

MINUTES  
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL  
BUSINESS MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor WRIGHT. Council members present were HARMON, HAMLIN, NUESSEN, BURTON and HINRICHES. Also, present City Attorney Steve Atherton.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Kim Meyers

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Aug 12th, 2025, business meeting* Moved by NUESSEN to approve the Aug 12th, 2025, budget meeting minutes. Motion seconded by HINRICHES. 4-0-1 vote. *Aug 12th, 2025, business meeting* Moved by HINRICHES to approve the Aug 12th, 2025, business meeting minutes. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0-1 vote. *August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, special meeting*. Moved by HARMON to approve the Aug special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0-01 vote.

**BILLS TO PAY:** Moved by HINRICHES to approve the Sept bills to pay for \$68448.72. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:** HINRICHES asked Council when the plans to close the splashpad for the season were, as she needed to start looking at setting up time for winterization training with installer and city maintenance. Announced upcoming events: Breakfast Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, Throwback Prom Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, Match Day Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. She said USD251 would be participating this year with the “Growing up Giving” program that ties in with Match Day. Match Day interviews will be Sept. 19 and following will be Match Day Movie Premiere at 2pm @ the Emporia History Building. The movie premiere event is open to the public.

**MAINTENANCE:** reported that the Chipper is broke. Several quotes were discussed in fixing the issue, ranging from \$2500 to \$5,000 with shipping/towing costs and possible additional parts if other issues are found. Maintenance will look into leasing options, new options, and new-to-us-used options. Also look into Asphalt vs. Chip Seal. We will review topic again in October.

**CLERK:** requested to take the steps to be a notary. Council approved.

**POLICE:** Car is now ready to post on Purplewave.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

**AMEND AND ADOPT THE AGENDA:** Moved by HAMLIN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HINRICHES. 5-0 vote.

1. **TRUNK OR TREAT:** Kim Meyers requested City support towards the Trunk or Treat that will be held Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 3:00-5:00pm. The event would take place on the 700 block of Main Street (street will be closed during event 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm) Council approved \$500 towards the event for goodies, activities, and/or costume prizes. Meyers left at 7:32 pm.
2. **MILE MARKER RENTAL POND REQUEST:** *Questions/Public Concerns* Next steps would be for the owners of the land/project to get answers to the questions that were asked at the meeting.
3. **ORDINANCE 629:** *Adoption of Ordinance 629* Moved by HARMON to adopt Ordinance No. 629. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 5-0 vote
4. **FALL CLEAN UP:** *Schedule dates for fall cleanup* It was approved to rent 2 -30yard dumpsters from Dumpster Pros again not to exceed \$3,000. Free Fall Clean-up days will be Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Moved by BURTON. Motion seconded NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.
5. **MAIN STREET:** *Complaint about weeds.* Nuessen explained it was in regard to weeds throughout the 600 Block on the West side of Main Street. Since she reported it was taken care of.
6. **CONDEMNATION LIST UPDATE:** *507 Elm-* -Letter-Clean up Tub, standing water, trash and junk on porches and around structures, remedy holes-broken windows-protrusions from home. Shed structure and falling down porch go away (tear down). Note: will review in 1 month to see if items

were completed. Also note Free cleanup days and dumpsters that will be available (attach poster). Council will review in 30 days.

**1010 Main Street**- watch progress. Council will review in December.

**503 & 511 Main Street**-It was noted that the owner is planning to tear down the south building this fall and cleaning up the area. Council will review again in December.

**209 Maple**-Send letter about dead tree, noting complaint and branch falling on vehicle. Council will follow up in November.

Additions to list: 1207 Fifth and 410 Cherry.

7. **410 CHERRY:** Violation notice needs to be posted/sent.

Motion to adjourn by HAMLIN at 8:12 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.

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Dustin R. Wright, Mayor

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Lea Hamlin, Council President

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Nicky Nuessen

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Britney Hinrichs

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Kayla Burton

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Bill Harmon