

July 2021

CITY OF EARLY

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

City Council

Bill Cougill
Brian Pickhinke
Steven Mason
Summer Schmitt
Tim Langner

Council Meeting-1st Tuesday

Lexi Bainbridge, Clerk
Kris Alesch, Supt. D.P.W.
Keith Horan, Fire Chief

Fire Meeting- 2nd Wednesday

Library Board

Cory Faist
Julie Carlson
Julie Wadsley
Sue Loggins
Becki Petersen

Library Board Meeting- 4th
Tuesday

Kristine Luy, Library Director

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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 Public Hearing was held at 7:00 PM in the municipal building at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest in the proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.00 or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were for or against said agreement. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to close the hearing. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Mason, Langner. Hearing was closed at 7:03PM. A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 6th day of July 2021. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Bill Cougill, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner, Steven Mason. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, American Legion Sunday Permit- July 25th,2021, Backpocket Brewing Property Release Agreement/Sunday permit July 25th ,2021. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Mason, Langner. Motion passed. Toina Vickers came to the council with her lawyer to discuss the coffee shop progress report as there were some confusions with the ground. They had misunderstood about a temporary building structure and permits that had been previously issued and changes that were being made. Toina is to refile a building permit with the city on the updated dimensions of the building and other structural work that will be done to the parcel by the September council meeting. The council and Ms. Vickers will meet again then. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve building permit #782 pending final approval of Planning and Zoning Committee. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner, Mason. Motion passed. Summer Rec had paid for an Invoice by Power Solutions for repairs to the lights at the ballfield. The council discussed that the repairs should have some sort of warranty due to them being new and then were not in use last year due to the COVID pandemic. Councilor Pickhinke is to reach out and will discuss his finding at the next council meeting. ISG representatives came to discuss with the council of Drainage District 59 funding. They approached the council with a few options for this drainage tile that was installed in 1916. Some major work needs to be done on the system. Plans for this go through the Sac County Supervisors as trustees of the drainage district. This is going to take quite a few months before any work will begin. It is anticipated at this time that the City will apply for a CDBG grant to help with the cost of this project. This will be revisited at next month's meeting. Resolution 21-15 Approve Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Langner, Schmitt, Pickhinke, Mason. Abstain: Cougill. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve agreement to issue notice to proceed on July 7th, prior to the August 2nd date as stipulated in the contract documents. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner, Mason. Motion passed. Resolution 21-16 Approve Amendment 1 to the Water Treatment Facility Improvements was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner, Mason. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Ordinance 326 An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Early, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertaining To Water Rates was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: Pickhinke, Mason. First reading approved by majority vote. A motion to amend starting date from July 1st,2021 to August 1st,2021 was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Schmitt after the first reading. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: Pickhinke, Mason. Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, Fire Dept, and DPW. Council had decided that with a water watch in effect to cancel the Fire Fights for Crossroads Days this year to preserve our aquifers. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason to proceed to have Midwest Coatings repair designated streets within the city limits for the original bid amount. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner, Mason. Motion passed. A motion was made by councilor Pickhinke and seconded by councilor Cougill to approve Mary Burns to the Cemetery Board. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner, Mason. Motion Passed. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

MAYOR'S NOTES

This month's meeting lasted almost 3 hours. A hearing was held concerning the proposal to borrow funds for the water improvements. There were no comments either for or against said proposal. Council met with engineers for Drainage District 59 that goes through the middle of town. This drainage tile was installed in 1916. Some major work needs to be done on the system. Plans for this go through the Sac County Supervisors as trustees of the drainage district. This is going to take quite a few months before any work will actually begin. It is anticipated at this time that the City will apply for a CDBG grant to help with the cost of this project. Ordinance #326 changing water rates was tabled until next month. This ordinance will again raise the water rates to help cover the cost of the proposed water treatment plant and water main replacement. I am happy to report that the City is going to be receiving a \$1 million forgiveness on the SRF loan on the cost of the project. Because of the increases that have been made in anticipation of the cost of this project and this \$1 million the new rate increase will not be nearly as big as in the past. It was brought to the council's attention that there are numerous residences in the community that do NOT have house numbers visible. The EMT's had an issue a few nights ago in that they had trouble finding a house number for an emergency call. This could have a disastrous outcome! If your house doesn't have numbers on it, please get the correct address numbers for your home. They should be at least 4" in height. Have them installed high enough on your house, close to the front door. This is going to be a busy month, with Crossroads Days on July 16-17 and RAGBRAI coming through on Sunday, July 25. Volunteers are still needed for both events. Don't wait to be asked, step forward and volunteer.

Early Public Library

Story Time (Recommended ages 0-6)- Every Tuesday @ 10AM

Summer activities for all aged kids:

Sac County Naturalist - Wednesday, July 14th @ 10:30AM

Absolute Science - Wednesday, July 28th @ 10:00AM

Meetings

Friends of the Library Meeting - Tuesday, July 13th @ 6:00PM

Board Meeting - Tuesday, July 27th @ 6:00PM

Come support the library on Friday, July 16th! The Friends of the Library will be hosting a free will donation supper that begins at 6:30PM. Proceeds from the free will donation supper will benefit the Friends of the Library. They will also be hosting a cornhole tournament that begins at 7:00PM, with registration beginning at 6:30PM. Also, don't forget to sign up for the Virtual 5K! *Stay in the loop about future events by following our Facebook page, checking out our flyers that are posted at the library and the post office, or stop in!*

New Summer Hours:

Mondays: 9:00AM-1:00PM

Tuesdays: 9:00AM-1:00PM

Wednesdays: 12:00PM-5:00PM

Thursdays: 9:00AM-1:00PM

Fridays: 9:00AM-1:00PM

Saturdays: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Sundays: CLOSED

EARLY CROSSROADS DAYS 2021

JULY 16TH & 17TH, 2021

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 16TH

6:30P.M. Virtual 5K - Register by 7/5/2021 - Christy Horan (515)371-5591
Supper - Free Will Donation
7:00P.M. Bags Tournament - Register @ 6:30P.M. - Starts @ 7:00P.M.
- Christy Horan (515)371-5591
8:00P.M. -12:00A.M. Early Legion Beer Garden 
DJ - Cotton Creek Entertainment

SATURDAY, JULY 17TH

ALL DAY Softball Tournament - Brian Hoepfner (712)660-8957
10:00A.M. Big Parade - Registration @ 8:30A.M.
Featuring Brad Pautsch & Abu Bekr Rat Patrol
11:00A.M. -1:00P.M. Noon Meal
11:00A.M. -2:00P.M. Craft Show - Early Library - (712)273-5334
11:00A.M. -5:00P.M. Inflatables (FREE)
12:30P.M. Kids Water Fights - Early Fire Department
2:00P.M. Water Fights - Early Fire Department
3:30P.M. Cake Walk - Tami Grace (712)660-1876
4:30P.M. Baby Contest - Pre-Registration Required by June 1st - www.earlyia.com
5:00P.M. -7:00P.M. Evening Meal
9:00P.M. -1:00A.M. Early Legion Beer Garden 
Entertainment - Cory Waller & The Wicked Things
(Formerly Known as The Jay Clyde Band)

Registrations go to -www.earlyia.com

Early FOCUS

The Early FOCUS will be judging Yard of the Month May - September so please keep your yards up and look for the yard of the month sign to come to a yard near you.

Congrats to Dean Cuthrell & Teresa Vondrak Loerts Located at 313 N. Main Street.

If you are looking for baby contestants & parade forms. Available at www.earlyia.com.

Anyone willing to make a cake please do so and have to the basement of City Hall on 7/16 between 8AM-12PM.