

CITY OF EARLY

December 2019

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

Council

Bill Cougill
Melissa Freese
Steven Mason
Brian Pickhinke
Summer Schmitt

Council meeting- 1st Tuesday

Lexi Houston, 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

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City Office Hours

Monday thru
Thursday

8am - 3pm

(Closed for lunch 12-
1pm)

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 December 2019. 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. Absent: Doug Gulley, and Melissa Freese. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes. Ayes: Cougill, Brinkman, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley, and Freese. Motion carried. City Council reviewed the Source Water Protection Plan and discussed the benefits of upgrading the treatment plant to Reverse Osmosis. At 7:04 p.m. Councilor Freese Arrived. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to approve bills for payments. Aye: Cougill, Brinkman, Freese, Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Motion Carried. City Council and Region Council of Governments reviewed and update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. City Council and Sac County Sheriff Ken McClure review the progress of the snow ordinance and parking. First reading of Ordinance No. 321 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Early, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertain to Water Rates was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Cougill, Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. First reading passed. Seconding reading will be held next regular City Council meeting. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman for the removal of City sidewalk at 117 W South Ave. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, Freese, Pickhinke.

Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Motion carried.

Mayor, Fire Chief, Library, DPW, and City Clerk gave monthly reports.



We have new
hours!!

Holiday Home of the Week

Dec 1-Robert & Christine Madden located at 408 Maple Street

Dec 8-Jake & Jenni Belcher located at 206 W Main Street

Dec 15-Greg & Elaine Toomer located at 306 Main Street

Dec 22- Dennis & Mary Lou Steele located at 2321 Karr Ave

Thank you to everyone for participating in the holiday home of the week challenge! The town looked great!

Mark your calendars for **July 18th for Crossroads Days!** More to come later!

MAYOR'S NOTES

The Council reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Plan with the representative from Region XII Council of Governments. This process is required every five years. If we don't keep it current and would have some type of disaster, we would be unable to get FEMA funds to help with and after the incident.

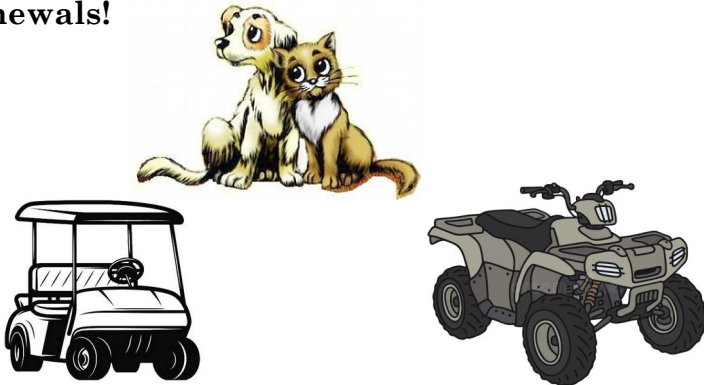
The Council decided that the city will have a community wide informational meeting sometime in January to have the engineer explain what will be happening with the upgrades to our water system and why. He will explain the costs involved and why the water rates will be increasing accordingly. Please watch for the notices of this meeting and plan to attend to become better informed.

The City has hired Lexi Houston as new city clerk. If you have a chance, stop in the office and meet her and welcome her. She has a sharp learning curve so be patient. Office hours will now be 8 am-3 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am to noon on Fridays.

I want to personally thank Mary Ann Brinkman and Doug Gulley for their years of service on the City Council. I also want to welcome Steve Mason and Summer Schmitt as new council members starting their position in January.

Have you noticed the new Christmas lights on Main Street? What do you think of them? We purchased the number of decorations we could afford at this time with the donations that we had received. Thank you to Georgia Flanigan for working on this project for the city. If you like the decorations, consider donating to the cause so that more of the old decorations can be replaced. I would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and New Year. Enjoy special time with family and friends. Be safe!

Just a reminder with the New Year right around the corner to stop in an update your furry friends pet license and registration along with your ATV and golf cart renewals!



EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Early Public Library hosted the 3rd Annual Christmas Celebration on December 7th, 2019. The Friends of the Library would like to thank all those who helped and donated, along with these sponsors: Bill and Carla Bainbridge, Carla's Mane Creations, along with Doug and Delta Gulley. Also a big thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for stopping by and to the Early Fire Department for giving Santa a ride to his destination.

Snow Ordinance is in effect 11/1/19 to 3/31/20. The Sheriff Dept. will tow all vehicles given 3 tickets or more. No parking on streets from midnight to 7:00 a.m.

ATTENTION!!

The City of Early Council Members along with special guests from Bolton/Menk would like you to join them for a town hall meeting on January 20th at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be informational regarding our upgrading to the water system and water rate increases that will come for the New Year.

Water rates will triple amounts by the end of the 2020 year.

The minimum billing (includes 2,000gal and the Water System Improvement Fee) will start at \$37.00 and rise to \$60.00. For outside city limits the minimum billing will start at \$43.00 and rise to \$119.00

Please join us with you concerns and questions.

Town Hall Meeting

January 20th at 7:00 PM

A special thank you from Tami and others to the ECDC, Dick and Jan McConell, and to the Early Legion for the new and improved restrooms. Thank you again to all who has helped in making this happen.

