

NEWSLETTER

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Greetings

I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I am a mother of three kiddos, 16, 12, and 8 months. Starting over has been a fun adventure so far! My fiancé and I get married next month and I can't wait! I am so excited for this opportunity to join a great community. I'm looking forward to meeting you all as you call the office or come by.

Denisha

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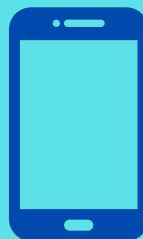
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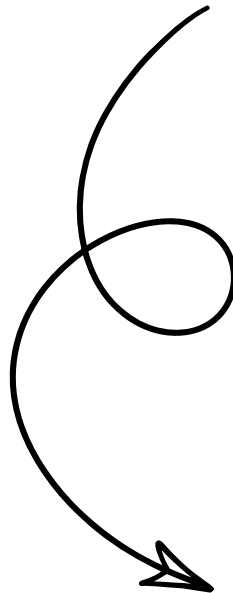
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- Event Updates
- Community news



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Niki Gadino
Venessa Anderson
6th - Krisanne Karr
9th - Merlen Turley
9th - Scott Anderson
10th - Todd Soetebier
11th - Mitchel Redelfs
12th - Alex Gadino
Lewis Hadley
14th - Tim Delcamp
15th - Ashley Goddard
16th - Elizabeth Smith
Randy Redelfs
Sophia Posey
17th - Glen Shearer
Lilly Hadley
18th - John McElfresh
Mary Hadley
Courtney Welch
20th - Zaiden Wright
21st - Travis Finney
Jason Way
23rd - Natalie Leffler
24th - Emerson Doudna
Joyce Miller
25th - Peyton Heins
26th - Gary Myers
27th - Mark Siess
29th - Gail Lee



Happy Anniversary

Jody & Kim Meyers
September 10th

Travis & Angela Richard
September 12th

Mark & Rene Dixon
September 19th

Community Survey

We want to hear from you! We're starting the process of figuring out where our community should focus over the next few years, and your input really matters. This survey is your opportunity to share what matters most, where you see opportunities, and how we can make our community an even better place to live and work. Your feedback will influence the direction we take, so please take a few minutes to participate. Your feedback will help shape the future direction of our community!

Deadline: October 1st

City of Americus Community
Survey



Quote of the Month

September is nature's reminder
that change can be beautiful.
-Author Unknown

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2 	3 	4 Farmers Market	5
6	7 Labor Day City Hall Closed	8 Food Pantry Council Meeting	9 	10	11 Farmers Market	12
13	14	15	16 	17 	18 Farmers Market	19 Food Pantry
20	21	22	23 	24	25 Farmers Market	26
27	28	29	30 			



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Agenda

AGENDA
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 – 7 PM
CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 11, 2026,
Business Meeting, August 20, 2026,
Special Meeting
BILLS TO PAY:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
PROJECT PLAYSCAPE
MAINTENANCE:
CLERK:
CODE ENFORCEMENT:
ADOPT THE AGENDA
1. RV/CAMPER ORDINANCE:
2. RESOLUTION 314: Amending Personnel
Policies and Guidelines
3. FALL CLEANUP: Set days for Fall Clean Up
4. TRUNK or TREAT: Kim Meyers request for
funds
5. CONDEMNATION LIST: 507 Elm and
410 Cherry, next steps
6. RESOLUTION 315: Designating Americus, KS
Website as official city newspaper

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6.00 pm

AMERICUS REC. ORGANIZATION

NLC Elementary

3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

City Hall

2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

FIRE BOARD MEETING

Library

2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT MEMO

Dear Americus Friends and Neighbors,

We, as a City Council had a petition to ban High Impact Data Centers and Tier 2 and 3 Battery Energy Storage Systems presented to us with enough signatures to require action.

