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Briauhna Pierce
- 3rd - Riley Houston
Jason Zeigler
- 5th - Brooke Mealman
Niki Gadino
Venessa Anderson
- 6th - Krisanne Karr
- 9th - Merlen Turley
- 9th- Scott Anderson
- 10: 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
- 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

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.

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD

Library

4th Monday @ 6:00 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



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.



From City Hall:

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

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

BUDGET HEARING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Council Member Hinrichs.

Council members present were HINRICHS, NUESSEN, HARMON and BURTON. HAMLIN and Mayor Dustin

Wright were absent. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Devin Holloway, Cheryl Henry, Paul Pinnick and Merlen Turley.

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

1. 2025 BUDGET: Proposed budget for adoption. Moved by NUESSEN to adopt the proposed 2025 budget.

Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

Moved by BURTON to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

MINUTES

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 – FOLLOWING BUDGET HEARING

CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Council Member Hinrichs. Council

members present were HINRICHS, NUESSEN, HARMON and BURTON. HAMLIN and Mayor Dustin Wright. Also

present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, and maintenance

Nick Gadino. **VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Devin Holloway, Cheryl Henry, Paul Pinnick and Merlen Turley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 9, 2024 public hearing (tabled until September 10th meeting), July 9, 2024 business

meeting, and July 17th special meeting. Moved by BURTON to approve the minutes from the July 9th business meeting.

Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote. Moved by BURTON to approve the minutes from the July 17th special

meeting. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HARMON to approve the accounts payable for August 2024 in the amount of \$86,891.92.

Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: HINRICHS has been busy with grant writing and getting ready for Match Day in

November. Breakfast fundraisers have been going well. Annual Project Playscape banquet will be on August 31st.

Proceeds will go to the installation of the splash pad.

MAINTENANCE: Weather has caused issues with chip and seal delays. 16 blocks are done. School crosswalks, city parking spaces, and lots are being painted.

CLERK: Working on collecting health and dental insurance quotes.

HAMLIN arrived at 7:16 p.m.

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

1. COLLEGE BLOCK: Moonlight Construction Company. Devin Holloway is here on behalf of his company, Moonlight Construction Company to speak about purchasing lots in the College Block. He would like to build 3 homes, simultaneously to reduce costs on construction and materials.

Mayor Dustin Wright arrived at 7:32

Devin Holloway and Paul Pinnick left at 7:33 p.m.

2. SEWER CAPPING: The council reviewed Resolution No. 240 in reference to the current sewer capping policy. Concerns about the current procedure are relevant. Maintenance believes changing the process to capping at the main line would be beneficial. The current process can cause issues with the sewer lines. Expenses would fall on the owner of the property. The council agrees that a modification to Resolution No. 240 needs to be addressed for sewer capping going forward.

3. STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE: Adoption of Ordinance 620. Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Ordinance 620, Standard Traffic Ordinance. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

4. UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE ORDINANCE: Adoption of Ordinance 21. Moved by BURTON to adopt Ordinance 621, Uniform Public Offence Code. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.

5. FALL CLEANUP: BURTON would like to rent roll-off dumpsters to place in town for a weekend for residents to use for a fall clean-up incentive in October. BURTON will get quotes for dumpster costs for the next meeting.

6. CONDEMNATION: BURTON introduced a form for the city and officers to use to track issues and violations. The council went over the list and updated properties of concern. Other properties were discussed that are a blight to the community and need to be cleaned up. Many yards need attention and violate City Code Chapter VIII. Health and Welfare, Article 4, Section 8-401. Mayor Dustin Wright appointed Nick Gadino as a code enforcement officer for mowing violations. Violations will be sent out at the end of the week. The deadline for cleanup for 1021 Main is 8/16/2024. The city will move forward with cleanup at the owners expense after 8/16/2024. Cheryl Henry and Merlen Turley are here to speak on behalf of work being done at 310 Locust. They have made a lot of progress but the weather has slowed them down a bit recently. They are asking for an extension. The council agreed to extend their deadline by 90 days to November 15 th , 2024. Cheryl and Merlen left at 8:04 p.m. The council agrees to have Building Inspector, Larry Lewis inspect 311 Elm.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel and real estate matters. Moved by BURTON to go into executive session for non-elected personnel and real estate matters at 8:13 p.m. for 30 minutes with council, mayor, and legal present. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote. Back in open session at 8:38 p.m. Mayor Wright appointed Officer Brandon Early as the interim Police Chief and Lesley Harbaugh as City Clerk. Moved by BURTON to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 9 th public hearing, August 13 th budget hearing, and August 13 th business meeting

BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

MAINTENANCE:

CLERK:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

1. SEWER CAPPING:

2. WADE’S BEER AND LIQUOR: Liquor license renewal

3. FALL CLEAN UP:

4. CONDEMNATION:

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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.

Remember

Dogs in the city limits **must be registered** with the city of Americus.

