

CITY OF EARLY

January 2019

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 regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 7th day of January 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: William Cougill, Steve Mason, Melissa Freese, Summer Schmitt. Absent: Brian Pickhinke. 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: Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Pickhinke. Motion carried. Resolution 20-01 - Approving The Appointment Of Lexi Houston As City Clerk was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Pickhinke. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 20-02 – Setting The Salaries For Appointed Officers And Employees Of The City Of Early For The Year 2020 was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Pickhinke. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 20-03 – Designating The Mayor Or City Clerk To Disburse Funds From Checking Account was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese on roll call vote: Ayes: Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Pickhinke. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Cougill to set a public hearing for FY21 maximum property tax dollars for February 4th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. during regular City Council meeting. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Pickhinke. Second reading of Ordinance No. 321 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Early, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertain to Water Rates was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Pickhinke. Second reading passed. Third reading will be held next regular City Council meeting. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese instructing City Attorney David Jennett, P.C. to file against owner(s) and tenant at 207 Karr Avenue for failure to obtain building permit(s) with the City. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Pickhinke. Council discussed with Engineer Josh Pope from Bolton & Menk and City Maintenance Supervisor Kris Alesch about which manufacture would best fit the City's needs for the new water R/O pilot program. After much review between two proposals A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese to approve Harn R/O systems INC. as the manufacture of the new water R/O pilot program. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, Freese, Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Pickhinke. Motion carried. Mayor, Fire Chief, 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 9:45 pm on voice vote.

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!

MAYOR'S NOTES

Lexi Houston was officially sworn in as City Clerk during the council meeting. I personally want to thank Tammy Nuckolls for her years of service to the city as the city clerk.

Congratulation to all the households who won, home of the week during the Christmas season. There were many nicely decorated homes in the community during the holidays

The Council approved a 90-day test program for Reverse Osmosis on the City water. This will give us a better understanding of how this will all work. As paperwork is prepared by our engineering firm for presentation to the Iowa DNR. Then we will submit application for a grant through CDBG program.

Reminder: If you have an ATV, you need to have a City Permit to be able to legally operate on City streets. You need to have proof of \$50,000/\$100,000 liability insurance covering operation on City streets is required.

Also, if you have dogs or cats, you are required to license them with the City.

REMINDERS

Just a reminder to stop into the office and register your furry friends pet license. Licenses for fixed animals are \$10.00 per pet. \$20.00 for non fixed animals. Please bring a updated copy of their rabies vaccination as well.



Also stop in to renew or register your ATV and golf carts. Please bring in updated insurance and a payment of \$25.00 dollars.



EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Early Library is taking donations of 3D stretched canvas & canvas panels in 8"x10" & 11"x14" sizes for future projects.

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.

ATTENTION!!

The City of Early Council Members along with special guests from Bolton/Menk would like you to join them for a town hall meeting on January 20th at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be informational regarding our upgrading to the water system and water rate increases that will come along with it.

Water rates will triple amounts by the end of the 2020 year.

The minimum billing (includes 2,000gal and the Water System Improvement Fee) will start at \$37.00 and rise to \$60.00. For outside city limits the minimum billing will start at \$43.00 and rise to \$119.00

Please join us with you concerns and questions.

Town Hall Meeting

January 20th at 7:00 PM

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.