

# CITY OF EARLY

July, 2016

## 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

Mark Grace  
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

## 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 "CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EARLY, IOWA." May appear and be heard for or against the adoption of the proposed Code of Ordinances or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were present either for or against. Hearing was closed.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 5th day of July, 2016. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, William Cougill, and Doug Gulley. Absent: Mary Ann Brinkman and Melissa Freese. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the consent agenda including: agenda, minutes, approval of Cemetery board member Candi Saltsman, Approval of Library board member Julie Carlson for a 6 year term, and bills for payment. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, and Gulley. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Freese. Motion carried.

Deb Galvin and James Avery addressed the city council regarding the increase in garbage rates and the city council assured them that they would take it under advisement. 7:21pm Fire Department member Brian Pickhinke, Ray Musselman and Fire Chief Bill Cougill were called out for a fire alarm call. Due to a lack of a quorum the Mayor adjourned the City council meeting. Michael Tuggle addressed the Mayor and one remaining city council member asking that the city look at the maple and ash tree that are in the right of way that are causing problems with his sewer line at 120 South Ave and asked if the city could look into fixing a storm drain near the back of his property. Mayor Irwin stated that she would talk to the Supt. Ray Musselman about this matter and have him look into it. Librarian Cindy Garthoff gave her annual library report and turned written report into the city clerk to make copies for the city council. 7:48 pm Councilor Pickhinke, Councilor Cougill and Supt. Ray Musselman returned and the council meeting was again called to order.

Resolution 16-10 – Receiving Application for Annexation and Setting a Consultations meeting was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, and Gulley. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Ordinance No. 303 – Adopting the "Cod of Ordinances of the City of Early, Iowa" 1st reading was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Gulley, Pickhinke, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Brinkman. 1st reading approved. 2nd reading will be offered at the next regular council meeting August 2nd, 2016.

No action was taken on Ordinance 304 – Amending Provisions Pertaining to Collection of Solid Waste Fee.

Resolution 16-11 – Approval of Rudd Sanitation and Recycling Contract was offered by Councilor Gulley and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Gulley, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Freese. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 16-12 – Transfer of Uncollectible Utility Accounts to Bad Debt was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. Ayes: Gulley, Cougill, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Freese. 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 Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke approving building permits # 729, and 730 pending the approval of the Planning and Zoning Board. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, and Gulley. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Freese. Motion carried.

The City council discussed nuisance abatements at the following locations; 117 W South Ave., 408 Walnut St., 209 Maple St., 204 Walnut St. 106 E South Ave, and 113 W South Ave.

Fire Department, Public Works, Mayor and City Clerk gave reports.

City council discussed the amount of wage increase that would be given to the Maintenance Worker II for obtaining the State of Iowa Water and Waste Water Certifications. Supt. Ray Musselman reported that he has taken and passed the Waste Water and Water Distribution test.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

## **A Message from the Mayor,**

You may have noticed signs around town notifying the citizens of Early that garbage rates are going to be going up. This is not something the council wants to do but it is something that is going to have to be done to meet the costs of the Sac County Solid Waste Agency. We were happy to have a couple of citizens attend this month's council meeting to voice their concerns about this matter. It was good to have some different perspective on this issue. No decision was made at this meeting but the council is going to consider this some more before a decision is made.

Our city clerk attended a training meeting concerning the Housing Rehab grant that the City has received. This gives us a better insight into how the program will work. It appears that it will be a few months yet before the grants can be awarded and work begun. We have to jump through all the right hoops in the right order.

We were happy to learn that Kris Alesch, our newest employee, has passed his tests for Sewer Lagoon Operation and Water Distribution. In the next two years, he will be continuing working toward his Water Treatment I and then Water Treatment II licenses. The first one requires one year of experience before he can even take the test and second one requires two years of experience. Congratulations on a good start, Kris.

Have you noticed the name change for Highway 71? Highway 71 that goes through Early to Highway 175 by the golf course ten miles south is now Highway 471. Old Highway 196 east of Sac City is now Highway 71 and then runs from there with Highway 20 to Early. People who live along the old Highway 71 have now had to change their addresses to Karr Avenue.

*Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor*

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Well its the end of the fiscal year and we had a lot going on at the library!

I added over 50 Children's books to our collection. Several Look & Find books, Berenstain Bears books, Clifford books, Sesame Street books, Dr. Seuss books, and several stand alones such as Stella Queen of the Snow, Big Brave Brian, Dump Trucks and Other Big Machines.

I also added many Adult Fiction books and Large Print Fiction books.

I continued my Daycare Kits for the local Daycare providers in the area. Every two weeks I take a bag of books and a movie to the kids at the Daycare. This is my 3rd year of providing this service.

Our Halloween Party. We had a lot of fun with candy, prizes, and everyone got a free book.

Our annual Christmas Party on Dec. 12 was a great success! Each child got a free book and a goodie bag from Santa!

Early Public Library Craft & Vendor Show. I ended up with 19 vendors, 7 more than last year. We did have a good crowd come through the Library that night. The proceeds from this event will towards our Summer Reading Program and more books.

We finally have a new sign with our hours on it by Amy's Sign and Design from Holstein. It is to the north of the front entrance. Thank You Joe Puetz for delivering and helping me with getting our new sign. Also, Thank You to Mark Grace

Summer Reading Program again this year. Each child got a free book at the last SRP on June 29th and Mark Grace donated cupcakes for the snack. Sac County Conservation did a program on Survival in the woods. The kids had fun trying to decide what they would need and what they think they needed to survive in the woods. Thank you to all who helped make this a great success!

I applied for and got 2 grants this year: \$250 from Casey's and \$350 from Dollar General-- to be used for programs, books, and updating the Children's section. I would like to get an area rug, new table and chairs, some children's décor and also some bean bag chairs. I have had some stuffed animal donations that I have put in the children's section for decoration. The goal is to make it more kid friendly.

Delta Gulley has been donating DVD's to the Library. All new releases. This has been a great donation to the library! She also is great about filling in for me if I need to be gone.

I'm trying to come up with some adult programming. I would like to do a coloring day with wine and call it: Coloring between the wines! Hopefully we can do this in the fall. Also, I will be having a card making class for teens and adults this fall. If anyone would be interested in the coloring and wine day and the card making class, please let me know.

We are entered into the parade for Crossroad Days. Our theme is Check Out Our Stache of books! I hope everyone gets out on July 16th to watch the parade. Last year it was a great success and this year will not disappoint.

Cindy Garthoff, Library Director

### ***FOCUS NEWS***

**YARD OF THE MONTH WINNER**

**MARK BERRY  
205 HICKORY STREET**

### ***American Flags for Sale***

3 x 5 American flag \$20.00  
Interested? Contact Early American Legion  
Open Mon - Fri 4pm - ?

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