

April 2021

# CITY OF EARLY

## City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

### City Council

Bill Cougill  
Tim Langner  
Steven Mason  
Brian Pickhinke  
Summer Schmitt

Council meeting- 1st Tuesday

Lexi Bainbridge, 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

### City of Early

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## *City Office Hours*

**Monday thru Thursday**  
8AM - 3PM  
(Closed during the noon hour)

**Friday**  
8AM - 12 PM

## City Council News

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 6th day of April 2021. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner, Steven Mason. Absent: Bill Cougill. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, American Legion Liquor License Renewal. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Absent: Cougill. Motion passed. Citizen input from Pat Purvis regarding nuisance at 313 Maple Street for stack of lumber and pallets around garage requesting extension. Council granted extension until July 31st, 2021. A written letter from Jen Wolterman at 301 E 1st Street requesting extension for nuisance of wood, toys, junk in yard, vehicles parked in right of way. Council denied extension, deadline is still April 20th, 2021. A written letter from Cody Bales at 102 Maple Street requesting extension for nuisance of equipment/junk around garage, holes in front/side yard. Council denied extension, deadline is still April 20th, 2021. Citizen complaint from 401 Walnut Street for dogs running at large. Letters sent to residents for dogs running at large and non-licensed pets. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason to approve building permit #776. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Absent: Cougill. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve building permit #777 pending approval of Planning and Zoning Committee. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Absent: Cougill. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve building permit #778 pending approval of Planning and Zoning Committee. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Absent: Cougill. Motion passed. Permit #779 was tabled until next meeting pending a variance. City Attorney was present. Nuisance Abatement List was presented to the council, Citizens on this list until April 20th, 2021 to remove said nuisances from their properties or will be given a municipal infraction. Some exceptions were given to those with disrepair homes until the end of July 2021. Resolution 21-08 Approving Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communication System (ISICS) was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Absent: Cougill. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 21-09 Development Agreement with TD Vickers Properties LLC was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 21-10 Approving Selling of City Equipment was offered by Councilor Mason and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Ordinance No. 325 An Ordinance of the City of Early Entitled "RAGBRI-MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS was offered by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Schmitt, Pickhinke, Mason, Langner. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill. First reading approved. A motion was made by Pickhinke and seconded by Mason to waive second and third reading and passed on first and final reading. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Schmitt, Pickhinke, Mason, Langner. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill. Where upon the Mayor declares the said ordinance duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason to approved bills for payment. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Absent: Cougill. Motion passed. Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, and DPW. Council was informed of sewer backing up into residences homes, reminders will be sent out for proper disposal of baby wipes, disinfectant wipes and such there is to not flush down the stools. Sheriff Ken McClure presented council with a packet on the ISICS improvements for Sac County. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor  
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

**CITY WIDE CLEAN UP- MAY 26TH, 2021**  
(PLEASE SEE REVERSE FOR DETAILS)

## City Office

To those of you who have paid for pet tags but have not received tags in the mail, I am waiting on you for your rabies vaccination copies. This is a State Law and can come to fines if not on file. Please get those to the Clerk's Office ASAP.

The DNR has sent the 2020 Water Quality Report for Early Municipal Water Supply. There were no violations this past year. If you would like a copy of the report you may pull it from our website at [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com) or request a copy at the Clerk's Office.

There was a letter sent out recently for Solid Waste Ordinances, with keeping these ordinances in mind our City Wide Clean up Day is May 26th, 2021. The Solid Waste Servicemen are going to become strict as City's have become lazy on sorting the garbage. All garbage must be placed in bags or it will not be picked up! Sorting out metal, wood, and hazardous materials from your garbage will save time and hassle from the service men. If you have questions on what you can and can not throw away for pickup please call the Clerk's Office, or the local Sanitation Station.

# EARLY CROSSROADS DAYS 2021

## JULY 16TH & 17TH, 2021

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, JULY 16TH

6:30P.M. Virtual 5K - Register by 7/5/2021 - Christy Horan (515)371-5591  
7:00P.M. Supper - Free Will Donation  
Bags Tournament - Register @ 6:30P.M. - Starts @ 7:00P.M.  
- Christy Horan (515)371-5591  
8:00P.M. -12:00A.M. Early Legion Beer Garden   
DJ - Cotton Creek Entertainment

#### SATURDAY, JULY 17TH

ALL DAY Softball Tournament - Brian Hoepfner (712)660-8957  
10:00A.M. Big Parade - Registration @ 8:30A.M.  
Featuring Brad Pautsch & Abu Bekr Rat Patrol  
11:00A.M. -1:00P.M. Noon Meal  
11:00A.M. -2:00P.M. Craft Show - Early Library - (712)273-5334  
11:00A.M. -5:00P.M. Inflatables (FREE)  
12:30P.M. Kids Water Fights - Early Fire Department  
2:00P.M. Water Fights - Early Fire Department  
3:30P.M. Cake Walk - Tami Grace (712)660-1876  
4:30P.M. Baby Contest - Pre-Registration Required by June 1st - [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com)  
5:00P.M. -7:00P.M. Evening Meal  
9:00P.M. -1:00A.M. Early Legion Beer Garden   
Entertainment - Cory Waller & The Wicked Things  
(Formerly Known as The Jay Clyde Band)

Registrations go to -[www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com)

### Early FOCUS

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

## MAYOR'S NOTES

The Council adopted Resolution 21-08 supporting interest in providing better communication through Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communication System (ISICS). With new technology and changes to the system within the state, it really is necessary for Sac County to make these changes for our public safety departments.

Resolution 21-09 was passed approving a Development Agreement with TD Vickers Properties LLC. They plan to build a coffee shop on the corner of Second Street and Highway 471. This will make a very nice addition to the community.

The Council approved the selling of the old Case tractor.

An ordinance was passed establishing fees for vendors for RAGBRAI. At this writing there is some question as to whether it is actually going to come through Early. The logistics of that are being worked on at this time. However, we continue to make plans for it.

Last week there was water backing up in a resident's basement. When the plumber ran his equipment back up the sewer main south of their house, the blades were covered with disinfectant and baby wipes. When COVID started last year, we advised people at that time that disinfectant and baby wipes, napkins and paper towels SHOULD NOT be put into the sewer system. They were going to cause problems! They are not made to be degradable in the sewer system. Please dispose of these items properly in your garbage not in the sewer!!! Would you want or like sewer water backing up in your house?

Would you be interested in serving on the Cemetery Board or on the Planning and Zoning Board? If you are interested, please contact the City Clerk's office.