

December 2020

CITY OF EARLY

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

City Council

Bill Cougill
Tim Langner
Steven Mason
Brian Pickhinke
Summer Schmitt

Council meeting- 1st Tuesday

Lexi Bainbridge, 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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**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 1st day of December 2020. 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, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner, Bill Cougill. Absent: Steven Mason. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes bills for payment. On show of hands: Ayes: Schmitt, Pickhinke, Langner, Cougill. Nays: none. Absent: Mason. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to forgive a portion, with proof, of unused utilities at 508 Walnut St. On a show of hands: Ayes: Schmitt, Langner, Cougill, Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Mason. Motioned passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to have City Attorney draft paperwork towards 202 Karr Ave Tax Lien Forgiveness and develop a contract with the potential buyers. On a show of hands. Ayes: Schmitt, Langer, Pickhinke, Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Mason. Motioned passed. Annexation for parcel 810603200005/Matthaidess Family Irrevocable Trust was discussed briefly and is awaiting answer from applicants to being process. Once the application has been submitted meetings will be arranged with county supervisors and trustees. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve Building Permit #772 for a temporary special permit of two years and will be addressed closely during this period of time. On a show of hands. Ayes: Langner, Cougill, Pickhinke. Nays: Schmitt. Absent: Mason. Motion passed. Tax Abatement Application for property 108 E South Street has been moved by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to forward to County Assessor for approval. Resolution 20-18 Ordering Bids, Approving Plans, Specifications And Form Of Contract And Notice To Bidder, Fixing Amount Of Bidder's Check, And Ordering Clerk To Publish Notice And For A Public Hearing On Plans, Specifications, Form Of Contract And Estimate Of Costs For The 2nd Street Watermain Improvements was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Langner, Schmitt, Pickhinke, Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Mason. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to have a public hearing held on January 5th, 2021 on proposed contract documents and estimated costs for repair or improvements. On a show of hands. Ayes: Schmitt, Langner, Cougill, Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Mason. Motioned passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the building permit #773. Pending 1 last approval by the Planning and Zoning Board. Ayes: Schmitt, Cougill, Pickhinke, Langner. Nays. None. Absent: Mason. Motioned passed. 108 W 3rd St- Stuhrenberg Property. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and Seconded by Councilor Cougill to take over the property and destroy the dwellings. On a show of hands. Ayes: Cougill, Pickhinke. Nays: Schmitt, Langner. Absent: Mason. Motion failed. City is to find out exact costs and/or potential buyers in the community willing to destroy and/or refurbish the dwellings. Revisit next meeting. 110 Cross Street- Busse Property. City attorney to pursue garnishment of wages to pay off bad debt owed to the City along with the dwelling nuisances of disrepair. Revisit next meeting. Animal licensing to those who have not paid and have record for will be sent a municipal infraction for the year 2020. Those who have more than the stated number of pets per the Code of Ordinances will be revisited next month. Resolution 20-17 Approving Request To Sac County Treasurer For The Assignment Of Tax Sale Certificates, Approval Of City Acquisition Of Properties Through Tax Deed, Authorization Of Request Prelease Of Property Taxes And Special Assessments, And Release Of All City Liens And Special Assessments To Encourage Rehabilitation Of Housing was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Langner, Schmitt, Pickhinke, Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Mason. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. The Clerk reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment in the consent agenda: Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, and DPW. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. Meeting was adjourned at 10:11PM. Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

Just a reminder with the New Year right around the corner to update your furry friends pet license and registration. We are doing something new this year and would request a small picture of your furry friends for identification purposes. The new registration forms are available on our website or contact City Hall to grab a copy. Please make sure you bring an updated copy of your rabies vaccinations. As a reminder Licenses for fixed animals are \$10.00 per pet and \$20.00 for non fixed animals.



Also stop in to renew or register your ATV and golf carts with the City. Please bring in an updated insurance card and a payment of \$25.00.



EARLY FOCUS NEWS

Holiday home of the week

Steve & Carol Schramm at 503 Maple St
(Nov. 30th)

Randy & Deb Galvin at 205 W Main St
(Dec. 7th)

Dave & Toni Olsen at 2310 Karr Ave.
(Dec. 14th)

Frank & Courtney Carbis at 308 N Main St
(Dec. 21st)



Snow Ordinance is in effect 11/1/20 to 3/31/21. No parking on streets from midnight to 7:00 am.

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MAYOR'S NOTES

This was a long meeting this month. Many items took considerable discussion. Resolution was passed ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders concerning the water main improvements on Second Street. Notice will be published in the Chronicle concerning the bid letting for this project. The engineer will also post it on all the appropriate sites on the internet. Bids will be accepted until 2:30 PM on December 29th. The work on this project will not begin until late spring. A resolution was passed approving the purchase of 403 Karr Avenue through the county. In time this will probably allow for the sale of said property and get it back on the tax rolls. Council discussed employee wages and insurance coverage. A resolution will be presented at the January meeting for changes to wages. Due to the lateness of this council meeting a decision on an Asset Management Program was tabled until the January meeting. I would like to give a special thank you to Fritz Schramm's family for the wonderful addition to the Christmas tree on Heartland Marketing's property. The star on the top of the tree and the many balls on the tree are a great addition. Thank you to others who have also purchased balls for the tree. With the increased outbreak of COVID 19, I have ordered the Municipal Building locked again. If you have business with the City, call before coming. This includes the City Office and the Library. (Masks are required and keep your 6' social distancing). Remember to wear a mask when going into any public building. I have noticed many people don't put on a mask when going into the post office. There is a sign on the door advising that masks are needed. Think about all of the people that go in and out of the Post Office in a day, think about their health safety and the staff working there, not just your "rights". May God bless you and your family during this year's celebration of Jesus' birth and the New Year.