

CITY OF EARLY

March 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
7:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Friday
Closed

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 in the proposed budget for the fiscal 2017-2018 as published in the Chronicle on February 23, 2017 may appear and be heard for or against the adoption of the proposed budget or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were present either for or against said budget. Hearing was closed.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 7th day of March, 2017. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: Doug Gulley, William Cougill and Mary Ann Brinkman. Absent: Brian Pickhinke and Melissa Freese. A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, and bills for payment. Ayes: Gulley, Brinkman and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Pickhinke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Gulley to approve two tax abatement applications. Ayes: Cougill, Gulley, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Pickhinke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Gulley and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve building permit #732 and #733 pending approval by Planning and Zoning Committee. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, and Gulley. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Pickhinke. Motion carried.

Resolution 17-06 – Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 -2018 as Published in the Chronicle on February 23, 2017 was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, and Gulley. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Pickhinke. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 17-07 - Authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with Central Tank Coatings, Inc. to furnish labor, insurance and use of equipment to install the aeration system in the water tower purchased from Tideflex Technologies was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, and Gulley. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Pickhinke. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 17-08 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Bolton and Menk, Inc. to provide professional engineering services required for the sanitary sewer outfall improvements from South Avenue to the Existing wastewater treatment Lagoons was offered by Councilor Gulley and seconded by Councilor Brinkman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Gulley, Brinkman, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Pickhinke. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to change the regular council meeting from April 4th, 2017 @ 7pm to April 3rd, 2017 @ 7pm. Ayes: Cougill, Gulley, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Pickhinke. Motion carried.

City Council discussed several nuisance violation in town and the city clerk was instructed to contact the city attorney to follow – up on the nuisances.

A motion was made by Councilor Gulley and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to change the city insurance agency from State Bank Agency to Mid – Iowa Insurance Agency. Ayes: Cougill, Brinkman and Gulley. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Pickhinke. Motion carried. City Clerk was instructed to begin the process of the changeover.

City Clerk, Mayor, Fire Department, and Supt. D.P.W gave reports. Sheriff's monthly 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 8:07 PM on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

A Message from the Mayor,

What do you think of this strange winter weather this year? We saw our first robins on Friday, March 3rd. My daffodils and giant hyacinths are up with buds already. They survived the last snow storm that we had.

The City Council has approved an engineering agreement with Bolton and Menk, Inc. to help the City with some improvements to the sewer mains leading to the sanitary sewer lagoon. These mains are already over 40 years old and the City is trying to be proactive in maintaining our infrastructure. With these improvements come costs and the City will be reviewing the sewer rates in the near future.

Start preparing for spring clean-up. The clean-up is going to be a little later this year, June 7th. This gives you more time to go through your household and decide on what items you no longer need laying around and this will be a good time to get rid of it. With spring close at hand, it is time to clean up and spruce up. Remember that this year is Early's 135th anniversary. We want our community looking nice and inviting to the additional guests we will have for the weekend of July 15 & 16-Crossroads Days!

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

FOCUS NEWS

The Early FOCUS will be judging Yard of the Month May thru September so please keep your yards up and look for the yard of the month sign to come to a yard near you.

We also sent out donation letters. We are asking for donations of any size. As we are having Brad Morgan, Inflatables, and Fireworks this year. Please Consider donating!

Also mark your calendars for July 14,15, 16 for our 2017 Early Crossroads Days and 135th Birthday!

Thank you for your support
Early F.O.C.U.S Committee

Early City Wide Clean Up Day

Wednesday, June 7th

Visit www.earlyia.com
for more calendar and
community events

Library News

Thanks to everyone that came out to celebrate Dr. Seuss birthday party! We had over 100 in attendance. Don't forget to come pick up your pictures with Cat in the Hat!



Toddler Storytime

We have Toddler Storytime on Wednesday's from 11:00 am – 11:30 am. Come join us for a story, bubbles, dancing, and a craft.

**Come join us for Easter Crafts on April 8
from 11 am – 1 pm.**

****New Library Hours****

Monday 9 am – 1 pm
Tuesday 1 pm – 6 pm
Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm
1 pm – 5 pm
Saturday 10 am – 1 pm