

March 2021

CITY OF EARLY

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

City Council

Bill Cougill
Tim Langner
Steven Mason
Brian Pickhinke
Summer Schmitt

Council meeting- 1st Tuesday

Lexi Bainbridge, 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 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 FY 2022 Budget for the fiscal 2021-2022 year as published in the Chronicle on Feb 11th, 2021 may appear and be heard for or against the adoption of the proposed FY 2022 Budget or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were for or against said Budget. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to close the hearing. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Hearing was closed. A Public Hearing was held at 7:05 PM in the council chambers at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest in the Notice to Bidders for the Early Watermain Project as published in the Chronicle on Feb 4th, 2021 may appear and be heard for or against the adoption of the Notice to Bidders for the Early Watermain Project or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were for or against said Project. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to close the hearing. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Hearing was closed. A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 2nd day of March 2021. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner, Bill Cougill, Steven Mason. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes bills for payment. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. No citizen input. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve building permit #775 pending approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Motion passed. Nuisance Abatement List was presented to the council, Citizens on this list will be sent a letter having 30 days to remove said nuisances from their properties or will be given a municipal infraction. Some exceptions were given to those with disrepair homes until the end of July 2021. Resolution 21-05 Approving The Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 21-06 Approving Transfer of Funds From the Equipment Replacement Fund to the General Fund For the Purpose of Purchasing A 1979 International S1800 truck was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 21-07 Approving Making Award of Contract For The 2nd Street Watermain Improvements was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Langner, Schmitt. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Ordinance 325 An Ordinance of the City of Early Entitled "RAGBRI-MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS was discussed for charge fees and will be added to next month agenda for First Reading. Council had a discussion on Sac County Communications Upgrades where the City of Early would potentially replace radios for the Fire and Recuse. They discussed estimated costs. Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, and DPW. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Schmitt and seconded by Councilor Mason. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

City Office

The City is working on getting Pet Licenses out in the mail for those who have renewed. Thank you for your continued patience!

For those who haven't, please update your furry friends pet license and registration. We will be sending out letters to those past due on the list.

We are doing something new this year and would request a small picture of your furry friends for identification purposes. The new registration forms are available on our website or contact City Hall to grab a copy. Please make sure you bring an updated copy of your rabies vaccinations this is State Law. As a reminder Licenses for fixed animals are now past due at \$20.00 per pet and \$30.00 for non fixed animals.



EARLY LIBRARY

We want to give a warm welcome to our new Library Director Kristine Luy who will be starting with us March 18th! We have high hopes that our Library will continue to be on a great path of success.

We also want to send thanks out to Christy Horan for being interim Library Director during this transition.

Delta Gulley has worked as the Library Director since October 2014 and has accomplished a lot during her time here and she will be greatly missed!

Snow Ordinance is in effect 11/1/20 to 3/31/21. No parking on streets from Midnight to 7:00 am.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email as well please contact the clerk's office by email at cityclerk@earlyia.com.

MAYOR'S NOTES

The proposed FY22 budget was adopted as published in the Chronicle.

Four bids had been received for the replacement of the water main on W. 2nd Street. After review by the engineer and SRF officials it was recommended that following the hearing on this matter the bid be awarded to Schmitt Construction. The work will probably not start until mid-summer.

A planning meeting was held on February 25th to start planning for being a Pass-through Community on the first day of RAGBRAI, July 25th. Brian Pickhinke and Brad Thorpe are going to co-chair the planning for this day. I would personally like to thank them both for stepping up to do this. The tent from Crossroads Day the weekend before is going to be left up and utilized for this day.

We are so grateful that we made it through the terrible cold in February. That was really something, wasn't it? As I write this today, there is still quite a bit of snow on the ground, but it is a beautiful day!

I also want to thank Delta Gully for the time she has served as the Early Librarian. She has made a lot of improvements in the library and done a lot for the community as a whole. She and her family are moving to Tennessee where Doug has a new job. She is going to be missed.