

July 2020

# 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

### City of Early

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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 7th day of July 2020. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, William Cougill, Melissa Freese, Steve Mason, Summer Schmitt. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Council met with Ivan Dressler from ISG to discuss Drainage District 59, which goes through the middle of town. Possible activities to improve the drainage tile were discussed. They will do more study, bring more information to the city and public, and report to the county supervisors for possible solutions. Resolution 20-11 - Authorizing the City to proceed with needed upgrades to the City water treatment system with the CDBG was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto and by the reference made a part thereof. Resolution 20-12 - Authorizing the City to provide technical and professional services for compliance with the CDBG contract #16-HSG-010 was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto and by the reference made a part thereof. Resolution 20-13 - Transfer of funds from the emergency fund to the general fund was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. 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 Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the following building permit(s) pending the approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee: Permit 766, Permit 767. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Motion carried. The City is going to pursue several nuisance properties to see about getting them cleaned up. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to accept the resignation of Councilor Melissa Freese. On a show of hands Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt. Abstain: Freese. Motion carried. Council will appoint someone in the following weeks to finish out the term. A motion was made by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Cougill to accept the transfer of 10 days of sick leave from the Superintendent of Public Works to the City Clerk. On a show of hands Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 321 Amending Provisions Pertaining To Water Rates was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. First reading approved. A motion was made by Cougill and seconded by Freese to waive second and third reading and passed on first and final reading. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Where upon the Mayor declares the said ordinance duly adopted. Mayor, City Clerk, Fire Chief, Library, and DPW gave monthly reports.

## MAYOR'S NOTES

The Council met with Ivan Dressler from ISG to discuss Drainage District 59, which goes through the middle of town. Possible activities to improve the drainage tile were discussed. They will do more study, bring more information to the city and public, and report to the county supervisors for possible solutions. The City is going to pursue several nuisance properties to see about getting them cleaned up. The contract with IDEA for the CDBG grant for the water project was approved for the mayor to sign. Also approved with the contract with Region XII COG to administer the grant for the City. Water rate increases that were originally approved for increase but had been postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic are now going into effect this month. You will note the increase on your next water bill. Our City Clerk will be out of the office for approximately 3 weeks starting sometime in the next five to six weeks. During that time, voice mail on the city phone will be checked on a daily basis. Please call and leave a message if you have a need. Utilities bills will continue to be handled during that period, along with late notices and shutoff, if necessary. The 90-day pilot project for the water treatment system has been online for about a week and a half. So far it is going well. The council accepted with regret the resignation of Councilperson Melissa Freese. The Council has decided that they will fill the vacancy with an appointment to complete her term which runs to December 31, 2021. Anyone who might be interested in serving in this capacity should contact the City Clerk's office or one of the council. Continue to be safe and take necessary precautions with your health and for other's health. The council accepted with regret the resignation of Councilperson Melissa Freese. The Council has decided that they will fill the vacancy with an appointment to complete her term which runs to December 31, 2021. Anyone who might be interested in serving in this capacity should contact the City Clerk's office or one of the council.



## FOCUS NEWS

The two little miss contestants we had are Isabella Meseck and Gentry Carbis. Isabella Meseck is the daughter of Justin & Shannon Meseck. Isabella is 8 years old and going into the 2nd grade. She enjoys being with her family, playing outside, playing with her sibling, and is involved in dance. Gentry Carbis is the daughter of Frank & Courtney Carbis. Gentry is 5 years old and is going into Kindergarten. Gentry enjoys dance and tumbling, being outside and spending time with her family. With it being a crazy year and no crossroads days we were unable to ask questions or hold a live little miss contest. We sent their papers and pictures out to 10 judges that would not know these girls. With that being said we thank both of these girls for participating! They both are princesses in our eyes. The winner of the 2020 Little Miss Crossroads Days is Gentry Carbis on a 6 to 4 vote.

## EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

### Update

*These services will continue to be offered until further notice. We will continue to look at statistics and make decisions, as we prepare phases to open the library back up for a safe and healthy environment for our patrons.*

In the interest of the public's safety and health, Early Public Library is closed until further notice.

We will be offering curbside assistance Mon– Thur. 3:00 PM– 5:00 PM. We ask that you message your selection of books or DVD's along with date and time you will be arriving. You may also call, 712-273-5334, during these hours to put together a selection and pick up.

Please follow these steps to search for your items.

To access our inventory, you can go to our website at <https://www.early.lib.ia.us/>. Click on SEARCH CATALOG, this will access our inventory on Library World, Enter in EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY (Password not required) you will then have the ability to search by TITLE/AUTHOR or to scroll our inventory.

We also have resources on our website for children and teens. These can be found under the SERVICES tab and click on for either CHILDREN or TEENS.

You can also access Bridges from our website, this can be found under EBOOK & AUDIO. You will need your Patron Number. If you do not have a patron number please contact the Library.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email as well please contact the clerk's office at 712-273-5283 or email the Clerk at [cityclerk@earlyia.com](mailto:cityclerk@earlyia.com).

**July Yard of the month goes to**

**Randy & Kari Franken.**

**They are located at 102 W  
4th Street.**

**Congratulations!**

