

# CITY OF EARLY

## City Council News

April 2019

### City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

#### Council

Mary Ann Brinkman  
Bill Cougill  
Melissa Freese  
Doug Gulley  
Brian Pickhinke

Council meeting- 1st Tuesday

Tammy Nuckolls, Clerk  
Georgia Flanigan, Assist. Clerk  
Kris Alesch, Supt. D.P.W.  
William Cougill, Fire Chief

#### Library Board

Julie Carlson  
Cory Faist  
Julie Wadsley  
Sue Loggins  
Becki Petersen  
Library Board meeting 4th  
Tuesday.  
Delta Gulley, Library Director

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### City Office Hours

**Monday** 7am - 12pm

**Tuesday** 7am - 12pm

1pm - 6pm

**Wednesday** 7am - 12pm

1pm - 4pm

**Thursday** - 7am - 12pm

**Friday** - CLOSED

Source Water Protection meeting was held prior to the April 9, 2019 City Council meeting. Attending: Brian Pickhinke, Doug Gulley, Bill Cougill and Sharon Ann Irwin.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019. 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: Bill Cougill, Doug Gulley, and Brian Pickhinke. Absent: Melissa Freese and Mary Ann Brinkman. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Gulley to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, approval of American Legion liquor license pending approval from the Iowa Alcohol Division, and bills for payment. Ayes: Cougill, Pickhinke, and Gulley. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Freese. Motion carried.

Approval was given to representatives of the American Legion for the remodel of the women's restroom in the basement of the City Municipal building. Cost to be paid by members of the American Legion. Resolution 19-04 - Between the City of Early and Bolton & Menk for engineering services was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Pickhinke, Gulley and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent Freese and Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Director of Public Works reported on a sewer main issue in the alley behind 306 Walnut.

A motion was made by Councilor Gulley and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve building permits #749 and #750. Ayes: Cougill, Gulley and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Freese. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to set a public hearing for proposed FY19 budget amendment May 7, 2019. Ayes: Pickhinke, Gulley and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Freese. Motion carried.

7:45 p.m. Councilor Freese arrived.

Resolution 19-05 - Accepting and Approving Acquisition of Property was offered by Councilor Gulley and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Gulley, Freese, Cougill and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 19-06 - Authorizing the Sale of City Property Not Needed For Public Use by Public Auction, Notice of Intent to Sell City Property, Notice of Public Hearing to Sell City Property and Setting Date for Public Hearing and Public Auction was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Freese, Pickhinke, Gulley and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 19-07 - Authoring Lease of City Employee's ATV for Maintenance of City Real Estate was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Cougill, Gulley, Freese and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

City wide cleanup day to be Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

Director of Public Works was instructed to tear out chain link fence and the concrete at the north tennis court.

Mayor, Fire Chief, DPW and City Clerk gave monthly reports. Sheriff's monthly written report was available for review.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

### MAYOR'S NOTES

Work on the City of Early's Water Source Protection Plan is starting to come together. Hopefully by May the council will be able to set a hearing on the plan for June.

May 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a hearing on a proposed budget amendment for the current fiscal year. Following that hearing there will be a hearing on the proposed sale of City property on 4<sup>th</sup> and Walnut.

A contract was approved with Bolten & Menk Engineering to proceed with necessary paper work and planning for the installation on a new water main on Second Street from Main Street to the west end and also for retrofitting the treatment plant. City has been approved for an SRF loan for the planning, design and implementation of the project. City-wide clean-up will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Last year when we had our insurance inspection, it was noted that the chain link fence on the north tennis court/ basketball court was in bad shape. It was determined in the council meeting that the fence and poles for the fence will be removed. When that is finished, the cement that is there will also be removed because it is so broken up and dangerous, also. It has been noted that any tennis or basketball that is played is played on the south court because it is completely fenced and in better shape.

As of this writing it was 8 years ago last night that the tornado hit Early. We have had some crazy weather so far this year but no tornado and we have not had to contend with flooding like so many places.

**Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor**

## Early Public Library's Out of this World's Events

### May Story Time

May 1st: Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

May 8th: Bugs, Bugs, Bugs

May 15th: Like My Dad Always Said

### Witter Gallery Events

for Senior Adults

May 6 @5 pm

May 20 @5 pm

**ESCAPE ROOM!!**

**May 7th @4:30 pm**

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Programs will be on Wednesday @10:30 am

**June 5: Star Lab w/Sac Co. Conservation**

**(This event will occur at Ridgeview Middle)**

**June 19: Launch Pad**

**June 26: Sandford Museum & Planetarium**

**July 10: Absolute Science**

**July 31: Groat Museum**

## City Wide Clean Up Day

**June 19, 2019**

## FOCUS NEWS

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.

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## Crossroads Days

Baby Contest and Parade registration forms are available at our website [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com) Please register early!

**Donations needed** for a pan of bars or a cake for Early Crossroads Days. Please deliver to the basement of City Hall between 8-12 on July 20th.

### 2019 EARLY CROSSROADS DAYS

#### Saturday July 20th

ALL DAY- Softball Tournament- Brian Hoepner  
10:00 AM- BIG PARADE Registration @ 8:30 AM  
Featuring Brad Pautsch & Abu Bekr Rat Patrol  
11:00 AM- 1:00 PM- Noon Meal  
11:00-2:00 PM- Craft Show  
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM- Inflatables (Free)  
1:30-4:30 pm- Early ALL School Reunion Open House-  
Ridgeview Middle School  
12:30 Little Kid Water Fights  
2:00 PM- Water Fights- Early Fire Department  
3:30 PM- Cake Walk  
4:30 PM- Little Miss Contest- Pre Registration  
Required- Crystal 402-659-4477  
5:00 PM-7:30 PM- Evening Meal  
9:00 PM-1:00 AM- Early Legion Beer Garden  
Entertainment: Finding Dixie starting @9:00 PM

**Reminder to clean all grass clippings, weeds, debris from city streets after mowing or trimming yards and also to cleanup after your pets. Both are city ordinance violations if not observed.**

### Garage Sale Day Registration Form

Return by Thursday, May 23, to City Hall, Early Public Library

Along with the \$10.00 registration fee

Sale date is Saturday, June 8th from 8 am to 4 pm

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Sale Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Ads will not include a list of items from each sale. *You are encouraged to place supplemental advertising of your own if you feel you are offering items of particular interest.* List here three categories of items you will be offering at your sale to be listed on the map only.

Make checks payable to: Early Public Library

**Water Source Protection meeting** will be held April 9, 6:00 pm at City Hall. All residents, both town and country, are urged to attend to discuss plans to address the rising nitrate levels in our public water system. The follow-through of the community's local Source Water Protection Plan needs local leadership. Community awareness and involvement starts with committed individuals working together. Through the work of community leaders and SWP team members efforts to protect our most valuable resource will be successful.