

March 2022

# CITY OF EARLY

## City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

### City Council

Bill Cougill  
Brian Pickhinke  
Summer Schmitt  
Tim Langner

Council Meeting- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

Lexi Bainbridge, Clerk  
Kris Alesch, Supt. D.P.W.  
Keith Horan, Fire Chief

Fire Meeting- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

### Library Board

Cory Faist  
Julie Carlson  
Julie Wadsley  
Sue Loggins  
Becki Petersen-Secretary

Board Meeting- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Kristine Luy, 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 Budget for the fiscal 2022-2023, as published in the Chronicle on February 17th, 2022, or Ordinance 328 Flood Plain as publishing in the Chronicle on February 10th, 2022 may appear, and be heard for or against the adoption of the proposed budget and/or Ordinance 328 or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were for or against said Budget and/or Ordinance 328. Hearing was closed. A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 1st day of March 2022. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Bill Cougill, Tim Langner, Summer Schmitt. Absent: Blackman. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. Resolution 22-07 Adoption of Budget FY 2022-2023 was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Absent: Blackman. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. First Reading of Ordinance No. 328 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Early, Iowa, By Adopting A New Ordinance to Establish Flood Plain Regulations was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner Nays: None. Absent: Blackman. First reading passed. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to waive the second and third readings. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: none. Absent: Blackman. Where upon the Mayor declares the said ordinance duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to accept the 28E Agreement with the County Drainage District for DD-59 pending engineering fee clarification on who is to pay. Roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt. Nays: Langner. Absent: Blackman. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve quote from Water Tower Experts for a contract of service to clean and inspect the water tower. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner, Schmitt. Nays: None. Absent: Blackman. Motion passed. Council discussed Spring Clean-up Day which will be held on May 26th, 2022. The clerk will have further information on what can and cannot be thrown out. The Clerk reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment in the consent agenda. Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, Fire Dept, and DPW. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to close the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor  
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

## MAYOR'S NOTES

After the public hearing the City Council adopted the proposed budget for 2022-2023. Adopted Ordinance 328. This ordinance meets requirements set out by FEMA. There were no changes in the flood plain area as previously set out. Review with the City Attorney the proposed 28E Agreement for Drainage District 59 which has had some revisions made to it following the meeting with the drainage district engineers and the drainage district attorney last month. Council approved the 28E Agreement. Reviewed some proposed changes to the updating of the Code of Ordinances. Iowa Codification will prepare a 1<sup>st</sup> draft. Council needs to review the ordinances for water, sewer, solid waste and recycle rates. Approved the contract for the maintenance of the interior of the water tower. Kris is still getting more information for a new generator for the lagoon. An early heads-up. Citywide clean-up day with be Thursday, May 26.

## EARLY FOCUS NEWS

Early FOCUS is fundraising Scratch Cupcakes! You can find the forms at City Hall, Early Public Library, and Shear Attraction or contact any FOCUS Member. They will be available to order from March 21st to April 8th. They will be delivered on April 27th!



*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.*

### TENATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2022 CROSSROAD DAYS!!

#### Friday July 15th

Inflatables- FREE- 5:30-7:30  
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

#### Sunday 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 [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com)  
5:00 PM-7:00 PM- Evening Meal  
5:00- Cow Pie Bingo- Winner Wait & Watch- Early Fire Department  
9:00 PM-1:00 AM- Early Legion Beer Garden  
Entertainment: Brad Morgan  
Fireworks-10 PM  
Registrations go to [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com)

### Upcoming Library Events for March 2022

#### \*Story Times:

Wednesday, March 9th @ 10:00AM  
Wednesday, March 16th @ 10:30AM  
Sac County Naturalist will be present

Wednesday, March 23rd @ 10:00 AM  
Wednesday, March 30th @ 10:00 AM

#### Meetings

Friends of the Library- March 8th @  
Board Meeting- Wednesday, March 22nd @  
6PM  
Book Club - TBD

### **NORMAL HOURS WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING MARCH 22nd!**

\*Stay in the loop about future events by following our Facebook page, our Early Public Library website, checking out our flyers that are posted at the library and the post office, or stop in!\*

## City Clerk's Office

### ***ATTENTION ALL BUINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN EARLY!!!!***

I am currently reviewing all Open/Operating businesses and organization to be listed on our City of Early website. If you would like to be featured on our website please call, email, or send me snail mail by ***March 31st!*** Current Business-es/Organizations please review information and confirm by the same date.

**Information needed:** Business/Organization Name, Owner/President/Chair Person, Telephone Number, Hours, and Address. If you have a website and email please list that too. (Some information is for office use only to have on file)

Businesses will be listed by Name, Address/Website, Telephone number, and hours if applicable.

Organizations, will be listed by Name, the current President/Chair Person, along with one form of contact.

We would love to get you listed and help Grow our Community!

\*\*Also if you are a business outside of Early and have an Early Address and would like to be listed as well please call City Hall and discuss further details to see if you qualify.