

January 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 regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 5th day of January 2021. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner, Bill Cougill, Steven Mason. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes bills for payment. On show of hands: Ayes: Schmitt, Pickhinke, Langner, Cougill, Mason. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to have City Attorney draft paperwork towards 202 Karr Ave Tax Lien Forgiveness and develop a contract with the buyers. On a show of hands. Ayes: Schmitt, Langer, Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason. Motioned passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve Building Permit #774, pending approval from the Planning and Zoning Committee. On a show of hands. Ayes: Langner, Cougill, Pickhinke, Schmitt, Mason. Motion passed. Resolution 20-01 Setting The Salaries For Appointed Officers And Employees Of The City Of Early For The Year 2021 was offered by Councilor Mason and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Langner, Schmitt, Pickhinke, Mason. Abstain: Cougill. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the new Fire Department officials Keith Horan- Fire Chief, Doug Reis- Assistant Chief, Luke Carlson- Secretary/Treasurer for the year 2021. On a show of hand. Ayes: Langner, Pickhinke, Schmitt, Mason. Nays: None. Abstain: Cougill. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve the reappointment of Cory Faist- President, and Sue Loggins- Secretary. On a show of hands. Ayes: Langner, Schmitt, Pickhinke, Mason, Cougill. Nays: None. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the purchase of the Gauger Plaque to be hung in the library. On a show of hands. Ayes: Langner, Schmitt, Mason, Cougill, Pickhinke. Nays: None. Motion passed. 108 W 3rd St- Stuhrenberg Property. City Attorney will be sending a letter to the property owners to set a date to update the property for livable usage. City will also start process for potential purchase of the property to resell to buyers in the community willing to destroy and/or refurbish the dwellings. Revisit next meeting. 110 Cross Street- Busse Property. City attorney will take property owner to small claims court. Revisit next meeting. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to hold a Public hearing on the Maximum Tax Levy on February 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building. On a show of hands. Ayes: Mason, Cougill, Pickhinke, Langner, Schmitt. Nays: None. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Mason to purchase an Asset Management Program through Silversmith Data to collect data throughout the city and store it electronically. On a show of hands. Ayes: Langner, Mason, Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt. Nays: None. 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 Pickhinke. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

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.



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 139th 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.

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

Happy New Year.

I would like to thank all of the people who stepped forward and helped to get people to the Municipal Building and make them as comfortable as possible during the snow storm in December. This is what small towns are about in Iowa. I would also like to thank the people who have donated more cots and blankets and sleeping pads. I won't mention any names specifically because I don't know who you all were, and I don't want to leave anyone out. There is a new fire chief this year. Keith Horan is now the fire chief. I would like to thank Bill Cougill for the years he served as chief. The City is being awarded a \$250,000 grant through the WTGAP program. There were 23 applications with requests for over \$6 million for water or sewer improvements. There were 11 communities who are going to receive grants. We feel very fortunate to be receiving this grant for the treatment plant improvements. The bid work for the replacement of the water main on West Second Street had to be delayed because all of the proper paperwork wasn't finished yet. Hopefully bids will be able to be opened in the early part of February. Budget work is being started for the next fiscal year.