

# CITY OF EARLY

## City Council News

February 2019

### City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

#### Council

Mary Ann Brinkman  
Bill Cougill  
Melissa Freese  
Doug Gulley  
Brian Pickhinke

Council meeting-1st Tuesday

Tammy Nuckolls, Clerk  
Georgia Flanigan, Assist. 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** 7am - 12pm

**Tuesday** 7am - 12pm  
1pm - 6pm

**Wednesday** 7am - 12pm  
1pm - 4pm

**Thursday** - 7am - 12pm

**Friday** - CLOSED

Water Protection Source meeting was held prior to the February 5, 2019 City Council meeting. Attending: Brian Pickhinke, Doug Gulley, Mary Ann Brinkman, Melissa Freese, Bill Cougill and Sharon Ann Irwin.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 5th day of February, 2019. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: Bill Cougill, Doug Gulley, Melissa Freese, Mary Ann Brinkman and Brian Pickhinke. A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Gulley to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes and bills for payment. Ayes: Gulley, Pickhinke, Freese, Cougill and Brinkman. Nays: None. Motion carried. Fire Chief Cougill gave annual fire department report and City Council reviewed FY20 budget with the Township Trustees.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to approve building permit #747 pending verification from Street Superintendent that structure is not built on the right of way parking and approval from the Planning and Zoning Committee. Ayes: Freese, Brinkman, Gulley, Cougill and Pickhinke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve building permit #748 pending approval from the Planning and Zoning Committee. Ayes: Freese, Brinkman, Pickhinke, Gulley and Cougill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

FY20 City Budget was reviewed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese setting March 5th, 2019 at 7:00 pm as public hearing date for the budget. Ayes: Gulley, Freese, Pickhinke, Brinkman, and Cougill. Nays:None. Motion carried.

Mayor, Sheriff, DPW and City Clerk gave monthly reports.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

### MAYOR'S NOTES

The February council meeting made up for the short January meeting. With the community meeting on Source Water Protection Plan starting at 6:00 PM and then the council meeting at 7:00 PM. We were there almost 4 hours.

We had our annual meeting with the township trustees concerning the fire department operations for the previous years and needs for the future. Early is blessed to have a dedicated volunteer fire and emergency responders department. Insurance and liability today require quite a bit of training for these volunteers. It is all on their own time.

We have had a couple of big water leaks in the past month. One of them we had been trying to find for a couple of months and the other just started. If you have been around the community, you have seen where one of the problems was across from the city ball field. This leak ended up being under the culvert. They ended up having to tear into the culvert to get a temporary fix on the break. The water main on Second Street has had numerous leaks in the past few years. The City met with an engineer to start working on replacing this main from Main Street to west of Linden Lane. This is going to be a costly undertaking.

The City had already been talking with the engineering supervisor for Drainage District 59 which goes through the middle of the community. Now because of the water main leak and the place where it was, it seems prudent to work with the county on upgrades to this drainage district in conjunction with the water main replacement. The bridge and especially the culvert on Second Street now need serious attention. A petition has been submitted to the county supervisors requesting a study and proposal for this. There will be community meetings held later in the year concerning this matter.

The City Council and interested citizens of the Early Community will be working on a Water Source Protection Plan again next month. This will be on Tuesday, March 5th at 6 PM at Council Chambers. We encourage community people to attend. We would very much like to have area farmers attend as well. This meeting only lasts an hour.

The City will continue to accept donations toward the purchase of new Christmas lights. These will need to be purchased by early fall to have them in time for next Christmas season.

**Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor**

**March Happenings  
@Early Public Library**

**March Story Times**

**Wednesdays @10**

March 6: Just Going to the Dentist  
 March 13: Terry Treetop & the Lost Egg  
 March 20: Moon Boy  
 March 27: Red Wagon

Witter Gallery  
 March 4th @5pm  
 Coffee & Canvas  
 for 50+ adults

Essential Oils with Daily Apple  
 March 14th @6:30 pm

We will also have the chance to use the iTOVi scanner, the iTOVi scanner is a non-diagnostic device that shows you which essential oils and supplements your body has the strongest response to at the time of the scan.

**Adult Easter Egg Hunt**

**March 30th @7pm**

**Prizes available**

**\*Legion will be open\***

**FOCUS NEWS**

Please consider donating! This is the only way for us to make Crossroads Days happen year after year. We hope you consider donating to Early FOCUS as we hope to make this year the best year for Early's 137th birthday. We cannot do this without the help of the community. No amount is too small and every dollar counts.

We are made up strictly of volunteers and are a nonprofit group. Thanks for considering. Those of you that didn't get an envelope or that would like to contribute, you can mail your donation to Early FOCUS PO Box 117 Early IA 50535.

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FOCUS is currently looking for baby contestants. Our forms are available at [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com). They can be between ages 0-3 by July 20th.

FOCUS is also accepting early parade registrations.

Forms are available at [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com)

Please mark your calendar for July 20th for Early Crossroads Days!

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The Early FOCUS will be judging Yard of the Month May thru September so please keep your yards up and look for the yard of the month sign to come to a yard near you.

Thank You!

Snow and ice needs to be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours of accumulating.

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Snow Emergency Parking Ban is in effect from November 1st to March 31st Midnight to 7 am



**Do You Know What You Can And Should Recycle?**

Aluminum- Beverage Cans and Clean Aluminum Foil

Metal Cans- Food Cans made of Steel or Tin

Glass- All Food & Beverage Jars and Bottles (Including Colored Glass)

Plastics-All plastic cups and containers #1-7, plastic bottles, jugs, jars, yogurt containers, cottage cheese containers, margarine and whipped topping tubs, plastic "Clamshell" food containers and disposable plastic cups

Newspapers, Paper, Magazines- Newspaper and All Inserts, Computer and Writing Paper, Paper Beverage Cups, Junk Mail, Brown Paper Grocery Bags, File Folders, All Magazines, Paperback and Telephone Books

Cardboard/Chipboard- Corrugated Cardboard Boxes, Dry Food Boxes such as cereal, cake mix and cracker containers (please remove liner), shoe boxes, pizza boxes, empty paper towel and toilet tissue tubes

*Sac County Solid Waste Agency*

**Water Source Protection** meeting will be held March 5, 6:00 pm at City Hall. All residents, both town and country, are urged to attend to discuss plans to address the rising nitrate levels in our public water system. The follow-through of the community's local Source Water Protection Plan needs local leadership. Community awareness and involvement starts with committed individuals working together. Through the work of community leaders and SWP team members efforts to protect our most valuable resource will be successful.

