) The interior appears to be completely covered in trash. 6) The property as a whole is in extensive general disrepair. 7) The unsightly appearance of the property constitutes a blight to the adjoining property, neighborhood, and city. The property owner states fence gates have been put back up and locked with no trespassing signs, there are no open doors, windows, or holes. She was not aware of how extreme the condition of the house had gotten as she was not in charge of the upkeep. HARMON asked what her ultimate goal for the house would be. She would like time to have a contractor come and look and possibly fix issues. Moved by HAMLIN to include the findings to include 1) contacting a contractor to come and look at the house and keep the city updated on progress. 2) Keep the yard maintained and free of debris. 3) Keep the structure secure from any openings that would allow for varmints and rodents to enter and give the property owner 6 months, or no later than February 13, 2024 to remedy the conditions within a resolution. An inspection is to be performed by the city at the end of the 6 months. Motion seconded by BURTON, 5-0 vote.

Corbin Spellman, Cheryl Greenwood, Josh Smart, and Megan Dye left at 7:30 pm.

c) 1021 Main: Mosby. The following conditions were found to exist by the city: 1) The roof has been left to deteriorate, shingles are in extremely poor condition. There is a hole in the roof. 2) The foundation is in poor condition. 3) The property has an excessive amount of trash and debris in the yard and outbuilding. 4) The siding in several areas needs to be replaced and the paint is in very poor condition. 5) The property as a whole is in extensive general disrepair. 6) The unsightly appearance of the property constitutes a blight to the adjoining property, neighborhood, and city. 7) Property is vacant. The property owner states there are shingles at the house for the roof and the yard has been cleaned up some. They also state they are aware the house is in very bad condition. She would like time to either repair if possible or tear down themselves. Moved by HAMLIN to include the findings and give the property owner 6 months or no later than February 13, 2024 to remedy the conditions or tear down within a resolution. An inspection is to be performed by the city at the end of the 6 months. Motion seconded by HARMON, 5-0 vote.

Donna and Jessica Mosby left at 7:42 pm.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn the public hearing at 7:42 P.M. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.

MINUTES

**AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023**

**CITY HALL
BUSINESS MEETING
FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, HARMON, HINRICHS, NUESSEN, and BURTON. Also, present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, City Attorney Steve Atherton, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 13, 2023 and July 11 business meetings. Moved by HINRICHS to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 business meeting. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0-2 vote. HAMLIN and HARMON abstained. Moved by NUESSEN to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 business meeting. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 4-0-1 vote. HINRICHS abstained.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HAMLIN to approve the accounts payable for August 2023 in the amount of \$107,283.56. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: HINRICHS asked Nick to check on the well pump at the ballfield and make sure it is working properly. Council would like to have a fence installed around the pump house. HINRICHS will get with Mark at Richmor Lawncare and see if he has a grid pattern for the sprinkler heads.

MAINTENANCE: Working on chip/seal. Next summer we will need to hire a full-time person. Will need to check and see what age you have to be for insurance to cover working with heavy machinery.

CLERK: No report

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HAMLIN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 5-0 vote.

1. COLLEGE BLOCK: One bid was received at City Hall for the building of roads. The bid received was from Coffman Construction for \$88,900.00, this bid includes the three roads surrounding College Block. Hickory, Sycamore, and Third Streets. This bid also includes stripping all topsoil, shaping ditches and roadways with crown, easement drainage ditches with parallel sides, and AB-3 base rock with 6" depth. Moved by BURTON to accept the bid from Coffman Construction for \$88,900.00 using the remaining ARPA funds and carry over from Special Highway contingent on approval from the accountant that funds are available. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

**AGENDA
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

- CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
- VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
- ADOPT THE AGENDA:
- 1. 2024 BUDGET: Revenue Neutral Rate

**AGENDA
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARING**

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

- CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
- VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
- ADOPT THE AGENDA:
- 1. 2024 BUDGET: Proposed budget for adoption.

**AGENDA
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING**

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 – FOLLOWING BUDGET HEARINGS

CITY HALL

- CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
- VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 8 th business meeting
- BILLS TO PAY:
- REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
- PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:
- MAINTENANCE:
- CLERK:
- ADOPT THE AGENDA
- 1. STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE: Adoption of Ordinance #617
- 2. UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE ORDINANCE: Adoption of Ordinance #618
- 3. TIME CLOCK:

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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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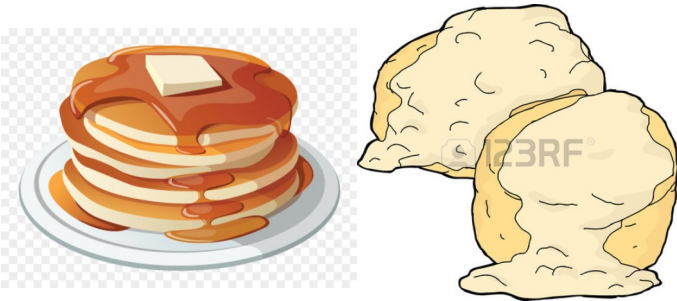
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pm**

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THE SKY IS FALLING!

I heard that we are all doomed because the glaciers are melting and the earth will be flooded in 10 years. But, that was back in 2012. Now, I'm hearing that each day is a record setting hot day for the earth. That's scary until you learn these earth-wide records only date back to 1979.

Telling 'untruths' was once the domain of politicians. Remember when our concern with biology teaching was about evolution? Not now. Now we are 'non-binary persons'. Does anyone tell the truth?

(The Devil) does not stand for truth...for the truth is not in him." (John 8:44). Jesus said to him, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

Countryside Baptist Church
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Pastor Rich Arnold



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620-443-5371

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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

September 5th September 23rd
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

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Just a thought: Does anyone tell the truth anymore? Listening to some of the folks on TV makes me want to get out the old bar of soap- 'lye soap'.

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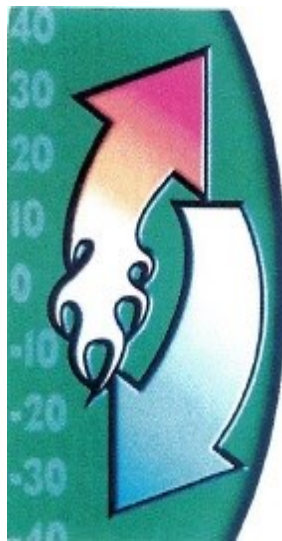


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Library Hours:

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.

Closed September 4th for Labor Day

Many Children's books for sale
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Preschool Story Time begins
September 7th



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September Schedule
6th & 20th
October Schedule
4th & 18th

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