

# CITY OF EARLY

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## City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

### Council

Mary Ann Brinkman  
Bill Cougill  
Vince Davis  
Brian Pickhinke  
Melissa Freese

Council meeting-1st Tuesday

Tammy Nuckolls, Clerk  
Ray Musselman, Supt. D.P.W.  
William Cougill, Fire Chief

### Library Board

Mary Bruns  
Cory Faist  
Mary Feilmeier  
Sue Loggins  
Amy Schumacher  
Library Board meeting 4th  
Tuesday.  
Cindy Garthoff, Library  
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**CROSSROADS  
DAYS  
JULY 17-18,  
2015**

## City Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
7:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm - 4:00pm  
Closed 7/21 - 7/31

## City Council News

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 7th day of July 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: Mary Ann Brinkman, Melissa Freese, Brian Pickhinke, Vincent Davis, and William Cougill. Absent: None. A motion was made by Councilor Davis and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, approval of Fire Chief William Cougill, and Assistant Fire Chief Jay Nehring, minutes, and bills for payment. Ayes: Brinkman, Pickhinke, Davis, and Freese. Nays: None. Abstain: Cougill.

City Council discussed a complaint received on July 7th, 2015 regarding a window being broken due to the city mowing next to the owners property and a stick hitting the window the city clerk was directed to get an estimate from the property owner on the cost to replace the glass and it would be discussed at the next council meeting.

Karla Janning, Region XII presented information regarding the Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program. A motion was made by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Davis approving the City of Early participation in the Housing Rehabilitation Program and pay Region XII \$250.00 to begin the process. Ayes: Cougill, Davis, Freese, Pickhinke, and Brinkman. Nays: None.

A Motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman approving permit for the FOCUS Committee members to use ATV's during Crossroads Days July 17-18, 2015. Ayes: Freese, Brinkman, Pickhinke, Davis, and Cougill. Nays: None.

City Council opened and discussed the two proposals the city received for a new shop building. D&C Construction/Struchen Construction/Schmitt Contracting proposal was \$48,694.49 and Morton Building proposal was \$50868.00. Councilor Cougill contact D&C Construction during the meeting and inquired about the warranty that was on the building D&C Construction stated that the steel has a 35 year manufacturer warranty and that he was unsure regarding the wood warranty. Councilor Cougill also inquired about the cost of attaching a walk way between the two shop buildings and the price. D&C construction was unsure of the cost of the walk way at this time. Morton Building proposal included the quote for the walkway at an additional cost of \$3000.00. Due to the warranty, engineering and architecture of the Morton Building and the fact that it meets all State of Iowa requirements for constructing a city owned building. A motion was made by Councilor Davis and Seconded by Councilor Freese to accept the Morton Buildings, Inc. proposal for the building and additional walk. Ayes: Davis, Freese, Pickhinke, and Brinkman. Nays: Cougill.

Resolution No.15-15 Authorization For The Purchase Of One Shop Building Pursuant To Purchase Agreement And Authorization For The Use Of Funds From The Water Fund And Transfer From The Local Option Sales Tax Fund To The General Fund offered by Councilor Freese and Seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On roll call vote Ayes: Freese, Brinkman, Davis and Pickhinke. Nays: Cougill. Absent: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Cougill setting a public hearing for the updated and revised Early Zoning Ordinance on August 4th, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Ayes: Freese, Cougill, Davis, Pickhinke, and Brinkman. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman approving building permits No. 717. Ayes: Freese, Brinkman, Cougill, Davis and Pickhinke. Nays: None.

City Clerk updated the council on the Home Town Pride Committee. The first meeting with the community coach will be August 4th, 2015 @6:00 pm in the Municipal basement.

City Council reviewed all nuisance abatements and the action taken.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Davis authorizing the City Supt. D.P.W. to purchase a new pump for the east well from MGM Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. Ayes: Brinkman, Pickhinke, Davis, Cougill, and Freese. Nays: None.

Supt. D.P.W., Mayor, and City Clerk gave monthly reports. Sheriff's monthly written report was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

Attest: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

City's Clerk's  
Office

Will Be Closed

July 21st - 31st

## EARLY FOCUS NEWS

### JULY 17-18 2015 EARLY CROSSROADS DAYS

Featuring the DJ Cotton Creek Entertainment, Band "No Were Fast", 5k, Bike Ride, Baby Contest, Big Parade, Craft Fair, Car Show, Volleyball, Water Fights, Lunch, Dinner, Blow ups, Dunk Tank & Much more!

Registration forms for The Car Show, Baby Contest, Parade, 5k, & Volleyball Tournament are available at [earlyia.com](http://earlyia.com) click on the Community tab and go to Crossroads Days page.

Raffle tickets for sale at the library and city hall.  
\$1 for one or \$5 for 6. Drawing 10pm July 18.



## CONGRATULATION JULY'S YARD OF THE MONTH WINNER!

SCOTT AND LINDA CLARK  
505 MAPLE ST

### A Message from the Mayor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nick Schumacher for his service to the City of Early first on the City Council and then as fire chief. I would also like to thank his wife, Amy, for her service as a library board member. We wish them and their family well in their new endeavor.

After much discussion in this month's council meeting, a decision was made to have another maintenance building built north of the current building to help house more of the City equipment. It will be a few months before this is underway.

The council also agreed to have Region XII Council of Governments help us apply for an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Grant. In the next month, home owners will be receiving a questionnaire. Please fill this out and return it to Region XII Council of Governments. Region XII COG will help you determine if you could qualify for a grant to make needed improvements to your home. Outside of the City mailing out the initial questionnaires, Region XII will handle all the activity and the City Council and/or employees will not be involved.

Crossroads Day will be this coming weekend. Plan to attend the festivities. There are many things planned for all ages starting on Friday evening through Saturday evening.

*Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor*

## Library News

Hello Everyone! Well I think it is officially summer!

We had a great Summer Reading Program this year! We had 130 participating. We read books, did crafts, played games, and had snacks. The theme this year was Superheroes, which was a hit with all the kids!



I am working on revamping my children's section, trying to make it more kid friendly. It's going slow, but eventually it will get done. I am adding some children's décor, ordering new children's books and hoping to add some bean bag chairs.

The bench we bought with the memorial money from Janet Dailey's family will soon be displayed with a plaque in memory of Janet Daily. At some point I will have an open house in the library to show the new dedicated section for Janet Dailey's books and the bench.

The library will be closed on July 18<sup>th</sup> for Crossroads Day. I hope everyone is able to come and join in the festivities. There will be a craft & vendor show, car show, big parade, 5k run, bicycle poker run, fireman water fights, bouncy houses and dunk tank, and many other activities.

Have a safe and blessed Summer!

Cindy Garthoff, Library Director

## Future Events

7/21 - 7/31 - City Clerk's Office Closed  
7/28 - Library Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm  
8/04 - Home Town Pride Meeting @ 6:00 pm  
City Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm  
Visit [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com) for more calendar and community events!



## GRANT MONEY IS AVAILABLE FOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Early in partnership with Region XII Councils of Governments is taking the first step in participating in a House Rehabilitation Grant Program. Soon you will be receiving a questioner in the mail to determine if you will meet the requirements to participate. The questioners and all other information requested will be exclusively handled by Region XII and will not be seen or kept by the city. This is a great opportunity to replace windows, roofs, siding etc. If you have any questions please contact Karla Janning, Region XII Housing Specialist [kjanning@region12cog.org](mailto:kjanning@region12cog.org).