

# CITY OF EARLY

June 2017

## City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

### Council

Mary Ann Brinkman  
Bill Cougill  
Melissa Freese  
Doug Gulley  
Brian Pickhinke

Council meeting- 1st Tuesday

Tammy Nuckolls, Clerk  
Ray Musselman, Supt. D.P.W.  
William Cougill, Fire Chief

### Library Board

Mark Grace  
Julie Carlson  
Cory Faist  
Julie Wadsley  
Sue Loggins  
Library Board meeting 4th  
Tuesday.  
Delta Gulley, Library Director

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## City Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday  
7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday  
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Friday  
Closed

## City Council News

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 6th day of June, 2017. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: William Cougill, Brian Pickhinke and Mary Ann Brinkman. Absent: Doug Gulley and Melissa Freese. A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, approval of Casey's Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit, approval of American Legion Liquor License, and bills for payment. Ayes: Gulley, Cougill, Brinkman, Pickhinke, and Freese. Nays: None Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to allow the FOCUS Committee members who are licensed drivers to use ATV's July 14-16, 2017 for the purpose of Crossroads Days. Ayes: Cougill, Pickhinke, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley and Freese. Motion carried. A citizen requested that rock be put on Tennis Court Road. Supt. DPW stated that he has rock and will fill in the pot holes. City Council discussed ball field light repairs and the materials are on order and will be repaired as soon as possible.

City Council discussed fireworks legislative changes and making changes to the city ordinance the city clerk will contact Iowa Codification to update city ordinance for Council approval at the next regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve the sac county building permit for 2205 230th St. Ayes: Cougill, Brinkman, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Gulley. Motion carried.

Resolution 17-09 - Re Appointment of City Attorney For Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a roll call vote: Pickhinke, Cougill, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley and Freese. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 17-10 - Approval of the Transfer of funds from the Debt Service Fund to the Water Sinking Fund and Sewer Sinking Fund to pay for the City's Revenue bonds was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote: Brinkman, Cougill, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley and Freese. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 17-11 - Approval of the monthly Transfer from the Water Utility Fund and Sewer Utility Fund to the Water and Sewer Sinking Fund to pay for FY2018 SRF Loan was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman. On a roll call vote: Cougill, Pickhinke, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Gulley. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 17-12 - Approval of The Transfer of Funds From The Emergency Fund to the General Fund was offered by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Pickhinke, Brinkman, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley and Freese. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 17-13 - Ordering Bids, Approving Plans, Specifications And Form Of Contract And Notice To Bidder, Fixing Amount Of Bidder's Check, And Ordering Clerk To Publish Notice And For A Public Hearing On Plans, Specifications, Form Of Contract And Estimate Of Costs For The Sewer Outfall Upgrades was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Brinkman. On a roll call vote: Brinkman, Pickhinke, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Gulley. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to change July 4th, 2017 regular Council meeting to July 11th, 2017 due to the holiday on the 4th. Ayes: Pickhinke, Brinkman, and Cougill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Brinkman approving Casey's proposed plans to remove the asphalt paving as well as the concrete curb and gutter from the east right-of-way line through the intersection of Maple Street. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley and Freese. Motion carried.

City Council discussed a 3% increase in water and sewer rate over the next five years. City Clerk was instructed to contact Iowa Codification and present the ordinance at the next regular City Council meeting. City Council discussed several nuisance and citizen complaint. The City Clerk and City Attorney were instructed to address said nuisances and complaints and report back to the City Council at the next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill that the city make a contribution of 500.00 for FY18 to the Housing Trust Fund for west central Iowa to assist low income since the City of Early citizens have benefited from this program since it began in 2003. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Gulley. Motion carried. Mayor, City Clerk, and DPW Supt gave monthly reports and Sheriff's written report was available for review.

