

CITY OF EARLY

City Council News

April 2020

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

Council

Bill Cougill

Melissa Freese

Steven Mason

Brian Pickhinke

Summer Schmitt

Council meeting-1st
Tuesday

Lexi Houston, 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 thru

Thursday

8AM - 3PM

(Closed during the
noon hour)

Friday

8AM - 12 PM

A public hearing was held at 6:43 PM in the council chambers with the City Clerk, by virtual communications with the Council at which time any citizen of Early, IA or any other person having interest in the proposal Budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 as published in the Chronicle on March 12, 2020 may appear and be heard for or against the adopting of the proposed Budget or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were present either for or against said Budget. Hearing was closed. A public hearing was held at 6:43 PM in the council chambers with the City Clerk, by virtual communications with the Council at which time any citizen of Early, IA or any other person having interest in the City's application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as published in the Chronicle on March 12, 2020 may appear and be heard for or against the adoption of the application or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were present either for or against said application. Hearing was closed. A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, IA was held on the 23rd day of March 2020. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM with a roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Melissa Freese, Steven Mason, Summer Schmitt. Absent: William Cougill. Resolution 20-07 Adopting the Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 as published in the Chronicle on March 12, 2020 was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto and by the reference made a part thereof. Ordinance No. 321 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Early, IA by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill. First reading approved. A motion was made by Freese and seconded by Mason to waive second and third reading and passed on a first and final reading. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill. whereupon the Mayor declares the said ordinance duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM on voice vote.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 7th day of April 2020 with a virtual call on Zoom. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with a roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, William Cougill, Steve Mason, Summer Schmitt. Absent: Melissa Freese. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, and bills for payment. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Freese. Motion carried. No members of the community had contacted the City for this meeting thus no citizen input at this time. Resolution 20-08 Adopting The 2020 Sac County Housing Needs Assessment was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Freese. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 20-09 Adopting Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Freese. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve building permit 759 pending the approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Freese. Motion carried. Council members discussed with new members the importance of Source Water Programing. Councilor Freese had logged on at 7:30PM. City Clerk gave the monthly Treasures Report. A motion was by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese to approve the report. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Motion carried. City Clerk gave the monthly Utility Billing Report. A motion was by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the report. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Motion carried. Mayor, Fire Chief, Library, and DPW gave monthly reports. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM on voice vote.

MAYOR'S NOTES

What a difference a month makes in our lives. Our council meeting was held electronically this month. It is not ideal but that heaven for the advancement in electronics so that business can continue, although on a different level.

Because of the pandemic and all the upheaval caused by it, the City Council, decided to delay the implementation of the new water rates for at least a month. They will re-visit this again next month. As you are probably aware, the library is closed until further notice. If you wish to have some books to read for yourself or children, you can contact Delta and she will put together the books for you and bring them to your address. If you need something from the city clerk's office, you are to contact her by phone and she will help you that way. We are trying to get set up that she will work from home for four days a week and be in the office one day a week. We will get the information out on our website and Facebook when that is ready to go. The play-grounds have been blocked off until further notice. We have been told that the virus can survive on metal for a number of hours.

Our application for a CDBG grant for the water project was submitted by the April 1 deadline. It will be a couple of months before we hear if we were successful in receiving that grant.

Do NOT flush baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, Kleenex and napkins down your toilets. Those types of items do not degrade in the sewer system. Such items will plug up your sewer system and/or the City system. This will cause more problems and costs for you and the City. We have been seeing more of this since the Covid-19 outbreak. We know there is a problem getting toilet paper right now because of hoarding when this pandemic started. If you have to use items like those listed above, throw them into a garbage bag set aside for just that issue in your bathroom.

An important reminder to everyone: The first part of April is the Census 2020. PLEASE, EVERYONE fill out the Census form and return it. These numbers are so important to all communities and Sac County and the State. These census numbers help to determine how much we will receive in Road Tax Funds, and a number of other funding revenues over the next ten years.

Please stay home as much as possible to protect yourself and your family and others who may have life-threatening illnesses. When going shopping, only one person from a household go. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds-frequently, especially after coming back from shopping, The CDC says to wear a mask now when you go out. They are easy to make. Clean your counters, light switches, door knobs, etc. with a household cleaner-frequently. Don't forget to clean your cell phones- they have A LOT of germs on them. BE SAFE!!!

EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

In the interest of the public's safety and health, Early Public Library is closed until further notice.

We will be offering curbside assistance Mon- Thur. 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM. We ask that you message your selection of books or DVD's along with date and time you will be arriving. You may also call, 712-273-5334, during these hours to put together a selection and pick up.

Please follow these steps to search for your items.

To access our inventory, you can go to our website at <https://www.early.lib.ia.us/> Click on SEARCH CATALOG, this will access our inventory on Library World, Enter in EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY (Password not required) you will then have the ability to search by TITLE/AUTHOR or to scroll our inventory.

We also have resources on our website for children and teens. These can be found under the SERVICES tab and click on for either CHILDREN or TEENS.

You can also access Bridges from our website, this can be found under EBOOK & AUDIO. You will need your Patron Number. If you do not have a patron number please contact the Library.

City Wide Clean-Up Day will be held June 10, 2020.

Reminders

**Please 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.

**Home Improvement Project Season is upon us please remember to apply for a Building Permit with the City for all your exterior home needs, this includes fences, kennels, sheds, decks and more. You can gain a permit by going online to www.earlyia.com and searching for Building Permit or emailing the clerk at cityclerk@earlyia.com.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email please contact the clerk's office at 712-273-5283 or email me at cityclerk@earlyia.com.

FOCUS NEWS

Cupcake Sales and Little Miss Contest have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Cupcake sales will continue in the 2022 year.

Please mark your calendar for July 17th and 18th for Early Crossroads Days!

Friday July 17th

Dusk Dash 5K- Registration @630 pm. Begins at 7- Delta Gulley- 712-660-2658

Free Will Donation Supper-7:30 PM

Bags Tournament- Registration @730 play starts @8 - Delta Gulley- 712-660-2658

DJ/Beer Garden- Cotton Creek Entertainment- 8pm-Midnight

Saturday July 18th

ALL DAY- Softball Tournament- Brian Hoepfner

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- Delta Gulley- 712-660-2658

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM- Inflatables (Free)

1:30-4:30 pm- Early ALL School Reunion Open House- Ridgeview Middle School

12:30- Kid Water fights- Early Fire Department

2:00 PM- Water Fights- Early Fire Department

3:30 PM- Cake Walk- Tami Grace- 712-660-1876

4:30 PM- Little Miss Contest- Pre Registration Due June 15- 5-10 years old

5:00 PM-7:00 PM- Evening Meal

7:00 PM- North Iowa Knights Football Game- Ridgeview Middle School

9:00 PM-1:00 AM- Early Legion Beer Garden and for Entertainment- Jay Clyde Band

Registrations go to www.earlyia.com