

CITY OF EARLY

City Council News

July 2019

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

Council

Mary Ann Brinkman
Bill Cougill
Melissa Freese
Doug Gulley
Brian Pickhinke

Council meeting- 1st Tuesday

Tammy Nuckolls, Clerk
Georgia Flanigan, Assist. 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 7am - 12pm

Tuesday 7am - 12pm
1pm - 6pm

Wednesday 7am - 12pm
1pm - 4pm

Thursday - 7am - 12pm

Friday - CLOSED

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 2nd of July 2019. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: Bill Cougill, Doug Gulley, Melissa Freese and Brian Pickhinke. Absent: Mary Ann Brinkman. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Gulley to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, and bills for payment. Ayes: Cougill, Freese, Gulley, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Motion carried.

Library Director Delta Gulley presented her annual report to the City Council. The Council thanked Delta for her hard work.

A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke approving building permit #752. Ayes: Cougill, Gulley, Freese, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to replace the refrigerator in the shelter house. Ayes: Gulley, Freese, Pickhinke, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Motion carried.

Resolution 19-12 Appointment of City Attorney for FY20-21 was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Gulley and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 19-13 Transfer \$1250.00 Monthly from LOST to Equipment Replacement Fund was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Gulley, Freese and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 19-14 Monthly Transfer of funds from the Water Utility and Sewer Utility Fund to the Water and Sewer Fund to pay for FY20 SRF Loan was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Gulley, Freese, Pickhinke and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 19-15 Transfer of Funds from the Emergency Fund to the General Fund was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Freese, Pickhinke, Gulley and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 19-16 Approving a Municipal Advisor Services Agreement with D.A. Davidson & Co. as required by the Iowa Finance Authority for the authorization of loans to the City from the Revolving Loan Fund was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Gulley, Pickhinke and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 19-17 Approving Mayor to sign U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Assurance with Respect to Real Property Acquisition of Title III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as Amended was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Freese, Pickhinke, Gulley and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 19-18 Accepting and Approving Acquisition of Property was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Gulley, Cougill and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Engineers from Bolton and Menk presented a preliminary engineering report for water system improvements. Discussed options including reverse osmosis system and replacing the current ion-exchange system.

Mayor, Fire Chief, DPW and City Clerk gave monthly reports. Sheriff's monthly written report was available for review.

A motion was made by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Cougill to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

MAYOR'S NOTES

A number of resolutions were passed this month, following proper protocol for the advancement of the water project. Our contracted engineers gave us copies of the draft for the improvements of the water treatment plant. Much time was spent on explaining their report and the council asking many questions. This is going to be an expensive undertaking. Possible EPA and DNR requirements in the future could affect what is done now as well as what would need to be done in the future. After much discussion, the Council gave the engineers more direction for the completion of the plan to be submitted to the DNR for their approval. When DNR approval is given, then we will be able to proceed with application for a CDBG grant for this project. The council is taking this issue very seriously and they want to do what is best for the community and be the most cost effective.

More nuisance abatements are being worked on with property owners.

Good news! The sewer line from the ballfield lunch stand was televised and some tree roots were cleaned out at one point. At this time that is not going to have to be dug up!

This fall is time for city elections. This year in Early, the mayor and 2 council positions will be up for election (re-election). Mary Ann Brinkman and Doug Gulley's seats are up for election this fall. Nomination papers can be filed from August 26-September 19. Papers can be obtained at the City Clerk's office or from the County Auditor's office.

I hope you enjoyed the 4th of July and look forward to the Crossroads Day celebration on Saturday, July 20th.

Sharon Ann Irwin

Early Public Library News

July Summer Reading

Wednesdays @10:30 am

July 31: Grout Museum

Early Public Library Poker Run

Date: July 21

Registration Time: 10:00 am

Poker Run Begins: 11:00 am

@71/20 Crossroads

Ride Fee: \$10 & 1 gently used or new toy (for any age child)

All proceeds & toys go toward Christmas Celebration

Also 71/20 Crossroads hosting Pancake Breakfast

9:00am-11:00am

\$8 adults

\$5 children 12 & under

50% of all sales donated to Early Public Library

**AWE Learning Station will be here
SOON!**

**Follow us on Facebook
to find out when!**



Please consider a donation for new Christmas decorations for The City of Early. The current decorations are 30+ years old and continue to break. To receive the new lights by the holidays an order must be placed by the first of September. Any amount is greatly appreciated.
**Drop off your donations at City Hall.
Thank you!**

City Elections will be on Tuesday, November 6th this year. The office of mayor and two council seats are up for election. Give consideration to the possibility of running for mayor or city council. Nomination papers are available from the City Clerk. Papers must be filed with City Clerk by 5PM, Thursday, September 19th.

FOCUS NEWS



**JULY YARD OF THE MONTH
Biz & Rhonda Drey
107 West South Ave.
Congratulations!**