# CITY OF EARLY

## City Council News

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 12th day of April, 2016. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, William Cougill, Mary Ann Brinkman and Melissa Freese. Absent: Doug Gulley. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, and bills for payment. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Brinkman, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Motion carried.

Members of the American Legion and City Council inspected the bathrooms and kitchen in the basement of City Hall and discussed plans to make renovations to the facilities.

City Council reviewed Urban Revitalization Plan.

Resolution 16-05 – Authorizing the City Clerk to Certify to The County Treasurer for Collection on Mowing was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Freese, Pickhinke, Brinkman, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Iowa DOT for maintenance and repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, Pickhinke, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Freese approving building permits # 722 and 723. Ayes: Freese, Pickhinke, Cougill, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Motion carried.

A motion was made setting a public hearing to review the FY16 budget amendment for May  $3^{rd}$ ,2016 at 7:00 pm in city hall.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese approving Auen Construction to do the following cement work on the city shop building; 15'x42' concrete slab, divider wall 1'x42', approach for overhead doors 2'x 60' and a sidewalk 8' x 12'. Ayes: Freese, Pickhinke, Cougill, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Motion carried.

Fire Department, Public Works, Mayor and City Clerk gave reports. Sheriff's written report was available for review.

A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk



STOP! before you build that deck, fence, or any outside improvement on your home.... check with the city and see if you need a building permit.

DON'T FORGET BEFORE YOU DIG CALL 811

#### City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

Council Mary Ann Brinkman Bill Cougill Melissa Freese Doug Gulley Brian Pickhinke

Council meeting-1st Tuesday

Tammy Nuckolls, Clerk Ray Musselman, Supt. D.P.W. William Cougill, Fire Chief

Library Board Mary Bruns Julie Carlson Cory Faist Mary Feilmeier Sue Loggins Library Board meeting 4th Tuesday. Cindy Garthoff, Library Director

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## City Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday 7:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

> Friday Closed

### A Message from the Mayor,

Have you seen the new street signs going up around town? They are quite a change and definitely an improvement. We would be interested in what you think of them. If you see me or some of the council let us know. The real credit goes to the Home Town Pride Committee. They are the ones who worked on bringing this project to fruition. With the addition of the new street signs, it would be very beneficial for house numbers to be on all houses. In an emergency, it is much easier for safety personnel to find your location. House numbers should be at least 4" high and aren't that expensive to purchase and install.

Don't forget that city-wide cleanup day will be on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Start getting your things together that you want to dispose of. (Appliances, electronics and tires will not be removed by the city.) Let's get our community spruced up for spring and summer. A reminder to everyone, ATV's and off-road utility vehicles are not permitted for operation on city streets. This is not only a city

ordinance but a state ordinance as well.

City Ordinance also requires that when you walk your dog(s), you are to clean up after them. This is part of the responsibility of owning a pet and being a good neighbor to others.

I heard a reminder on the news today. They were reminding people to get rid of anything outdoors that allows water to set in it and become stagnate. This is a very easy way to eliminate breeding areas for mosquitoes that can carry the West Nile Virus and the Zika Virus.

Let's all be able to enjoy the spring and summer outside.

The **Early FOCUS** will be judging Yard of the Month May thru September so please keep your yards up and look for the yard of the month sign to come to a yard near you.

We will also be sending out donations letters in the near future. We are asking for donations of any size. As our big year is 2017 and we are hoping to draw in a bigger band, fireworks, and we just need the support of the town to keep Early Crossroads Days, The steak fry, and our various events alive.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JULY 15TH & 16TH FOR OUR 2016 EARLY CROSSROADS DAYS!

Sharon Ann Irwín, Mayor

## **Severe Weather And Safety Tornadoes**

When it comes to severe weather, outdoor warning systems (sometimes known as sirens) have one purpose and one purpose only - to alert people who are outdoors that something dangerous is happening and they should go inside. Depending on local policy, sirens may be sounded for a variety of life threat-ening hazards, but always with the intent that people outdoors should seek shelter.

**Tornado Watch:** Issued by the National Weather Service when conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area. Watches are generally issued for the duration of 4-8 hours, well in advance of the actual occurrence of severe weather. During the watch, people should be prepared to move to a place

**Tornado Warning:** Issued by the National Weather Service when a tornado is indicated by radar or sighted by spotters. People in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately.

**Tornado Emergency:** A Tornado Emergency is issued by the National Weather Service. It is not a new warning, but is used to highlight a confirmed tornado which is expected to be strong and violent. A Tornado Emergency means that significant, widespread damage with a high likelihood of numerous fatalities is expected to contin-



Seek Shelter.Seek Information.

April 30th @ 1:30pm Early Fire Dept. will test the city warning siren ( if weather is clear)

Note: There will no longer be an all clear siren if you hear another siren during severe weather it means seek shelter.

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