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City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

Council

Mary Ann Brinkman
Bill Cougill
Vince Davis
Brian Pickhinke
Melissa Freese

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
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City Office Hours

Monday- 7am - 12pm

Tuesday - 7am - 12pm
1pm - 4pm

Wednesday -7am-12pm

Thursday -7am - 12pm
1pm - 4pm

Friday - Closed

City Council News

A Public Hearing was held at 7:00 PM in the council chambers at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest in the proposed updated and revised 2015 Early Zoning Ordinance as published in the Chronicle on July 23, 2015 may appear and be heard for or against the adoption of the proposed Early Zoning ordinance or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were present either for or against said ordinance. Hearing was closed.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 4th day of August 2015. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: Mary Ann Brinkman, Brian Pickhinke, and Vincent Davis, Absent: William Cougill and Melissa Freese. Mayor Irwin made a request to remove the appointment of the Library board member from the consent agenda and put it on the regular agenda for discussion. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, approval of Casey's liquor license and bills for payment. Ayes: Brinkman, Pickhinke, and Davis, Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Cougill.

City Council discussed a complaint received on July 7th, 2015 regarding a window being broken due to the city mowing next to the owner's property and a stick hitting the window the city clerk was directed last month to get an estimate from the owner on the repair cost. An estimate was received and reviewed. City Council tabled the issue until the next regular meeting September 1st, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Library Board member Amy Schumacher resigned in July from the Library Board. Mayor Irwin appointed Julie Carlson to fill Mrs. Schumacher's term. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Brinkman to approve the appointment of Julie Carlson as a new Library Board member. Ayes: Pickhinke, Davis, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Cougill.

Councilor Brinkman offered the 1st reading of Ordinance 302 Adopting the Updated and Revised 2015 City of Early, Iowa Zoning Ordinance seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On roll call vote, Ayes: Brinkman, Pickhinke and Davis. Nays: None Absent: Cougill and Freese. 2nd reading will be at the next regular meeting September 1st, 2015 @7:00 pm.

City Council reviewed the city Polices & Fees, investment policy and the blood-borne pathogens policy plan & procedures.

A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Davis to approve building permit 718 and 719. Ayes: Brinkman, Pickhinke and Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Cougill.

Supt. D.P.W., Mayor, and City Clerk gave monthly reports. Sheriff's monthly written report was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

Attest: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

A Message from the Mayor,

I want to say a big thank you to the F.O.C.U.S. committee for planning and executing a great Crossroads Day this year. We have all heard so many compliments on the weekend. Also, thank you to all who came and attended the many activities. It's not much fun if you plan a party and no one shows up. Other than the strong wind late on Friday night, the weather really cooperated.

Municipal elections will be coming up on Tuesday, November 3rd. In Early there are two council seats and the mayor's position up for election this fall. If you have any interest in serving your community in one of these positions, you can get a nomination paper from the city clerk's office at any time now. You only have to have ten signatures of Early residents that are qualified to vote to be able to submit your nomination papers. The first day that nomination papers can be filed is August 24th and all nominations papers have to be filed by Thursday, September 17th at 5:00 PM in the County Auditor's Office. The city council meetings are set for the first Tuesday of each month.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

Candidate's Guide to the Regular City Election

November 3, 2015

What is the City Election? The city election is held in odd-numbered years to elect city officers and vote on public measures. All cities will hold a regular city election. As part of the election process, [§39.3(3)]

What are the candidate qualifications? A candidate must be an eligible elector in the city at the time of filing nomination papers and at the time of the election. An eligible elector meets all of the requirements to register to vote but does not have to be registered to vote. An eligible elector must:

- Be a citizen of the United States,
- Be a resident of Iowa, and
- Be at least 18 years old. An eligible elector may not:
 - Be a convicted felon (unless voting rights have been restored by the president or governor),
 - Be currently judged incompetent to vote by a court, and
 - Claim the right to vote in any other place. [§39.3(6)]

What seats are open in Early?

- 2 City Council seats - 4 year term
- Mayor seat - 4 year term

Where do I get nomination papers? nomination papers are available at the city clerk's office, county auditor's office, or on the Secretary of State's website:

<http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/CityElections.html>

Where do I turn in the nomination papers once they are complete? Sac County Auditor's Office.

What is the filing deadlines? They cannot be filed before or after the filing period. The filing period is:

- First day: Monday, August 24, 2015
 - Last day: Thursday, September 17, 2015 – 5.p.m.
- There are no filing fees in Iowa. [§376.4(1)(a)]

How do I fill out the election forms?

1. Preparing Nomination Petitions before anyone signs the petition, complete the required information in the header of every petition page. Best Practice: Complete the header on one petition page and make copies of that page so all petition page headings are identical. The information listed below must appear on each petition header. Signatures cannot be counted on petition pages missing the following information:

- Candidate's Name The candidate's name should be printed exactly as the candidate wishes the name to appear on the ballot. No parentheses, quotation marks, or titles (e.g. Dr., Mrs., etc.) may be included.
- Office Sought
- Type and Date of Election The 2015 Regular City Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3.
- Signers' and Candidate's Affirmation of Residence The following statement must appear on each petition page:

"We, the undersigned eligible electors of the appropriate county, city, school district, school or community college director district, or other district as established by law, hereby make the nomination outlined above. If the candidate named above accepts the nomination, we believe the candidate is or will be a resident of the appropriate county, city, school district, school or community college director district, or other district established by law as required by law."



**CONGRATULATION
AUGUST YARD OF THE
MONTH WINNER!**

MARY & JERRY JOHNSON
215 W MAIN STREET

Future Events

8/25 - Library Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
 9/1 - Home Town Pride Meeting @ 6:00 pm
 City Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
 Visit www.earlyia.com for more
 calendar and community events!

Library News

Hello Everyone!

Well school is about to start, which means Football will be starting soon, too. My favorite time of the year!

Summer was good here at the Library. The Summer Reading Program was great. We had 129 kids here and participating and over 100 books checked out. Our theme this year was Every Hero Has A Story. Our Early Achievers 4-H did a great job with this theme. I thank them for making this year another fantastic Summer Reading Program.

I hope you were here to see the Big Parade at Crossroads Day July 18, it was an awesome parade. Corey Faist represented the Library and put our big red book in the parade and threw out candy. I think this was the best parade I have seen in a long time! If you see Jenny Bailey, be sure to let her know what a great job she did putting this all together. Brad Pautsch did a good job announcing.

I have added some Children's books to our collection. Several Look & Find books, Berenstain Bears books, Clifford books, Sesame Street books, Dr. Seuss books, and several stand alones such as Stella Queen of the Snow, Big Brave Brian, Dump Trucks and Other Big Machines. Stop in and check them out!

With school starting soon, that means I will again be delivering my Daycare Kits to 2 of our local Daycare providers. This will be my 3rd year of providing this service.

If you have recently gotten a letter from me regarding overdue books, please look to see if you have those books and return them. Thank You!

Cindy Garthoff, Library Director