

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 7th day of December 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, Tim Langner, Steven Mason, Summer Schmitt. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner, Schmitt, Mason. Motion passed.

Citizen Input- Resident wanting to scoop snow for the City Municipal Building. Resident would not be covered under City Insurance so there for the City declines action.

A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve building permit #792 pending Planning and Zoning Committees approval also that the homeowner stays 3ft off the lot lines. On a show of hands: Ayes: Cougill, Pickhinke, Langner, Mason, Schmitt. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to have City Attorney draft paperwork towards 202 E 2nd Street Tax Lien Forgiveness and develop a contract with the potential buyer. On a show of hands. Ayes: Schmitt, Langer, Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason. Motioned passed.

Resolution 21-24 Accepting and Approving Option to Acquire Real Property was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Mason, Nays: Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

The Council was updated on several properties within City limits that were still in violation of the City Ordinances. The City Attorney took these properties to court again on November 9th, 2021. Parcel- 810604010098 will be going to court December 14th, 2021. The council was updated on the Coffee Shop Property that was supposed to be done by December 31st, 2021, to avoid tax assessments that were originally held against the property. Council nor anyone from the City has heard from the property owners regarding the building. Discussion will be held at the next meeting on Parcel- 810604010014. Parcel- 810604104009. Parcel- 810604102014 these owners were given time extensions on their projects and have failed to complete.

Fire Chief Keith Horan present at 7:33PM.

Resolution 21-23 Establishing the Use of the ARPA Special Fund was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner, Mason. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Mason and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to sign a contract with Simmering-Cory | Iowa Codification to update the City Code of Ordinances that was last fully updated in July 2016. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Mason, Langner. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to set a public hearing date for the maximum tax levy on January 4th, 2022. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to purchase security cameras through Advanced Communication Services for the City buildings using ARPA funds due to increased criminal mischief and as precautionary measures. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Motion passed.

The Council discussed wage increases with cost of living for employees for the new year and discussed the increased insurance pricing as well.

The Clerk reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment in the consent agenda:

AFLAC	AFLAC	36.16
IPERS	IPERS	369.36
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	65.07
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	468.59
AMAZON.COM	SUPPLIES	56.99
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	FUEL	178.98
DONS PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	40
EARLY POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	38
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	133.56
SAC COUNTY 911 SERVICE	I AM RESPONDING CONTRACT	415
GWORKS	ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	10
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	247.09
KRIS ALESCH	PHONE STIPEND	45
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	470.3
UNITY POINT -OCCUPATIONAL MED	CDL TESTING	42
WERNER SEWER AND SEPTIC	CLEANED DRAIN	150
EARLY POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	40
GWORKS	ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	822.36
MATT PARROTT	UTILITY BILLS	96.22
RUDD SANITATION & RECYCLE	GARBAGE & RECYCLE	6,506.00
EARLY POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	40
GWORKS	ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	822.37
MATT PARROTT	UTILITY BILLS	96.22
RUDD SANITATION & RECYCLE	GARBAGE & RECYCLE	1,550.00
AMAZON.COM	SUPPLIES	168.14
COUNTRY SAMPLER	2YEAR SUBSCRIPTION	36.38
DEMCO	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	62.29
EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY	PETTY CASH REDO	30
FRONTIER COMMUNICATION	TELEPHONES	191.02

HGTV MAGAZINE	MAGAZINE RENEWAL	12
NATIONWIDE	SURETY BOND RENEWAL	100
TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL	NEWSLETTERS	71.63
CAPITAL ONE	MOIVES	150.76
BOMGAARS	PARKS-MOWER	32.9
ENGEL AGRI SALES CO	PARKS-MOWER	81.84
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	35.7
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	56.71
NOLL EXCAVATING	RODNEY WADSLEY CREMATION	300
PHIL DAVIS	MOWING	600
SETD	SETD FUNDING	1,467.50
SHARON IRWIN	SAC COUNTY LEAGUE	12
ADOBE	ADOBE	15.89
AMAZON.COM	SUPPLIES	114.9
CHRONICLE	LEGALS	843.9
ICE TECHNOLOGIES	ANNUAL LIC FEE	49.33
COUNSEL	PRINTING	21.02
EARLY POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	38
FRONTIER COMMUNICATION	TELEPHONES	190.63
GOOGLE	GSUITE	12.19
GWORKS	ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	963
HEARTLAND MARKETING	WEBSITE MAINT	70
MATT PARROTT	UTILITY BILLS	180.26
NOTARY ROTARY, INC	SUPPLIES	44.75
OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	173.97
POSTMASTER	CERT MAIL	6.8
TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL	NEWSLETTERS	214.87
WELLS FARGO	HP COPIER LEASE	59.33
ZOOM	REMOTE BUSINESS	5.35
AMAZON.COM	SUPPLIES	223.8
DONS PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	165
KING WELDING & REPAIR LLC	SQUARE TUBING	11.6
LEXI BAINBRIDGE	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	14.97
MGM PUMBING & HEATING	LIBRARY AC REPAIRS	299
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	526.49
AFLAC	AFLAC POST TAX	13.28
IPERS	IPERS	287.8
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	9.45
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	34.53
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	315.79
CAPITAL ONE	SUPPLIES/BOOKS	52.37
BOMGAARS	STREETS	98.36
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	FUEL	178.78
LARSON OIL	FUEL DYE #1	360.07