A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Cougill to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM on voice vote.  
Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

Attest: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

## A Message from the Mayor,

To start with this month, I would like to give a special thank you to the Early Achievers' 4-H club and their leaders for again planting flowers in the planters up town and also at the city sign. It adds such a nice color element to the community. They had asked for community contributions toward the purchase of the flowers, but as far as I know they didn't receive many donations. Even waiting until after Memorial Day to purchase the flowers, it still costs them several hundred dollars. Please consider making a donation to the 4-H club for this project for our community. These young people do a lot of nice things for our community. Let's show them a little more appreciation. Part of the lights at the ballfield are going to be replaced and hopefully, next year the city will be able to afford to replace the rest.

Because of the July 4th holiday, the City Council meeting is being moved to July 11th. At the meeting there will be a hearing prior to the meeting concerning the plans and specifications for work on the Sewer Outlet Upgrades will be held.

The Council looked at possible water and sewer rate increases this month. Ordinance amendments will be considered next month.

Municipal elections will be held this November. There will be three council seats up for election/re-election. I have not spoken to any of the current council members so I don't know if they will consider running for re-election or not. You might give some thought to possibly serving your community in this way. On a similar note, there is an opening on the Cemetery Board with the death of Dick Sanders. If you would be interested in serving on the board, please let City Clerk Tammy Nuckolls know.

The City Council has approved the use of ATV's for ONLY the FOCUS committee to use during Crossroads Days. The drivers have to be adult, licensed drivers.

*Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor*

### 2017 Early Crossroads Days

#### Friday July 14

8:00 AM- TJ- Lisa Memorial Golf Tournament-  
Lake Creek Storm Lake

5:30-8:00 P.M. -Evening Meal

5:30- Bags Tournament- PreRegistration Required  
Mitch- 712-660-0372

8:00PM -1:00 AM- Early Legion Beer Garden  
DJ- Cotton Creek Entertainment

#### Saturday July 15th

ALL DAY- Softball Tournament- Brian Hoepfner

9:00 AM- Car Show - Judging @1 Trophies @3-  
Mike Bailey 712-369-1001

10:00 AM- BIG PARADE Registration @ 8:30 AM  
Featuring Brad Poutch & Abu Bakr Rat  
Patrol

11:00 AM- 2:00 PM Craft Show - Delta - 660-2658

11:00 AM- 1:00 PM- Noon Meal

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM- Inflatables (Free)

1pm-5 pm- Early ALL School Reunion Open House  
- Ridgeview Middle School

2:00 PM- Water Fights- Early Fire Department

3:30 PM- Cake Walk

4:30 PM- Baby Contest- Pre Registration Required  
- Crystal 402-659-4477

5:00 PM-8:00 PM- Evening Meal

8:00 PM-1:00 AM- Early Legion Beer Garden  
Entertainment Brad Morgan

10pm- FIREWORKS

11:00 PM Cash Drawing

#### Sunday July 16th

730-930 FREE Will Pancake Feed- Under Tent

10 am- Ecumenical Church Service- Under Tent

**Registrations go to [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com)**

## FOCUS NEWS

**Volunteers Needed:** to make a pan of bars or a cake for Early Crossroads Days please drop to the basement of the legion between 8-12 on July 15th. The cakes can also be dropped at The Center.

### We would appreciate any and all help!!

**Crossroads Day Parade:** The parade route on July 15th will begin at the middle school parking lot in Early. The parade will travel south on Linden Lane, turning left on to Second Street, then north on to Walnut, and then west in to Fourth Street returning back to the middle school for a total of ten blocks. **WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THESE STREETS FRIDAY JULY 14TH OR SATURDAY JULY 15TH.** The entire town will be filled with many fun events so we ask that if you live on these streets to please park elsewhere. We will have a car show on North Main. Inflatables and the tent as well. The water fights on Walnut. In the case that there is a car on our parade route we will have it towed. As we have the Abu Bekr Rat Patrol performing and they can NOT perform unless the street is cleared. We appreciate your patience .

**WE HOPE YOU COME OUT AND ENJOY EARLY CROSSROADS DAYS!**

**Early T- Shirts** - Order Forms are Available at  
[www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com)

## YARD OF THE MONTH

June - Elaine Gerdes and Greg Toomer  
306 N Main St.

July - Jeff & Lindsey Dehann  
405 Walnut St.