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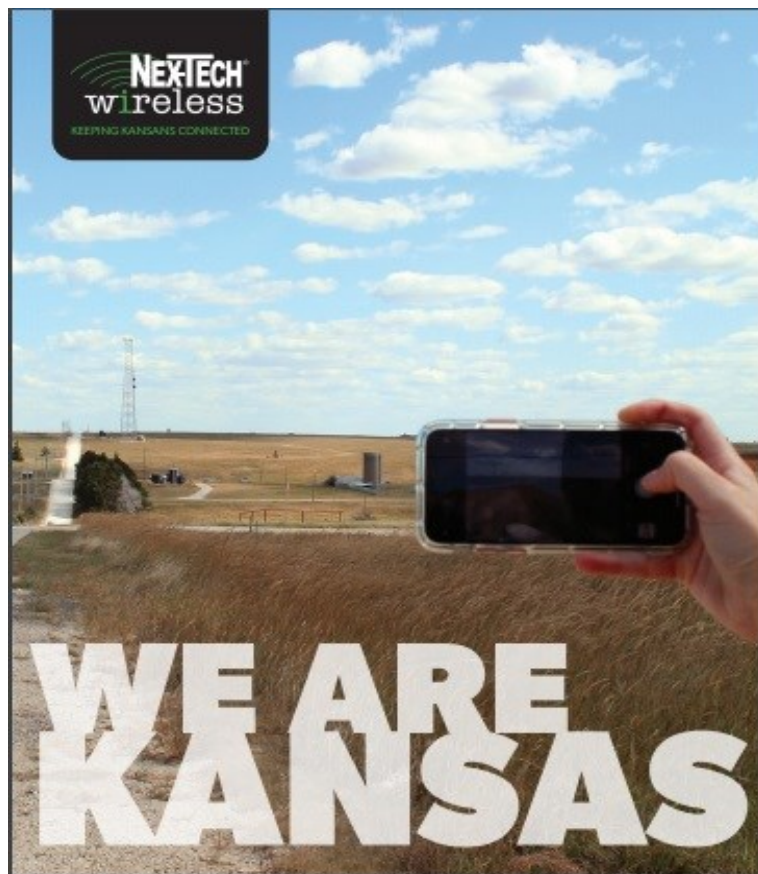
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Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com

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.

Closed September 2nd for
Labor Day

Due to training our hours on
September 10th and 12th will
be 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

No story time September 12th

Preschool Story Time

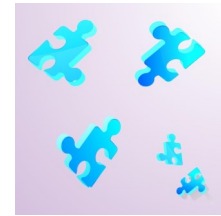
Thursdays 10:00 to 10:30 am

Story time begins September 5th

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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Project Playscape

2nd Sunday of the Month!

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Proceeds go to: Splashpad Project



Burn Policy

As per city code Chapter VII. Fire, Article 2, Section 7-204

OPEN BURNING.

Open burning is defined as the burning of any materials wherein air contaminants resulting from combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney.

Open burning is restricted to:

- (a) The hours of sunrise but must be extinguished before sunset.
- (b) Leaves, tree trimmings no larger than one person can handle, and naturally occurring landscape waste only. No trash, household furnishings or construction waste.
- (c) Burning off yard grass, ditches, other natural vegetation in close proximity to combustible structures is permitted with appropriate supervision and water supply.
- (d) Bona fide controlled burnings conducted by the Americus Fire Department, Americus, Lyon County, Kansas, or its successor in interest, pursuant to a training program that is designed to insure that firefighters are trained and capable of meeting emergencies.
- (e) Must be supervised at all times and have a water source present to extinguish the burn immediately if conditions change.
- (f) Must be Reported in the Lyon County online Burn website
www.lyoncounty911.org/burn
Questions—www.lyoncounty911.org/burn-faq

(g) Open burning shall not be:

- (1) Within a commercial zone as designed by the zoning ordinance of the city.
- (2) Within 50 feet of any structure except in approved burner built of brick, cement, stone, or metal located not less than 15 feet from any structure and constructed in a manner to securely confine burning material and with all openings protected with steel netting of 1/2 inch mesh or with steel plate with no larger than 1/2 inch holes therein.
- (3) Upon any street or alley open to vehicular traffic or upon any sidewalk of the city.

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure of combustible material unless contained in a barbeque device. (Ord. 431, Sec. 3)

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During Services

Americus Community Food Pantry

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Tuesday

Saturday

September 10th
6:00pm. - 7:30 pm.

September 21st
9:30 am. - 11:00am.

We welcome any nonperishable donations. Drop off on the parsonage porch or contact the church at 620.366.5074 . Thank you to the community for all donations

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

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SUNDAY

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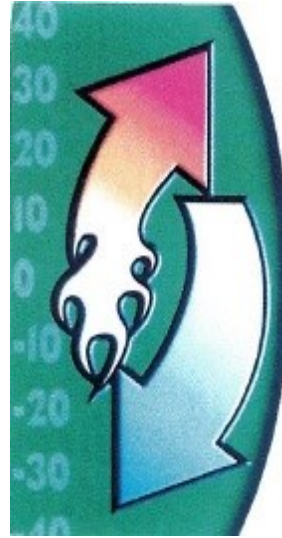
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September Schedule
4th & 18th
October Schedule
2nd & 16th

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