Industries of this type have not been presented to the City in any form by any developer. The City Council of Americus had to decide to either vote in an Ordinance to ban these industries from the City, or to put these topics on the upcoming November Ballot. We, as a Council decided the voters in the City of Americus should make this decision. This City belongs to all of us, and all voters should have their voices heard. If you have questions or would like additional information, please reach out to the City Office or any Council member. We encourage everyone to learn more, ask questions, and make their voice heard. A printed copy of the ordinance may be requested. Copies can be emailed to you or picked up at the City Office during regular business hours.

Dustin Wright, Mayor

Nicky Nuessen, Council President

Britney Hinrichs

Kayla Burton

Bill Harmon

Danny Gerleman

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

FROM CITY HALL

The following minutes are from the TUESDAY, August 11th, 2026 business meeting. As of print time, the minutes have not been approved by council.
CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The hearing was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor WRIGHT. Council members present were NUESSEN, GERLEMAN, BURTON, HARMON, and HINRICHS. Also present, Attorney Steve Atherton, Clerk Dodie Doudna, Deputy Clerk Denisha Seiter, Code Enforcement Justin Arb

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Cheryl Henry, Rebecca Wells, Dana Lupkes, Aaron Carndall, Tim Burton, Katie Givens

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

1. 2027 BUDGET: Proposed Budget for Adoption. Moved by HARMON to approve and publication of the 2027 Budget. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote.

Moved by BURTON to adjourn at 7:02 pm. Motion seconded by HARMON 5-0 vote

MINUTES AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor WRIGHT. Council members present were NUESSEN, GERLEMAN, BURTON, HARMON, and HINRICHS. Also present, Attorney Steve Atherton, Clerk Dodie Doudna, Deputy Clerk Denisha Seiter, Code Enforcement Justin Arb

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Cheryl Henry, Rebecca Wells, Dana Lupkes, Aaron Carndall, Tim Burton, Katie Givens.

Cheryl Henry inquired if mowing orders included corners as well, noted that several corners in town are overgrown. ARB stated with heavy rains he had been more lenient; however, they are being addressed now. Cheryl asked if the city would remove a sidewalk from her yard. Atherton stated that sidewalks are to be maintained by the property owner and not the city.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 14, 2026, Business Meeting, July 21, 2026, Special Meeting Moved by NUESSEN to approve July 14, 2026, business meeting minutes. Motion seconded by GERLEMAN. 5-0 vote. Moved by NUESSEN to approve July 21, 2026, special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by BURTON to approve the August bills in the amount of \$85,448.23. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE- Match Day is Nov 16, selecting advocates for that. Annual banquet again being planned, next month will disclose the timeline for construction for splash pad signage and basketball court.

MAINTENANCE: Streets are going pretty good, chip spreader starter finally fixed. Community center fixed up and looks good. Looking at ways to take some work off of the guys, changing some processes, making things easier. Mower attachment had some issues with battery so have not ordered it. Will add different options to the next meeting.

CLERK: Clerk reported that the community center sign is outdated and needs to have phone number updated, WRIGHT would like to look at covering the phone number with the new number instead of replacing. Clerk asked to replace one of the office chairs, approved to do so.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: 89 notices have been sent, mowed 26 properties, also a couple other citations have been issued.

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

1. REBECCA WELLS: Unsanitary urine smell from property 410 Cherry- Rebecca complained about cat urine and feces from the cats living on the property. Kids can't play outside, can't sit outside. Stated the house has no running water, no electricity, cats inside, has to be warm in there. Her cameras have picked up raccoons living in back yard. She feels trapped inside of her house because of the issues. HARMON stated that when maintenance mowed the back yard, the door is propped open. ATHERTON stated this violates many health violations. Katie Givens is concerned that the house is bowing, structurally not sound. Her 2 dogs have gotten hurt from the feral cats on this property. City will move to revoke kennel license, and cats will have to be removed from inside. The city will work on moving toward a solution for this issue.

