

# CITY OF EARLY

February 2020

## 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 during the  
noon hour)

Friday  
8AM - 12 PM

## City Council News

A Public Hearing was held at 7:00 PM in the council chambers at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest in the proposed property tax levy for the fiscal 2020-2021 year as published in the Chronicle on January 16, 2020 may appear and be heard for or against the adoption of the proposed property tax levy or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were for or against said property tax. Hearing was closed. A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 4th day of February 2020. 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, Steve Mason, Summer Schmitt. Absent: Melissa Freese. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the consent agenda including: agenda, minutes, bills for payment, and Sac County Pheasants Forever liquor license. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Freese. Motion carried. Fire Chief William Cougill gave his annual report to the City Council and The Township Trustees. Councilor Freese arrives at 7:36 PM. Resolution 20-04 - Approving The Proposed Property Tax Levy was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 20-05 – Approving the Professional Service Agreement for the Water Treatment Plant was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 20-06 – Approving The Professional Service Agreement For The W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St Watermain was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese. On roll call vote: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese to set a public hearing for proposed FY21 Budget for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. during Special City Council meeting. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Council members discussed the legal liabilities for having the City contracted out for private business and residents. After much discussion and facts from the City's Insurance Agent the City will no longer be providing such services. Mayor, Fire Chief, Library, DPW, and City Clerk gave monthly reports. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Cougill. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm on voice vote.

## Summary of Questions on the Census

- How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020
- Whether the home is owned or rented
- About the sex of each person in your home
- About the age of each person in your home
- About the race of each person in your home
- About whether a person in your home is of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin
- About the relationship of each person in your home
- A phone number for a person in the home

The 2020 US Census will NOT ask about citizenship or immigration status

## MAYOR'S NOTES

The Council had their annual meeting with the township trustees concerning fire protection and the next fiscal year budget. A number of rural residents met with the council concerning the proposed water rates. Following discussion by the council later in the meeting, the third reading of the proposed ordinance was not acted upon but further study will be done. The Council approved two Engineering Agreements with Bolton and Menk, Inc. for the next stages of the water treatment plant and the water main replacement. In reviewing items with our insurance agent, it was determined by the Council that the City will not clean or sand for businesses or private homeowners.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who has been praying for me in the past month. My follow up appointment on February 6 was very good! I just have to go back in 2 months for another CT scan to be sure everything is

## EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS



Adult Easter craft

March 11 9-12pm and 1-6pm

\$5.00

Easter craft for children of all ages

March 17th 5pm

no cost

Friends of the Library is hosting a Chili Cook-Off March 21st

Contact the library for more information.

## FOCUS NEWS

Those of you that are resident of Early have received a donation letter from Early FOCUS. We hope you will consider donating to Early FOCUS as we hope to make this year the best year ever for Early's 138th birthday. We cannot do this without the help of all the community. No amount is too small and every dollar counts. We can only do this through the help of the community as we are strictly all made up of volunteers and a nonprofit group. Thanks for considering! Those of you that didn't get an envelope or would like to contribute you can mail your donation to Early FOCUS PO Box 117 Early, IA 50535.

Early FOCUS will be selling Scratch Cupcakes from April 27 to May 15th. The pick up date is June 4th. We are asking anyone that would be serious about selling as we only have so many packets to please reach out to us and we will get you a packet. The person who sells the most will get a prize. We are fundraising to help cover the cost of the fireworks for 2022. Early's 140th Birthday. Also anyone that is buying cupcakes HAS to be able to pick them up on June 4th in Early as they will come frozen and we will NOT have freezer space. The top seller receives \$100 cash! Thank you so much and if you interested please call or text 402-659-4477 and we will make sure you get a packet. Sales have to be turned in May 15th no later with all the money then.

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.

Focus is currently looking for girls 5-10 who would like to be the next 2020 Little Miss Crossroads Days. Must be from Early and forms are available at [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com).

Please mark your calendars for July 17th-18th Early Crossroads Days!

Thank you for your continued support!

## Sac County Solid Waste Agency

All food and beverage jars and bottles (including all colors of glass) should be placed with your other recycling items.

Examples: soft drink, juice, beer/wine bottles, spaghetti sauce, baby food, pickle and mayonnaise jars.

\*Empty and rinse the jars and bottles.

\*Lids and labels are okay.

\*Food and beverage containers only.

NOT acceptable items are mirrors, window glass, plates, pottery, ceramics, drinking glasses, headlights, cooking ware or light bulbs.

***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.***