

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.

The Clerk reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment in the consent agenda:

AFLAC	AFLAC	36.16
IPERS	IPERS	397.12
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	71.41
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	501.48
SAC CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT	5,816.63
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	FUEL	30.10
DONS PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	41.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	318.46

THOMSON-STRACKE IMPLEMENT	#714 4WD CHANGE- EFD	255.50
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	238.26
KRIS ALESCH	PHONE STIPEND-TWO MO	45.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	893.99
CAPITAL ONE	INK-SHOP	54.00
RUDD SANITATION & RECYCLE	GARBAGE & RECYCLE	8,758.10
RUDD SANITATION & RECYCLE	GARBAGE & RECYCLE	2,058.00
DEMCO	SUPPLIES	94.57
DUMONT COMMUNITY LIBRARY	REPLACEMENT BOOK	8.99
FRONTIER COMMUNICATION	TELEPHONE	69.89
IOWA BARNS	BOOK	29.95
POSTMASTER	PO BOX 399 RENEWAL	102.00
SHARON IRWIN	REIMBURSEMENT NEWSPAPER	38.47
CAPITAL ONE	LIB INK	342.66
BARNES IMPLEMENT COMPANY	MOWER REPAIR	246.15
BOMGAARS	PARK SUPPLIES	159.92
ENGEL AGRI SALES CO	MOWER	72.74
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	11.68
HOLIDAY OUTDOOR DECOR	INSURNACE-XMAS LIGHTS	1,909.73
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	107.54
POWER SOLUTIONS	BALLFIELD INSURANCE CLAIM	5,063.21
PHIL DAVIS	CEMETERY MOWING/TRIM	3,030.00
RATCHET ENTERPRIZE LLC	CEMETERY TREE TRIMMING	1,000.00
BECKY BLACKMAN	SAC COUNTY LEAGUE MTG	42.37
SHARON IRWIN	NWIOWA LEAGUE MEETING	20.00
CHRONICLE	LEGAL PUBLISHING/ADS	819.93
COUNSEL	PRINTING	30.77
FRONTIER COMMUNICATION	TELEPHONE	106.18
GOOGLE	GSUITE	6.00
HEARTLAND MARKETING	WEBSITE MAINT	18.75
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEMBERSHIP DUE	640.00
POSTMASTER	PO BOX 411 RENEWAL	102.00
TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL	PRINTING NEWSLETTERS	209.91
CAPITAL ONE	OFFICE SUPPLIES- CLERK	17.88
WELLS FARGO	PRINTER LEASE	29.66
DAVE JENNETT, P.C.	Q4 LAWYER FEES	1,487.50
SIMMERING - CORY	CODE ORDINANCE UPDATE	2,500.00
BLUE LINE CLEANING LLC	FLOORING CLEANING	924.12
CULLIGAN	WATER	17.91
DONS PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	114.00
KING WELDING & REPAIR LLC	RAILING REPAIR	55.65
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	654.14
CAPITAL ONE	CLEANING SUPPLIES	232.74
AFLAC	AFLAC POST TAX	21.25
IPERS	IPERS	370.07
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	6.22

STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	58.10
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	444.55
FRANK DUNN CO.	STREET PATCH	899
BOMGAARS	STREETS	6.69
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	FUEL	734.31
LARSON OIL	RED DYE FUEL	361.08
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	1,538.20
LARSON OIL	RED DYE FUEL	1,083.23
BROWN SUPPLY CO INC	STREET SWEEPER	750.00
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMET	UNEMPLOYMENT	95.03
IMWCA	WORK COMP PREM 22-23	1,055.00
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IMWCA	WORK COMP PREM 22-23	1,055.00
SCHALLER CHIROPRACTIC	DOT PHYSICALS-SHOP	150.00
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMET	UNEMPLOYMENT	95.03
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMET	UNEMPLOYMENT	95.01
I & S GROUP, INC.	DD 59 PROJECT	213.75
AFLAC	AFLAC	77.94
IPERS	IPERS	443.76
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	12.23
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	108.25
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	656.59
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	INSURNACE	31.43
BROWN SUPPLY CO INC	WATER SUPPLIES	2,856.54
COUNSEL	PRINTING	46.15
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	198.00
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	CHEMICALS	323.55
KRIS ALESCH	PHONE STIPEND-TWO MO	45.00
KRUDICO INC	CHEMICALS	3,151.67
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	422.76
WELLS FARGO	PRINTER LEASE	29.66
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	EARLY 2020 WTF IMPROVEMENTS	19,334.13
CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICE	WATER TREATMENT FACILITY	2,002.00
JOHN T JONES CONSTRUCTION	WATER TREATMENT FACILITY #11	369,582.24
REGION XII	CDBG ADMIN BILLING #7	1,979.00
AFLAC	AFLAC POST TAX	77.89
IPERS	IPERS	443.76
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	12.25
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	108.24
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	656.61
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	INSURNACE	31.42
BARNES IMPLEMENT COMPANY	MOWER REPAIR	246.15
COUNSEL	PRINTING	46.15
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	TESTING	280.50
LANDUS	SPRAY CHEMICALS	625.85
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	139.23

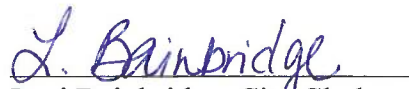
WELLS FARGO
TOTAL

PRINTER LEASE

29.68
461,086.56

	EXPENSE	REVENUE
GENERAL	34,621.96	29,702.65
ROAD USE TAX	7,254.39	417.10
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,508.40	
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	4,965.10	
DRAINAGE DISTRICT- DD59	213.75	
WATER UTILITY	12,438.57	26,403.45
WATER SINKING	442,236.10	129,962.53
SEWER UTILITY	6,557.77	8,222.21
SEWER SINKING	23,826.25	2,276.67

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to close the meeting at 9:35 PM.


Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk


Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor