

February 2022

# CITY OF EARLY

## City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

### City Council

Bill Cougill  
Brian Pickhinke  
Summer Schmitt  
Tim Langner

Council Meeting- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

Lexi Bainbridge, Clerk  
Kris Alesch, Supt. D.P.W.  
Keith Horan, Fire Chief

Fire Meeting- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

### Library Board

Cory Faist  
Julie Carlson  
Julie Wadsley  
Sue Loggins  
Becki Petersen-Secretary

Board Meeting- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Kristine Luy, 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 2022-2023 year as published in the Chronicle on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2022. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Bill Cougill, Tim Langner, Summer Schmitt. 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: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to remove Sac County Pheasant Forever Liquor License from the consent agenda and to approve it pending State of Iowa License approval if approval is not met license will not be granted. Resolution 22-05 Adoption of Property Max Tax Levy FY 2022-2023 was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to appoint Becky Blackman as new council person to replace Steven Mason's term until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Becky was called and invited to attend the rest of council meeting, she arrived at 7:30 PM and was read the oath of office and swore in. Resolution 22-06 Notice of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 328 Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Plain update to establish Flood Plain Regulations to ensure full compliance with the regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and to reference the new effective dates of the new Sac County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS), and to repeal the existing City Flood Plain Ordinance, Chapter 160 was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner, Blackman. Nays: None. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. The Council had a discussion with the City Attorney the possible 28E Agreement for Drainage District 59. No action was taken. City Attorney will meet with the engineers for the drainage district to do more work on the agreement. No New items were added to the Nuisance Abatement reports, properties are still under watch from last month. 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, Fire Dept, and DPW. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Langner to close the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor  
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

## MAYOR'S NOTES

The City Council voted to appoint Becky Blackman to the city council to complete the term of Steve Mason, who had resigned his position in December. The balance of this term runs to December 31, 2023. Becky was invited to the meeting and sworn in as a councilperson. Discussed with the City Attorney the possible 28E Agreement for Drainage District 59. No action was taken. City Attorney will meet with the engineers for the drainage district to do more work on the agreement. Set March 1<sup>st</sup> as hearing on proposed Ordinance on Flood Plain Regulations. Set March 1<sup>st</sup> as hearing on FY 22-23 Budget. Mayor reported on the proposed increase in per capita costs for the Solid Waste Agency. Per Capita fees will go to \$47 per capita and tipping fees will go to \$67 per ton. Congratulations go to our City Librarian, Kristine Luy and her husband, Brady on the birth of their son. Hours at the library will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays until toward the end of March.

Just a reminder with the New Year means to update your furry friends pet license and registration. We 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.

Licenses for fixed animals \$10.00/pet

\$20.00/pet for non-fixed animals.



**LAST DAY IS**  
**FEB 28TH TO AVOID LATE**  
**FEES AND INFRACTIONS!!!**

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.



## **Upcoming Library Events for January 2022**

\*Story Times:

Wednesday, Feb. 9 @ 10:00AM

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd @ 10:30AM

Wednesday, March 9th @ 10:00AM

Wednesday, March 16th @ 10:30AM

Meetings

Friends of the Library- Tuesday, February 8th @ 6PM

Board Meeting- Wednesday, February 22nd @ 6PM

Book Club - Wednesday, February 21st @ 6PM

**Temporary reduced hours of operation:**

**Wednesdays: 10:00AM-2:00PM**

**Thursdays: 10:00AM-2:00PM**

Effective from Monday, January 24th through Monday, March 21st. Will post any additional days/hours that are available. If interested in volunteering to open the library during this time frame, please contact the library at (712) 273-5334 or by emailing [earlyli-brary@gmail.com](mailto:earlyli-brary@gmail.com).

\*Stay in the loop about future events by following our Facebook page, our Early Public Library website, checking out our flyers that are posted at the library and the post office, or stop in!\*

## **EARLY FOCUS NEWS**

Those of you that are residents of Early will receive donation letters this upcoming week. We hope you will consider donating to Early FOCUS as we hope to make this year the best year ever for Early's 140th Birthday! We cannot do this without the help of the community. No amount is too small 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!

We greatly appreciate every donation that allows us to provide Early Crossroad Days and a celebration for the town.

Please Mark Your Calendars for July 15-16 2022!

***Snow Ordinance is in effect 11/1/21 to 3/31/22. 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](mailto:cityclerk@earlyia.com).

## **City Clerk's Office**

You are invited to join the City of Early online! We are now accepting online payments for the Utility Billing as well as many other items. I am currently working to get the rest of the forms online such as Pet Registration, Building Permits, ATV/Golf Cart Permits and much more that you can fill out online and purchase. We also can alert you via text or email on emergency issues that may occur within our community when you sign up, such as a Water Main Break/Leak or a Burn Ban. This is very exciting for us to start migrating towards an online platform. **No more lost, ripped or late postcards in the mail!** To create a **FREE** account make sure you have your current utility account number handy and go to <https://earlyia.frontdeskworks.com>\*\* and follow the instructions. If you have any questions please call the office and I can assist you getting set up! This is only offered for Utility Customers as of now.

**\*\*Service fees are applied when making online payments only, account set up is FREE!!!\*\***