

June 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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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 7th day of June 2022. 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, Summer Schmitt, Becky Blackman, Bill Cougill. Absent: Tim Langner. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Blackman to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, American Legion Liquor License. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Cougill. Motion passed. Citizen Input from S. Bonebrake in regard to trailers and campers parking along street roadways for multiple days at a time near 2nd Street and Hickory. These are in violation with city ordinance Chapter 68.08(18). Councilor Cougill will take a copy of the ordinance and talk with these two individuals at this time as a reminder of the ordinance. City Clerk is to contact the Sheriff's Office and ask about the enforcement of this Chapter. Citizen input from D. Galvin and R. Galvin in regard to dogs barking in their neighborhood along with the concerns of pet increase to "5 pets". The wording of the "5 pet" limit could mean more dogs in the neighborhood and more dogs even within city limits that could not be potentially taken care of as they should. At this time the ordinance reads no more than 2 dogs per property and 10 cats. There are several homes that would take advantage of the increase and are not able to give the animals proper care they deserve. D. Galvin suggested that the Council consider hard about the wording this new ordinance should say. The suggestion would be to read as "no more than 5 pets per property not to exceed 3 dogs". The council will take this into consideration and determine better wording for the documentation. There was also mention of a coyote running around town and alone the outskirts of town. City clerk will contact DNR and advise them of the animal as well, no other reports have been made in regard to this animal. Citizen input from M. Johnson in regard to the food pantry drop-off location. Currently the drop box is located at the post office, but it was brought to their attention that others have been taking all food items from the box instead of gathering those items at the actual food pantry. It was asked if council would approve of the drop site location be move to city hall as it is under surveillance and is locked during the night, to help ward off those who seek to not participate correctly. All members of the council were for the movement of the box location to City Hall. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to approve building permits #793, 796, 797, 798. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Cougill. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to set public hearing date for 07-05-2022 on the water treatment facility/ 2nd street water main status of funded activities. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Cougill. Motion passed. Several Properties are on the nuisance abatement list this month these properties include Parcel(s) 810609110005, 810609110002, 810604103026, 810604109011, 8101604102008, 810604107009, 81004010067, 810604500016, 81004103010, 810604010083, 810604010071. These Properties range from disrepair of house, garages, miscellaneous "Junk", disabled vehicles. These properties will receive letters in the upcoming days to abate the nuisance within 30 days' time of the letter sent. Councilor Pickhinke and Councilor Blackman discussed with the other members about what they had learned at the Sac County housing meeting. More so points on rental inspections and code enforcement as the City of Early is lacking in help with nuisance properties in town. City Clerk had gotten some information from Region XII in regard to the processes each of the issues entail. Council wants to hear more from Region XII and asked for them to present to council next month at the regular council meeting. City Attorney was not present and Cudaback Parcel purchase was not presented; this item will be tabled until next month's meeting. Resolution 22-11 increasing of mowing charges for nuisance properties to \$100.00 was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Cougill Absent: Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. The monthly sheriff report was given to all members, Clerk also updated council about a dog bite incident that happen on the South side of town. Currently the residents' dog had been euthanized and they are in a criminal case with the Sac County Attorney. 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 was that he had only one applicant and had done an interview for a seasonal part time new hire, council approved the new hire for the position. Also was discussion on a John Deere Tractor w/ loader and belly mower. Council was shown pictures of the unit and a motion was made by Councilor Cougill to purchase the tractor under the conditions that Kris make sure that the equipment is up to date and that everything checks out Councilor Pickhinke seconded the motion. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Cougill. Absent: Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Schmitt and seconded by Councilor Cougill to close the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

Thank you to all the members of the 4-H Club that came out to help plant trees! The City of Early appreciates your time and dedication to help improve our community!

Front Row: Miranda McAleer
Back Row: Joe Goettsch, Antone Carlson, Maddy Horan, Dean Carlson, Robert Carlson, and Zach McPhail.



EARLY FOCUS NEWS

Congratulations to June Yard of the Month Nera Zimmer at 316 N Main 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

We had a rather lengthy City Council meeting this month. Be advised that the Food Pantry Drop Box that has been in the Post Office lobby is being relocated to the lobby of the Municipal Building. You may leave your donation in the box there at any time that the building is open for the library or city offices. It is hoped that with security cameras in the municipal building and doors being locked at night, pilfering of items left in the box will come to an end. A public hearing has been set for next month's council meeting to give an update on the Water Treatment Facility/2nd Street Water Projects. Things are moving along on both areas. Delivery of certain inventories for the treatment facility are sometimes on a delay but work continues. Charges for mowing private properties that aren't being taken care of were increased from \$75/ mowing to \$100/ mowing. There is also a \$25 fee if your property has to be posted to remind you to take care of this issue. Yes, there is a problem with a good-sized property on the highway. The City is waiting for clearance from attorneys to be able to take care of this problem. It is being addressed!! Five new trees are being planted with the help of the Early Achievers' 4-H Club. A tree is being planted in each of the parks of 3rd Street, two a being planted in the City Park, and one is being planted in the cemetery. Men and women are invited to attend the Coffee Klatch at the Early Public Library on Tuesday morning, June 21st at 9:30 a.m. Come for conversation and coffee! Happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there. Have a blessed and happy day! Have a safe and joyful 4th of July and remember that Early Crossroads Days is July 15th & 16th. This is Early's 140th birthday party so come and join the celebration and fun!

Early Public Library

Events

Story Time- Every Wednesday at 10AM
(recommended for ages 0-6)
Kick off the Summer Party- June 2nd @ 1PM
Koffee Klatch- June 7th & June 21st @ 9:30AM
Sac County Naturalist- June 9th @ 10:30AM
Indoor Camping- June 16th @ 1PM
Absolute Science @ the City Park- June 23rd @ 1PM

Meetings

Friends of the Library Meeting- June 14th @ 6PM
Board Meeting- June 28th @ 6PM

Announcements

Reminder of our hours for the summer:

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

A few reminders-

Make sure ALL garbage is place inside an approve container with a lid to keep those pesky critters out of the neighborhood. (Chapter 105.10)

Make sure your Pets, particularly your dog(s) are on a leash or are well behaved and stay on your property. Also that if you leave your pets outside that they do not bark constantly, these issues are both violations of the ordinance (Chapter 55.06 and 55.08)

Make sure you are not parking your camper, boat, or any utility trailers on the streets for more than 24 hours, this is enforced by the Sheriff Office. (Chapter 68.06*18)

Please make sure you are NOT blowing your grass, leaves or other debris onto the City streets as this can clog the storm drains, it is also a slip hazard to bicycles and motorcycles alike. (Chapter 135.03)