

July 2022

CITY OF EARLY

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

City Council

Bill Cougill
Brian Pickhinke
Summer Schmitt
Tim Langner
Becky Blackman

Council Meeting-1st Tuesday
Lexi Bainbridge, Clerk
Kris Alesch, P.W. Director

Keith Horan, Fire Chief
Fire Meeting - 2nd Wednesday

Library Board

Cory Faist - President
Julie Carlson
Julie Wadsley
Sue Loggins
Becki Petersen - Secretary
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 council chambers at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest on the status of funded activities, as published in the Chronicle on June 23rd, 2022, may appear, and be heard for or against the status of funded activities or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were for or against said status of funded activities. Hearing was closed. A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 5th day of July 2022. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Summer Schmitt, Becky Blackman, Bill Cougill, Tim Langner. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, approval of resignation of Neil Mason from cemetery board and approval of Dave Mentzer to replace position. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Cougill. Motion passed. Citizen Input from C. Bales in regard to the storm sewer system specially the one in front of his house. He states that after large rains it gets clogged with debris, and he has to use his four-wheeler and blade or a scoop shovel to remove said debris from the grate. Council informed him that this happens in other areas of town and there is not much that can be done. The grates are there to help stop said debris from entering the storm sewer system and causing more issues. The council thanked him for helping clear the grate to help with the water relief. Citizen input from T. Picknell with TD Vickers Properties came to discuss what the town knows as the Coffee Shop Properties. He was there representing the company. He informed the council that they have switch lawyers and to no longer contact the current, and it is under new ownership of the TD Vickers name. He also stated he will be in the area until November if any concerns arise to direct them to him. He would like to come to some sort of an agreement for this property to develop quickly with no setbacks. Councilman Pickhinke stated that he may talk with our City Attorney Dave Jennett for all other correspondence as some items are needed to be reviewed as it has been over a years' time dealing with said property. Citizen input from L. Bainbridge representing others' correspondence about the City Hall Building and bicycles. It has been brought up on several occasions that the children will leave the bikes along the handicap ramp, in front of the handicap ramp, in front of the main glass door to enter the building and in front of the steps. Both the Library Director and City Clerk have done their best to remind the children to not park or drop said bikes in those areas, but it doesn't last long. Recommendation of the city to purchase a designated bike rack would be beneficial to those residents trying to enter the building with ease. L. Bainbridge advised of some quotes she had received in regard to pricing, Council agreed to purchase of a 10-slot bike rack if she reaches out to a place in Odebolt to see what pricing may be for a custom 10 slot bike rack and come back with her findings. Citizen input from L. Bainbridge in regard to the City Shelter House. She would like the council to consider placing a portable A/C unit in there. In the last 5 years the shelter house has been rented nearly 40 times compared to the Municipal Basement at just shy of 20. In recent years there has been a decline of usage all of which is a result of no A/C during the hot summer months. It was also suggested that we modify our rental rules to state if the A/C is damaged or other means to replace the entire amount to purchase new along with raising fees, currently Reiff Park is rented for \$50 and deposit of \$100. Suggestion would be to raise rental fee to \$50 and keep the deposit fee the same at \$50. Council was agreeable to this purchase as long as the Public Works Director could identify that there is sufficient insulation to the building and that the A/C unit would be able to keep up with the expectations. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve building permits #799, 800. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Cougill, Langner. Motion passed. City Attorney was not present and Cudaback Parcel purchase was not presented; this item will be tabled until next month's meeting. The monthly sheriff report was given to all members, Ken McClure was present at the meeting. He updated the council on the new ATV/UTV Laws as well as the Radio Tower Project. Fire Chief Keith Horan present at 8:45 PM. Fire Chief Horan discussed with the council on their thoughts for water fights and the water conservation. Kris, Public Works, advised the council of water levels now vs this time last year. It was discussed that water usage during the fights would not impact the water levels to a greater extent but that we are to remain in the water conservation period until further notice. The Council decided that it is okay to host the water fights as Crossroad days will be once every 5 years, the water levels are not critical yet and to show community support and involvement. Council reviewed the first draft of the new Code of Ordinances as well as the Personnel Policy Handbook and suggestions were made and will be edited and reviewed at next month's meeting. City clerk gave the council an update of dates for the Public Library and the events that she is currently hosting for the summer reading program. Kris Alesch, Director of Public Works presented his monthly report. A few things to note the new lagoons generator was placed and waiting on MidAmerican to run new gas line for it. Bolton and Menk Engineer Wes Boyer will be present to discuss items in regard to the 2nd Street Water Main Project. The goal is to get concrete in before Crossroad Days.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to close the meeting at 9:35 PM. Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

Early Legion

The Early Legion is looking for bartenders. If there is any interest or question in what the job entails please contact Brad Thorpe, Commander at 712-299-4475.

