

# CITY OF EARLY

March 2020

## City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020. 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: Brian Pickhinke, William Cougill, Melissa Freese, Steve Mason, Summer Schmitt. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, and bills for payment. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve building permit 758 pending the approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Council members discussed the finding of a new member for the Planning and Zoning Committee. They had also discussed that the Committee have a designated Chairman to help new members with the process and to get current information out to the rest of the members. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese to make minor changes to Ordinance 321- Amending Provisions Pertaining To Water Rates. Mayor, Fire Chief, Library, DPW, and City Clerk gave monthly reports. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM on voice vote.

## MAYOR'S NOTES

The Council meeting this month was pretty short.

The ordinance amendment for water rates was discussed and some changes were made for the Water Improvement Fee for Outside the City Limits. That has been changed to match in the in-town rate. This will have a final vote at the special council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Council discussed with the engineer several items to get clarification concerning the water improvement plans.

At the special council meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a hearing concerning the City's application for a CDBG grant for the water project and also approval of the 20-21 City Budget.

**An important reminder to everyone:** The first part of April is the Census 2020. PLEASE, EVERYONE fill out the Census form and return it. These numbers are so important to all communities Sac County and the State. These census numbers help to determine how much we will receive in Road Tax Funds, and a number of other funding revenues over the next ten years.

## Summary of Questions on the Census

- How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020
- Whether the home is owned or rented
- About the sex of each person in your home
- About the age of each person in your home
- About the race of each person in your home
- About whether a person in your home is of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin
- About the relationship of each person in your home
- A phone number for a person in the home

*The 2020 US Census will NOT ask about citizenship or immigration status*



**EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS**

**Adult Easter Craft**

**March 28 @7pm**

March 11,

Easter Craft

9am-12pm & 1pm-6pm

for children of all ages

\$5

March 17

**Friends of the Library Chili Cook-Off March 21**

Contact library for more information



5pm

no cost

Daily Apple's

Spring into a

**Friends of the Library**

The Friends of the Early Public Library is a group of people who work together to improve the library. Friends of the Early Public Library is a non-profit volunteer organization which exists to assist the library. The library is a cultural, educational, informational, and recreational center in our community. The primary goal of our organization is to raise and receive funds in which to support library needs not recognized in their budget. Membership Fee: \$5 due at time of application. Dues are renewed annually in July.

**Please contact Early Public Library to join**

**Snow Ordinance is in effect 11/1/19 to 3/31/20. The Sheriff Dept. will tow all vehicles given 3 tickets or more. No parking on streets from midnight to 7:00 a.m.**

**FOCUS NEWS**

Please consider donating! This is the only way for us to make Crossroads Days happen year after year. We hope you consider donating to Early FOCUS as we hope to make this year the best year for Early's 138th birthday. We cannot do this without the help of the community. No amount is too small and every dollar counts. We are made up strictly of volunteers and are a non-profit group. Thanks for considering. Those of you that didn't get an envelope or would like to contribute, you can mail your donation to Early FOCUS—PO Box 117—Early IA 50535.

FOCUS is currently looking for little miss contestants. Forms are available at [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com). They can be between ages 5-10 by July 18th. FOCUS is also accepting early parade registrations. Forms are available at [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com)

Please mark your calendar for July 18th for Early Crossroads Days!

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.

**WHO WANTS \$100 Cash?** Early FOCUS is selling Scratch Cupcakes April 27-May 15th with a pickup date of June 4th. This is to help offset firework costs for 2022. If you are interested in helping us sell them please contact Crystal at 402-659-4477. Top Seller gets \$100 cash.

Thank you for your continued support!

**LOST DOG!!!**

Last seen near 500th block of Maple Street on February 26th.

If you have seen this pup around or locate him please call 515-571-4147 or 712-749-0992

This beloved pet goes by the name of Zeus.