2. VARIANCE USE PERMIT: Americus Improvements, LLC 1300 Block of Main. No public objection to the letters that were sent to the neighbors. Clerk will move forward by contacting the county to allow the variance use permit.

3. PROPERTY CLASS CHANGE: Tim Burton- Industrial use at 620 Main. Tim Burton stated he had let the county know that the intended use of the building had changed, and the change is already reflected by the county as industrial. Clerk will do necessary paperwork for the county.

4. ORDINANCE 634: Annexation of Property located at 2443 Rd E5 Americus, KS. Moved by NUESSEN to approve Ordinance 634. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

5. EVERGY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: Ordinance 635. Moved by BURTON to approve Ordinance 635. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote.

6. RV/CAMPER ORDINANCE: update from Planning & Zoning- RV/Camper parking must be 25 feet from where grass starts on the road- all street sides, this will be for any enclosed trailers. No parking in easements or right of way will be permitted. Planning and Zoning will start working on ordinances, once completed will be supplied to the clerk who will send to legal for checking.

7. TREE TRIM BIDS: 3 bids are presented. Moved by HARMON to approve the bid from Oak Grove Tree Service not to exceed \$10,000. Motion seconded by GERLEMAN. 5-0 vote.

8. ARO: Further discussion regarding Article 8 in Code of Ordinances. Would like to schedule a work session to discuss with ARO board how the city and ARO can work together. Council agrees that having a city employee take some administrative duties over for ARO would help eliminate some burden on their part. Mayor WRIGHT appointed BURTON and NUESSEN to reach out to ARO to start these conversations. BURTON would like to increase deputy clerk hours by 10 hours a week to do the administrative duties for ARO. This helps take load off ARO. Council has agreed to increase deputy clerk hours to 30 hours per week.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters Moved by NUESSEN to go into executive session for 5 minutes, inviting council, legal, and mayor at 7:49 pm. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote Out of executive session at 7:52 pm.

10. PERSONNEL POLICIES & GUIDELINES - Review and updates to handbook- Moved by BURTON implement the following changes to the handbook: section: C-1 a) of the handbook to read "Full-time Employee is one employed to work a normal work week of at least thirty (30) hours on a regular and continuing basis. E-1 a) to read "General Employees with the exception of the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk". E-4 a) change from per pay period to per hour worked. E-6 a) change from (40 hours) to (equivalent to average work week). O-2 to read "This position is full-time with an expected workload of 30 hours per week. Adding ARO under Essential Duties. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.

11. EMPLOYEE EVALUTIONS: Discussion on creation of 3month, 6 month and yearly evaluations. HARMON inquired about probationary evaluations. BURTON and NUESSEN will work with him on getting a general form together.

12. CONDEMNATION LIST: 410 Cherry- send Joe to look at structural issues. Arb stated multiple violations have been sent to property owner, will look at others mentioned. 311 Elm- in foreclosure- we must wait to do anything currently. 507 Elm- ARB will move to collecting bids to clean up property. Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote.

MINUTES
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026
CITY HALL 6:00 PM

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

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: NONE

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

1. PETITION SUBMITTED FOR A PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROHIBITING HIGH IMPACT DATA CENTERS: Atherton presented the two options to the council. Pass the ordinance as submitted or put the proposed ordinance question on the November ballot.

NUESSEN wanted to clarify that the battery storage component would not hinder the use of solar panels on residential houses. Tier One battery storage will not be affected by this ordinance. Council all agreed that leaving this issue up to the residents is the best course of action. Moved by BURTON to have clerk submit the following ordinance question to the County Clerk to be placed on the November ballot; Shall the following ordinance be adopted? "An Ordinance of the City of Americus, Kansas prohibiting the installation and operation of High Impact Data Centers and Type 2 and Type 3 battery energy storage systems to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Americus, Kansas." Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 Vote

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 6:05 PM. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 Vote

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September 8th

6:00pm- 7:30 pm

Saturday

September 19th

9:30 am-
11:00am

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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.