

June 2020

# CITY OF EARLY

## City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

### City Council

Bill Cougill  
Melissa Freese  
Steven Mason  
Brian Pickhinke  
Summer Schmitt

Council meeting- 1st Tuesday

Lexi Houston, 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

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 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 roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the following building permit(s) pending the approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee: Permit 763, Permit 764, Permit 765. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Schmitt. Nays: None. Abstain: Mason. Motion carried. Council discussed old business with the possibility of a burn ban within City limits. The City Clerk was to reach out to Sac County Clerks and gather information for their open burning codes. Council has decided to keep the same Code for burning within City limits. There will be no burn ban, unless under certain circumstances as such as excessive heat, wind, etc. Council discussed Ordinance 321- Amending Provisions Pertaining To Water Rates. Council has advised to start said ordinance July 1, 2020. Mayor, City Clerk, Fire Chief, Library, and DPW gave monthly reports. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Freese. Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM on voice vote.

## MAYOR'S NOTES

Because of internet problems, we were unable to hold the City Council Meeting via Zoom. We had the meeting in the basement of the Municipal Building so that we could do the proper social distancing.

The City Council again decided to delay the implementation of the new water rates for another month because of the pandemic and general upheaval for everyone. The library is still closed but is making plans for some type of restricted opening possibly later in the month. If you wish to have some books to read for yourself or children, you can contact Delta and she will put together the books for you and bring them to your address. Don't forget to check out the summer program that is planned for the children. If you need something from the city clerks' office, you are to contact her by phone and she will help you that way. We are also making plans to allow the city clerk's office to reopen to the public as well.

Are we adjusting the "new normal?" Life has certainly taken some change. I don't think anyone is sure what the "new normal" is going to be.

By the Time you read this, you will probably already realize that the playgrounds, parks and ballfield have been reopened. Remember lots of soap and water, hand washing.

As many other communities around, Early Crossroad Days have been cancelled for this year.

I just received notification that Early will be receiving a CDBG grant for the water project.

## 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.

### Reminders

**\*\*Please clean all grass clippings, weeds, debris from City Streets after mowing or trimming yards and also to cleanup after your pets. Both are City Ordinance violations if not observed.**

**\*\*Home Improvement Project Season is upon us please remember to apply for a Building Permit with the City for all your exterior home needs, this includes fences, kennels, sheds, decks and more. You can gain a permit by going online to [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com) and searching for Building Permit or emailing the clerk at [cityclerk@earlyia.com](mailto:cityclerk@earlyia.com). For more information please call City Hall.**

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).

## FOCUS NEWS

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.

**May Yard of the Month goes to**

**Dave & Kathy Robley, 401 Walnut St, drive by to check it out!**

**Congratulations Dave & Kathy!**

### SCOOP THE LOOP

This will start at the Middle School in Early at 7pm. The Early Fire Department will lead the way. We ask that you join us and STAY IN YOUR VEHICLES! If you'd rather watch that's fine but pick a spot and stay 6 ft apart! No gathering or we won't be able to continue this please!

As the weeks go on if we have enough participation we will make it themed! For now decorate your cars if you'd like with anything you'd like or just show your smile. We love that area towns, places, and athletic complex are showing support and we'd like to do the same.

That all being said if possible we ask that every car donate one nonperishable item so we can donate it to the local food pantry! If you can't at this time that's fine but if you can please do so. We want to pay it forward!! There will be a blue recycle box up at start of the parade outside the Methodist Church on the sidewalk please put your donations there.

Line up just as we do for the parade in front of Methodist Church on Hickory Street. The Loop will start in one direction traveling South on Linden Lane, turning East onto Second Street, then North on to Walnut Street, and then West onto Fourth Street returning back to the Middle School to turn around as we can meet other drivers on the route for a total of ten blocks and we will "Scoop the Loop" three times.

**If you live along the mapped route please consider having your vehicles off the street it at all possible for safety purposes. Thank you.**

**Early Crossroads Days has been cancelled for the 2020 year. We will see you next year in 2021!!**



**The playgrounds are open!**

The equipment will not be cleaned so please play at your own risk. Use lots of soap and water, or bring some hand sanitizer so your little ones stay safe!