

# 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  
Director

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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 6th day of October 2015. 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 and Melissa Freese. Absent: Vincent Davis and Mary Ann Brinkman. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, and bills for payment. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Davis.

Resolution 15-20 Approving The Memorandum of Understanding with the Iowa Department of Administrative Services was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Freese, Cougill, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Davis and Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 15-21 Authorizing a Monthly Transfer of Funds From The Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the General Fund For Tax Relief was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese. On roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Pickhinke, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Davis. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 15-22 Authorizing The City Clerk to Pay Specified Claims Prior to Council Approval Offered by Councilor Freese and Seconded by Councilor Cougill On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Davis and Brinkman. 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 Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese to have the city submit an application to MidAmerican Trees Please program. Tammy Nuckolls and Jerry Irwin will sit on the trees please committee. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Davis and Brinkman.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to table Resolution 15-23 until next regular council meeting November 3rd, 2015. Ayes: Freese, Cougill and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Davis and Brinkman.

7:27 pm a motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing the application for the Maintenance Work I position. 7:42 pm the city council came out of close session. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to offer the Maintenance work I position to candidate #4 if he turns the offer down to offer the position to candidate #3. Ayes: Cougill, Pickhinke and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Davis and Brinkman. 7:45 pm – Councilor Brinkman arrived

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to have the City of Early sign the MidAmerican Energy Company LED Street Lighting Installation Agreement for all Early street lights and to sign the Customer Request Form to replace 8-HU7 400HPS street lights to LED fixtures at a cost to the city of \$100.00 per fixture. Ayes: Cougill, Brinkman, Pickhinke, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Davis. Supt. D.P.W., Mayor, and City Clerk gave monthly reports. Sheriff's monthly written report was reviewed.

A motion was made by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to accept Mid-American Energy Company's proposal of \$8947.85 to remove existing overhead electric facilities and install new facilities along Highway 71 going to city shop. Ayes: Cougill, Brinkman, Pickhinke and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Davis. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM on voice vote.

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

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calendar and community events

### A Message from the Mayor,

Well, December turned out to be quite a month, weather-wise! The warm temperatures and the excessive rain that we received on December 14<sup>th</sup> were really something.

Because of the cost associated with rebuilding streets and in connection the cost to our residents, the Council has decided that we will not be rebuilding any streets at this time. We are going to do more patching and sealcoating. Another major issue to go along with this is the heavy rain that we had last month and issues that arose with the sanitary sewer system because of that. It was noted during the council meeting that 4-4 1/2" of rain in December is different than that amount of rain in the spring or summer because the ground is different then. Although, updates are made to the sewer system on a regular basis, the council feels that it would be money better spent to do an in-depth study of the sewer system and try to determine if there are things that can be done to prevent these issues from happening again.

Also, note that the City News will now come with the Tri-County Special once a month. This is hoped to reach more people within the city limits and also residents outside the city limits of Early.

I wish you all a blessed New Year as I start my second term as Mayor of Early.

*Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor*

## FOCUS News

Congratulations to all the Holiday Home of the Week Winners:

**November 29th-** Frank & Courtney Carbis Located at 308 N Main

**December 5th-** Richard & Toney Merkwon Located at 211 Hickory Stree

**December 12th-** Brian Peterson & Jake Hardy Located at 101 Linden Lane

**December 20th-** Dennis & Mary Lou Steele Located at 2321 Hwy 71

*Early FOCUS thanks everyone for your participation in the light up the town event and we look forward to next year.*

## Annual Steak Fry & Craft Show

**March 12, 2016 from 5:30-8:00 PM**

Early FOCUS Committee will be serving your choice of Steak or Chicken, Coleslaw, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Garlic bread, and bar with tea water or lemonade. Cost is \$13 presale and \$16 at the door. Tickets are available from any of the Early FOCUS members. Those include: Katie Ehrp, Mike & Jenny Bailey, Pennie Irwin, Sharon Irwin, Cindy Garthoff, Crystal Cudaback, Tami Grace, Brian Pichinke, Amanda Nees, Robin Padgett. Also the library will be having a craft fair from 5-8 that night as well. We hope you come out for some delicious food.

## Library News

**Happy New Year!** Lets ring in the new year with a good book. I have many new books that I am processing, something for everyone. Stop in and see if there is a book you would be interested in reading!

Our annual Christmas Party on Dec. 12 was a great success! Thank you to all who helped make this a fun day. Each child got a free book and a goodie bag from Santa!

We are having our **Annual Craft & Vendor Show on March 12**. This will coincide with the FOCUS Steak Fry on that night. Please contact me if you would like to be a vendor. The cost will be \$20. The craft show will be from 5pm to 8pm. Please call me at 712-273-5334. The money received from this will go towards new books and programming. I would like to bring in a couple different programs this coming year. Come out and show your support for our Library and our F.O.C.U.S committee!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's!

Cindy Garthoff  
Library Director

## RECYCLING

### GLASS TO BE RECYCLED

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.

**Sac County Solid Waste Agency**