EARLY FOCUS NEWS

Congratulations to June Yard of the Month Kathy Feilmeier located at 409 Church Street!

Friday July 15th

5:30-7:30 Inflatables- FREE
Free Will Donation Supper-5:30-7:30
Bags Tournament- Registration @ 6 play starts @630
– Brady Luy 712-299-5103
DJ/Beer Garden- Cory Waller & The Wicked Things- 9pm-Midnight

Saturday July 16th

ALL DAY- Softball Tournament- Dana Morris-712-346-8918
Breakfast served under the tent- 7-9:30 AM Early Fire Department
10:00 AM- BIG PARADE Registration @ 8:30 AM Abu Bekr Rat Patrol
– Ridge View Middle School Line Up
11:00 AM- 1:00 PM- Noon Meal
11:00-2:00 PM- Craft Show- Early Library-712-273-5334
11:00-4:00 PM- Bingo in the basement of legion- Schaller Crestland Rec
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM- Inflatables (Free)
12:30- Kid Water fights- Early Fire Department
2:00 PM- Water Fights- Early Fire Department
3:30 PM- Cake Walk- Tami Grace- 712-660-1876
4:30 PM- Baby Contest- Pre Registration Required by June 1st
5:00 PM-7:00 PM- Evening Meal
5:00- Cow Pie Bingo- Winner Wait & Watch- Early Fire Department
9:00 PM-12:00 AM- Early Legion Beer Garden
Entertainment: Brad Morgan
Fireworks-10 PM
Registrations go to www.earlyia.com

MAYOR'S NOTES

The public hearing was held on the current status of the Water Treatment Facility/2nd Street Water Main Project. Progress continues to be made on the Treatment Facility. The Second Street water main is nearing completion. The new water main is on line and all residence effected are connected to it. As I am writing this they are starting to run concrete to make the street repairs. They will not finish the Main and Seconded Street intersection until after Crossroads Days.

I would like to thank Neil Mason for his years of service on the Early Cemetery Board. I would also like to welcome David Mentzer to that board in replacement of Neil.

There are a number of issues to be followed up with the City Attorney.

The Council spent some time reviewing a number of items in our current Ordinances in preparation for recodification. They also reviewed the Personnel Policy Handbook and are making some changes to that.

Have you heard any conversations about our school district and the sharing agreement with Galva/Holstein? Talk to our current school board members and find out their feelings on the matter and let them know how you feel about it. Don't wait until after everything is decided.

Early Public Library

Events

Story Time- Every Wednesday at 10AM
Sac County Naturalist- July 11 @ 10:30
Koffee Klatch- Hosted Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday @ 9:30-
Next is July 19th
Going to the Fair with Early 4-H- July 21st @ 1:00pm
Painting and Popsicles at the Park- July 28th @ 1:00 pm

Meetings

Friends of the Library Meeting- July 12th @ 9AM
Board Meeting- July 26th @ 6PM

Announcements

July 15th
Friends of the Library is hosting a free will donation supper 5:30 - 7:30
Bags Tournament Registration @ 6 play starts @ 630
– Brady Luy 712-299-5103

Sundays & Mondays: Closed
Tuesdays: 9:00AM-11:00AM, 1:00PM-6:00PM
Wednesdays: 9:00AM-2:00PM
Thursdays: 9:00AM-2:00PM
Fridays: 9:00AM-2:00PM
Saturdays: 9:00AM-11:00AM

City Clerk's Office

Utility billing has increased as of July 1, 2022 for Water Charges Only.

Inside City limits

**Water (WA) increase to \$30.60 for first 2,000 gallons
Water (WA) every 1,000 gallons after will be \$15.30
Water Improvement Fee (WI) will increase to \$32.65**

Outside City Limits

**Water (WA) increase to \$61.20 for first 2,000 gallons
Water (WA) every 1,000 gallons after will be \$30.60
Water Improvement Fee (WI) will increase to \$32.65**

Residents will see these changes on the next billing cycle that will be due by August 10th. If you need water assistance you may reach out to New Opportunities in Sac City as we have partnered with them in the new LIWAHP Program.