

February 2021

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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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 7:08 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 2021-2022 year as published in the Chronicle on January 21, 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 2nd day of February 2021. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner, Bill Cougill, Steven Mason. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes bills for payment. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. Fire Chief William Cougill gave his annual fire report to the City Council and The Township Trustees. Resolution 21-02 Approving Proposed Property Tax Levy was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 21-03 Approving Refinance of Transfer Station Loan was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 21-04 Approving Ordering Bids, Plans, Specifications and Forms 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 2nd Street Watermain Improvement Project was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to set a hearing for bidding for water improvement project on March 2nd, 2021 at 107 N Main Street Early, Iowa. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to set a hearing for Proposed FY2022 Budget on March 2nd, 2021 at 107 N Main Street Early, Iowa. On a show of hands. Aye: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, and DPW. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Mason. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

With love



on Valentine's Day

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.



A Special Thanks!

A special thank you to all of those who had donated and contributed to the Christmas Tree!

There was a total of \$840.00 raised. Expenses towards the Tree was \$565.00. \$275.00 was left over, \$60 of which went to new lights and 45 went to FOCUS. \$170 was donated to the City and placed in the Community Beautification Fund! Thank you again!

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

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email as well please contact the clerk's office by email at cityclerk@earlyia.com.

MAYOR'S NOTES

A resolution was passed authorizing the Sac County Solid Waste Agency to refinance the loan for the transfer station building. All cities in the county plus the county supervisors need to approve this. In refinancing this loan, between \$50,000 and \$70,000 will be saved with the life of the loan.

A resolution was passed approving the plans, specifications and forms of contract and notice of public hearing on the 2nd Street water improvement project. Bids will be opened for the project on Friday, February 19th via internet. Bid hearing and approval will be made at the March 2nd council meeting.

March 6th will also be the hearing date and approval of the 21-22 Fiscal Year Budget.

The first attempt to flood the north tennis court for ice skating didn't go as well as hoped. We are now going to try laying down a heavy plastic and then flooding the area.

If you hadn't already heard, Early is going to be a pass-through community for RAGBRAI on Sunday, July 25th. We will be having a preliminary planning meeting soon. We are going to need lots of volunteers to help make this a success as they head for Sac City that evening.