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	1,529.70
HAWKEYE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	SNOWPLOW	241.02
LARSON OIL	FUEL DYE #1	1,080.23
IMWCA	INSTALL6- WORK COMP PREM 21-22	1,273.00
IMWCA	INSTALL6- WORK COMP PREM 21-22	140
MED COMPASS	PHYSICALS	4,550.00
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	INSURANCE	150.23
IMWCA	INSTALL6- WORK COMP PREM 21-22	70
MIDWEST COATINGS CO, INC	2021 STREET REPAIR	42,530.74
CITIZENS 1ST NATIONAL	FIRE TRUCK LOAN	929.59
AFLAC	AFLAC	81.93
IPERS	IPERS	428.44
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	18.31
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	103.22
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	629.07
AFLAC	INSURANCE	0.01
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	INSURNACE	23.43
CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICE	WATER TREATMENT FACILITY	273.5
ICE TECHNOLOGIES	ANNUAL LIC FEE	49.33
COUNSEL	PRINTING	31.52
DORSEY & WHITNEY	LEGAL FEES #6	850
EARLY POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	40
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TREATMENT TEST	377.5
GWORKS	ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	922.36
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	CHEMICALS	284.08
IA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET TAX	1,796.88
IAMU	WCISA-Q4	333.15
IMWCA	WORK COMP PREM FY21-22	110
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	18
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP FEE	225
JOHN T JONES CONSTRUCTION	WATER TREATMENT FACILITY	289,190.45
KRIS ALESCH	PHONE STIPEND	45
KRUDICO INC	CHEMICAL	616.02
MATT PARROTT	UTILITY BILLS	180.26
MCMASTER-CARR	WATER SUPPLIES	235.11
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	320.44
OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	174.02
QUALITY PUMP & CONTROL	SUPPLIES	600
REGION XII	CDBG ADMIN. BILLING #4	1,527.00
VAN WERT COMPANY	WATER PIT METER	881.21
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	INSURANCE	675.99
WELLS FARGO	HP COPIER LEASE	59.33
ZOOM	REMOTE BUSINESS	5.35
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	CONST ADMIN-4	17,658.40

IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	WATER DEBT D0211R	8,349.52
AFLAC	AFLAC POST TAX	81.87
IPERS	IPERS	428.38
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	18.33
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	103.18
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	629.09
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	INSURNACE	23.42
ICE TECHNOLOGIES	ANNUAL LIC FEE	49.34
COUNSEL	PRINTING	31.52
EARLY POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	40
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER/WASTE TESTING	290.75
GWORKS	ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	922.36
IMWCA	WORK COMP PREM FY21-22	110
MATT PARROTT	UTILITY BILLS	180.26
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	76.95
OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	173.97
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	INSURANCE	675.99
WELLS FARGO	HP COPIER LEASE	59.34
ZOOM	REMOTE BUSINESS	5.34
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SEWER DEBT C0069R	3,753.75
REPORT TOTAL		421,454.75

	REVENUES	EXPENSES
GENERAL	2,153.25	7,544.11
ROAD USE TAX		3,003.02
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		1,244.32
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		
DEBT SERVICE		929.59
WATER UTILITY	2,731.87	287,838.22
WATER SINKING	262,429.80	11,172.52
SEWER UTILITY	925.33	3,636.15
SEWER SINKING		3,753.75


Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, Fire Dept, and DPW.

Fire Chief Keith Horan will present to the township trustees the new fire budget at the next council meeting on January 4th, 2022. Letters of invitation will be sent out to the trustees.


Public Works Director Kris Alesch addressed the Council with concerns about the Lagoons Generator. The generator is no longer supported for parts and is very hard to keep maintained at this time. He has brought forwarded a quote from Echo for the purchase of a new generator for purchase. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to have Public Works Director Kris Alesch purchase a new generator pending on the determination of size needed for operation and to be pay out of the ARPA fund. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Schmitt, Langner, Mason, Cougill, Pickhinke. Motion passed.

Councilor Steven Mason submitted his resignation from the City Council as he has been elected to the school board. Council will decide at the January meeting whether to appoint someone to finish his term of two years or whether to have a special election.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to close the meeting at 9:38 PM.



Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk



Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor