

Aug 2021

CITY OF EARLY

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

City Council

Bill Cougill
Brian Pickhinke
Steven Mason
Summer Schmitt
Tim Langner

Council Meeting-1st Tuesday

Lexi Bainbridge, Clerk
Kris Alesch, Supt. D.P.W.
Keith Horan, Fire Chief

Fire Meeting- 2nd Wednesday

Library Board

Cory Faist
Julie Carlson
Julie Wadsley
Sue Loggins
Becki Petersen

Library Board Meeting- 4th Tuesday

Kristine Luy, Library Director

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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 3rd day of August 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, Bill Cougill, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner, Steven Mason. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, Casey's General Store Liquor License Renewal. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Mason, Langner. Motion passed. John Deal had come forth to the Council to request an extension on his notice to abate his garage in disrepair. He has currently been making progress and progress has shown forth that he is working on the abatement. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason to grant an extension to August 31st, 2021. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner, Mason. Motion passed. Summer Rec had paid for an Invoice by Power Solutions for repairs to the lights at the ballfield. The council discussed that the repairs should have some sort of warranty due to them being new and then were not in use last year due to the COVID pandemic. Councilor Pickhinke had reach out with no response this will be discussed again at the next council meeting. ISG representative came to discuss with the council of Drainage District 59 funding. It is anticipated at this time that the City will apply for a CDBG grant to help with the cost of this project. The City is working with ISG and a resident to potentially purchase ground for a basin. This will be revisited at next month's meeting. A representative from Bolton and Menk Engineering came to discuss with the council on behalf of Schmitt Construction to increase his initial bid by 5,719.44. Councilor Schmitt abstained herself due to conflict. Bolton and Menk representative stated that there is a contingency fund in place that could be used to cover this cost. The Council stated they would like to wait to see further into construction on the use of the contingency fund. Chief Keith Horan arrived at 7:39 PM. Councilor Bill Cougill left the meeting at 7:43 PM. Ordinance 326. An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Early, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertaining To Water Rates was offered by Councilor Schmitt and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Mason, Schmitt. Nays: Pickhinke, Langner. Absent: Cougill. Second reading failed. The Council was updated on several properties within City limits that are in violation of the City Ordinances. The City Attorney will be assisting the clerk in sending out letters to these properties within a few days from the meeting. Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, Fire Dept, and DPW.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.
Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

MAYOR'S NOTES

First and foremost, I want to thank everyone who helped with and supported Crossroads Days on July 16 and 17. It has been a long time since we had such beautiful weather for our celebration. Then I also want to thank the committee and all the people who stepped forward to help with our serving as a pass-through town for RAGBRAI the next weekend. This was a hot day. I had a lot of compliments and thank you's for hosting them. Both the celebration and the hosting took a lot of planning and work. I won't mention any names because I know I would forget some and not know all the people who stepped up and helped. Just know that your efforts and support were appreciated!

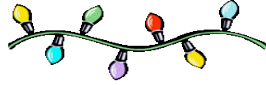
Council again met with the engineer for Drainage District 59 that goes through the middle of town. We discussed more developments and plans for this project.

Ordinance #326 changing water rates was tabled until next month. This ordinance will again raise the water rates to help cover the cost of the proposed water treatment plant and water main replacement. I am happy to report that the City is going to be receiving a \$1 million forgiveness on the SRF loan on the cost of the project. Because of the increases that have been made in anticipation of the cost of this project and this \$1 million the new rate increase will not be nearly as big as in the past.

Again, a reminder that all houses and businesses within the community are to have numbers on them. If there is an emergency at you place and there are no numbers there, it can delay necessary help that may be needed. Numbers should be at least 4" high and the color should stand out against the siding of the property, so it can be more easily seen by emergency personnel. If you have any questions about this, please contact the City Clerk's office or someone on the fire department.

Early FOCUS

Presents



OUR ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE TOWN EVENT

TO BE HELD ON

NOVEMBER 21, 2021 FROM 5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

Craft Fair 5-8 in library

Basement of City Hall



Soup Supper  TO GO Containers ARE Available

FREE WILL OFFERING

SILENT PIE/COOKIE AUCTION

AUCTION WILL CLOSE AT 7:15

Heartland Marketing Tree Will be Lit Up

LEGION OPEN

THIS WILL KICK OFF OUR HOLIDAY HOME OF THE WEEK JUDGING AS WELL. WE ASK THAT YOU TURN YOUR LIGHTS ON IN PREP FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. WE WILL BE JUDGING ON NOVEMBER 29TH, DECEMBER 6, DECEMBER 13TH, AND DECEMBER 20TH. IF YOU WIN YOU WILL BE FEATURED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. THE SIGN WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED IN YOUR YARD FOR THE WEEK. Thanks for supporting Early FOCUS!

We will be wearing masks and taking necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. If you would prefer to take your dinner to go we will have that available. We will have seating spread out. So seating will be limited depending on the time you arrive. We will be sure to call anyone that wins a bid after the dessert/basket auction if you choose not to stay.

Early Public Library

Story Time: August 10, August 17, August 25 @ 10AM

Friends of the Library Meeting: August 10 @ 6PM

Book Club: August 19 @ 6PM

Board Meeting: August 24th @ 6PM

Beginning Monday, August 23rd, the library will begin new hours of operation, for the non-summer months:

Monday: 12:30PM-4:30PM

Tuesday: 12:30PM-4:30PM

Wednesday: 9:00AM-11:00PM

12:30PM-5:30PM

Thursday: 12:30PM-4:30PM

Friday: 12:30PM-4:30PM

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.

Congrats to August yard of month Mike & Georgia Flanigan located at 121 W. South Ave Early, IA 50535.