

CITY OF EARLY

August, 2016

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

Mark Grace

Julie Carlson

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Mary Feilmeier

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Library Board meeting 4th
Tuesday.

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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

City Council News

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 9th day of August, 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, Melissa Freese, and Doug Gulley. 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: Pickhinke, Cougill, Brinkman, Freese, and Gulley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Wanda Bulten a board member representing Early Community Development Corp. addressed the council requesting credit for a portion of sewer charge in the north apartment building due to the fact that the building had a pipe break to the water heater and the water did not run down the sewer. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Brinkman approving the forgiveness of half of the sewer bill, due to the fact that the water did not run down the sewer and ECDC is a non-profit organization providing low-rent house for the City of Early. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Gulley, Cougill, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City Council reviewed requested to remove trees in the city parking at 221 N Main and 120 W South Ave. the trees at 221 N Main street where determined to be in good condition and the city would not take any action on this request at this time. A motion was made by Council Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Gulley to remove two trees in the city right-of-way at 120 W South Ave at a cost to the city of 1300.00 due to the fact that the trees are leaning into the street, rotten, and pulling on the sewer lines.

Resolution 16-14 – Approving Wage Increase for the City of Early's Full Time Employee Maintenance Worker I was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Brinkman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Brinkman, Cougill, Gulley, and Freese. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 16-15 – Approving the Contract with Region XII Council of Governments to provide technical and professional services to the City for compliance with the Community Development Block Grant contract #16-HSG-010 and direct that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute said contract Offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Brinkman, Cougill, Gulley, and Davis. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 16-16 – Approving the Contract with the Iowa Economic Development Authority the City of Early to receive federal grant money and CDBG fund and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute all documents and to carry forth all things necessary to effectuate this contact offered by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Freese. On roll call vote. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, Gulley, Freese, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 16-17 – Approving the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistant Plan (RARAP) offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Freese, Cougill, Gulley, Pickhinke, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 16-18 – Adopting Code of Conduct Policy for the City of Early offered by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Brinkman, Freese, Cougill, and Gulley. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 16-19 – Adopting Affirmative Fair Housing Policy for the City of Early offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Brinkman, Gulley, Cougill, Pickhinke, and Freese. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 16-20 – Renewal of Adoption of Equal Opportunity Policy Statement for the City of Early offered by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Brinkman, Gulley, Cougill, Pickhinke, and Freese. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 16-21 – Adopting of the Prohibition of the Use of Excessive Force Policy by the City of Early offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Brinkman, Gulley, Cougill, Pickhinke, and Freese. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 16-22 – Adopting of the Procurement Policy for the City of Early offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Brinkman, Gulley, Cougill, Pickhinke, and Freese. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Ordinance No. 303 – Adopting the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Early, Iowa" 2nd reading was offered by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Cougill, Gulley, and Brinkman. Nays: None. 2nd reading approved. 3rd reading will be offered at the next regular council meeting September 6th, 2016.

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Ordinance No. 304 – Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Early, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertaining to Collection of Solid Waste Fees 1st reading offered by Councilor Gulley and seconded by Councilor Freese. On roll call vote. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, Gulley, Freese, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. 1st reading approved. 2nd reading will be offered at the next regular council meeting September 6th, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill approving a Special Council meeting August 16th, 2016 at 6:30pm. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Gulley, Cougill, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman approving a tax abatement prior approval for intended improvements application for property located at 207 Karr Ave. Ayes: Freese, Gulley, Brinkman, Cougill, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilor Pickhinke reported on putting the land located around well #2 into Conservation Reserve Program. The City Council will discuss this issue next regular council meeting when more information is available.

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 Brinkman to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

A Message from the Mayor,

I want to thank everyone who worked to make Crossroads Day a big success on July 15 & 16. The planning committee did a great job. Thank you to everyone who came and participated. Next year is Early's 135th and plans are already underway for an even bigger party.

Contracts have been approved and signed for the Housing Rehab grant that the City has received. Recipients will be determined by Region XII COG and plans will be moving ahead before too long.

I was recently questioned about property on the highway that has a campaign sign displayed on it. The individual thought that the property where the sign is placed was public property. That property is private property. Election signs are not allowed on any public property.

The first reading of an ordinance amendment to increase garbage rates was approved at this month's meeting. The monthly rate will increase some and the price for garbage tags will increase also. There are two more readings of this ordinance before it will become law. It is hoped that everyone will do more recycling and therefore decrease the amount of garbage they will have to put tags on. Recycling isn't that difficult, we just need to change our habits.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

LIBRARY NEWS

It's time for school to start, I hope everyone had a great summer. I'm ready for Fall, football, and hoodies!

We had a great summer here at the Early Public Library! The Summer Reading Program went very well. Lots of programs and games to go with our theme, "Ready, Set, Go, Read! Thank you to the 4-H for all their help and to the Sac County Conservation for their program.

I am hoping to do a card making class this fall, sometime in October. More details to follow in the near future!

Cindy Garthoff, Library Director

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO OUR COLLECTION:

- Magnolia Drive- Rochelle Alers—Large Print
- Texas True- Janet Dailey—Large Print
- Chasing the Night- Iris Johansen
- Hypothermia- Arnaldur Indridason
- Dark Horse- Ralph Reed
- Foul Matter- Martha Grimes
- The Lamorna Wink- Martha Grimes

There are many more new titles, stop in and ask me about them.

NEW DVD'S READY FOR CHECK OUT:

- Zootopia
- The Scorch Trials
- The Gift
- The Peanuts Movie
- Dirty Grandpa
- Ride Along 2
- Paper Towns
- Sisters
- Fifty Shades of Grey
- The Hateful Eight
- The Age of Adeline
- Get Hard
- The Last Witch Hunter
- Magic Mike XXL

Stop in and check out these new titles.