

# CITY OF EARLY

July 2017

## 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  
Julie Wadsley  
Sue Loggins  
Library Board meeting 4th  
Tuesday.  
Delta Gulley, Library Director

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## City Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday  
7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday  
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 Contract Documents (plans, specifications and form of contract) and Estimated Costs for Repair or Improvement that was published in Chronicle on June 29, 2017 may appear and be heard for or against the Contract Documents and Estimated Costs for Repair or Improvement or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were present either for or against said Contract Documents and Estimated Cost for Repair and Improvement. Hearing was closed.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 11th day of July, 2017. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: Mary Ann Brinkman, Doug Gulley, and Melissa Freese. Absent: William Cougill and Brian Pickhinke. A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Freese to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, and bills for payment. Ayes: Gulley, Brinkman, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill and Pickhinke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Gulley to approve building permit 734,735, and 736. Ayes: Gulley, Brinkman and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Pickhinke and Cougill. Motion carried.

City council reviewed Ridgeview's FFA Community Safety request for a 300.00 donation and after reviewing the material that was available the city council requested more information before committing city funds to the program.

City council discussed legislative changes regarding fireworks and reviewed the city ordinance on fireworks and per the city attorney's advice the decided to table the discussion until October or November when more information is available in order to make a more informed decision as to how the city should change the current ordinance.

Ordinance 308 Amending the Code of Ordinances of The City of Early, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Brinkman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Gulley, Brinkman and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Pickhinke and Cougill. 1st reading passed. 2nd reading will be at the next regular council meeting August 8th, 2017.

Ordinance 309 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Early, Iowa By Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges was offered by Councilor Gulley and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote: Brinkman, Gulley, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Pickhinke and Cougill. 1st reading passed. 2nd reading will be the next regular council meeting August 8th, 2017.

A motion was made by Councilor Gulley and seconded by Councilor Freese to purchase a mower from Engel Ag Sales for 8130.00. Ayes: Gulley, Freese, Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill and Pickhinke. Motion carried.

7:30 pm Councilor Pickhinke arrived

7:35 pm Councilor Cougill arrived

Resolution 17-14 Authorizing the Hay Lease of City Well Site between the City of Early and Mike Brinkman was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Gulley, and Cougill. Nays: None. Abstain: Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 17-15 Approving Contract and Bond and Making Award of Contract Sewer Outfall Upgrades Project to Schmitt Construction Co. in the amount of \$71,187.00 was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Gulley, Freese, Cougill, Brinkman, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

City Council discussed several nuisance.

A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Cougill to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

## A Message from the Mayor,

The City Council took the first step this month in raising both the water and sewer rates by 3%. The ordinance amendments would set a rate increase of 3% each year for the next five years. Each year, the council will review these rates with income and expenses and determine if the rate is needed or not. This is not something that they like to do (they pay for utilities, too) but it is something that is needed at this time.

On a similar note, the council approved a base contract to do some upgrade work on the sanitary sewer system at South Avenue out to the drive. This is to clean up some issues in that area. We had hoped to do some work all the way to the lagoon but the bids were higher than what the City could comfortably afford at this time.

FYI-It was noted that the spring clean-up day this year cost the City \$2,000 just for the pick-up. We had not received the landfill bill. The council is going to have to give some careful consideration as to whether this is going to be continued or not.

A very special thank you to F.O.C.U.S. for the wonderful 135<sup>th</sup> party during Crossroads Days. Even with the heat, it was well attended. Thank you to all of the people who stepped up to help plan and to work this year. It takes a lot of people to make this a success! We have great leadership to get the job done! I thought the fireworks were just spectacular on Saturday night!!

City elections will be coming up in November. There will be three council seats up for election this year. Nomination papers will soon be available at the City Clerk's Office.

*Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor*

***FOCUS NEWS***  
**YARD OF THE MONTH**  
**AUGUST**  
Mark & Summer Schmitt  
215 N Main St.

## Do You Know What You Can And Should Recycle?

Aluminum- Beverage Cans and Clean Aluminum Foil

Metal Cans- Food Cans made of Steel or Tin

Glass- All Food & Beverage Jars and Bottles (Including Colored Glass)

Plastics-All plastic cups and containers #1-7, plastic bottles, jugs, jars, yogurt containers, cottage cheese containers, margarine and whipped topping tubs, plastic "Clamshell" food containers and disposable plastic cups

Newspapers, Paper, Magazines- Newspaper and All Inserts, Computer and Writing Paper, Paper Beverage Cups, Junk Mail, Brown Paper Grocery Bags, File Folders, All Magazines, Paperback and Telephone Books

Cardboard/Chipboard- Corrugated Cardboard Boxes, Dry Food Boxes such as cereal, cake mix and cracker containers (please remove liner), shoe boxes, pizza boxes, empty paper towel and toilet tissue tubes

*Sac County Solid Waste Agency*

## Library News

*A BIG Thanks to everyone that  
joined us for the Summer Reading  
Program!*

New Junior Fiction Books by Eleanor Estes,  
Carl Hiaasen, & Rick Riordan  
New Young Adult Books by Sarah Dessen & Roland Smith  
New Adult Fiction Books by Megan Miranda,  
Charles Martin, Debbie Macomber, Michael  
Crichton, & Sandra Brown



**Upcoming  
Events**



**August 7<sup>th</sup> Sac County Conservation @10 am  
featuring Reptiles**

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like us  
on -->*



**@ Early Public  
Library to follow our  
events!**