

CITY OF EARLY

City Council News

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

Council

Mary Ann Brinkman
Bill Cougill
Melissa Freese
Doug Gulley
Brian Pickhinke

Council meeting- 1st Tuesday

Tammy Nuckolls, Clerk
Ray Musselman, Supt. D.P.W.
William Cougill, Fire Chief

Library Board

Mary Bruns
Julie Carlson
Cory Faist
Mary Feilmeier
Sue Loggins
Library Board meeting 4th
Tuesday.
Cindy Garthoff, Library
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City Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday
7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday
7:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Friday
Closed

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 9th day of February, 2016. 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: Doug Gulley, Brian Pickhinke, William Cougill, Melissa Freese and Mary Ann Brinkman. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, approval of a new firefighter Steven Mason, and bills for payment. Ayes: Pickhinke, Gulley, Cougill, Brinkman, and Freese. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Bill Cougill gave the fire department's annual report to the township trustees and the budget and future needs were discussed.

Resolution 16-02 Adopting Revisions to the Personnel Policies Handbook was offered by Council Pickhinke and seconded by Council Brinkman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Gulley, Freese, Cougill, Pickhinke, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto and by the reference made a part thereof.

A motion was made by Council Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese approving the proposal submitted by Simmering and Cory, Inc. to prepare and assist the city in implementing a new Urban Revitalization Plan. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, Gulley, Freese, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Motion carried

FY17 City Budget was reviewed a motion by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Council Freese setting March 1st, 2016 at 7:00 pm as public hearing date for the budget. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Gulley, Cougill, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Home Town Pride Committee, City Clerk, Mayor, Fire Department, and Supt. D.P.W. Sheriff's report was unavailable.

A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

2016 3rd Annual Early Steak Fry

The Early Steak fry will be held March 12, 2016 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the basement of the Early Municipal Building.

The cost for tickets in advance is \$13. Day of the event is \$16. Tickets are available from any Early FOCUS member ahead of time or at the door the day of.

You get your choice of a Ribeye or Chicken Breast with baked potato, salad, garlic bread, dessert bar and your choice of a drink.

There will be a craft show at the Early Library from 4 to 8 p.m. that day as well.

Sponsored by the EARLY FOCUS Committee.

A Message from the Mayor,

The February Early Council meeting was postponed a week because of the blizzard on the first Tuesday of the month. When our meeting was held on February 9th, we had our annual meeting with township trustees from the townships that our fire department covers either totally or partially.

The Council reviewed the proposed 2017 budget and set March 1 at 7 PM as the hearing on the proposed budget. The City property tax asking is only going to go up \$.19 per \$1,000 valuation for the next fiscal year.

The Council also did a review on the City Code of Ordinances. These have to be recodified every five years per state law. This is a process that will take a number of months before it is completed.

The Home Town Pride Committee has a number of new ideas to start working on for the community.

Plan to attend the F.O.C.U.S. annual steak fry on Saturday night, March 12 at the Early Municipal Building. This is always a great meal and the money raised goes to pay for the inflatables for Crossroads Days. Plans are well underway for this year's celebration to be held on July 15 & 16. The Crossroads Days in 2017 will be celebrating Early's 135th anniversary. F.O.C.U.S. is always interested in having more people join the committee in planning activities for our community. The next meeting will be Sunday, April 3 at 6 PM at the Early Municipal Building.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

Library News

Hello Everyone! I have been very busy here in the Library. I have processed many new books and I have busy booking the vendors for the Craft & Vendor Show on March 12.

The Annual Craft & Vendor Show, which is a fundraiser for the Library will be held on March 12 5pm to 8pm. The vendors I have booked are: Scentsy, Velata, Pampered Chef, Origami Owl, Norwex, Homemade Greeting Cards, Usbourne Books, Homemade Signs and Decorative Tiles, Mary & Martha, Thirty-One, Crochet Items & Nature Photography, Grace Adele, Homesewn Items, Handwrapped Jewelry & Decorative Cigar Boxes, Prim & Parli Baby Boutique, Homemade Craft Items, Thrive, Jamerry & Craft Items, Custom Sewn Purses, Bantel Pearls, Pure Romance.

The FOCUS Committee will be holding their Annual Steak Fry in the basement of the Library also that night! Come out and support your Library and your Community!

The books that have been processed recently are:

Kristin Hannah- The Nightengale
Anthony Doerr- All the Light We Cannot See
Greg Iles- Nanchez Burning & The Bone Tree
Jeffrey Deaver- XO
John Grisham- Rogue Lawyer
Patricia Cornwell- Depraved Heart
James Patterson- Burn
Ken Follett- Edge of Eternity & Fall of Giants
Scott Turow- Innocent

Recent Large Print books processed:

Murder at the Courthouse
Grace against the Clock
The Fruitcake Murders
The Witnesses

Upcoming Events: Easter Egg Hunt with free book giveaway at the Library- Date to be determined

Visit www.earlyia.com for more calendar and community events