

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 10th day of May 2022. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Summer Schmitt, Becky Blackman. Absent: Bill Cougill, Tim Langner. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the consent agenda including agenda, bills for payment, The Citizen's 1st National Bank alarm permit, Casey's tobacco license renewal. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to make a correction to last month's minutes in regard to the sheriff's report about potentially placing the radio equipment on an existing tower could save the project roughly \$700,000. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman.

There were no Building Permits added at this time, but the council did discuss on what violations there were on residents who did not follow the procedures of obtaining a permit correctly. We have had several residents not follow the procedures that are set in place. The clerk is to discuss with the City Attorney on how to handle these violations as they are considered a Municipal Infraction per the Early Code of Ordinances and could be cause for destroying the residents project and having them obtain a permit properly before reconstruction. The clerk will report to the council next meeting on recommendations from the City Attorney.

Resolution 22-09 Authorizing the city clerk to destroy certain records of the City of Early, Iowa in accordance with Section 372.13(5) of the Iowa Code was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman. Absent: Cougill, Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 22-10 Adopting the budget amendment for fiscal year 2021-2022 as published in The Chronicle on April 21st, 2022, was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman. Absent: Cougill, Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve selling a few miscellaneous desks stored at the Municipal Building. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill, Langner. Motion passed.

The city clerk had come forward with two quotes for professional cleaning of the municipal building between the library and the clerk's office, Quote #1 from Bright and Sunny Cleaning and Quote #2 from Blueline Cleaning LLC. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to approve quote by Blueline Cleaning LLC to professionally clean the main areas of the Municipal Building pending we pay for services in the new fiscal year.

Several Properties are on the nuisance abatement list this month these properties include Parcel(s) 810609110005, 810609110002, 810604114004, 810603111002, 810609110010, 810604103026, 810604109011, 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.

A motion was made by Councilor Schmitt and seconded by Councilor Blackman to approve the city clerk to absorb services fee for online utility payments for ACH Bank pay only starting next month’s billing cycle (this is not for credit card payments). On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill, Langner. Motion passed.

Discussion was had on fuel card usage, and it was suggested that for better security we assign each individual volunteer on the fire department their own pin numbers. The council agreed and Councilor Pickhinke was going to inform Fire Chief Keith Horan of the slight changes at their next meeting.

Council person Bill Cougill arrived at 8:35 pm.

Ron Feilmeier was present to represent the Merton Legion. The Legion is wanting to help the city in updating a few windows on the West side of the building. The Legion has the blessing of the Council and appreciate their help and assistance with this project. There was another item that was brought up about the new door being installed for the front of the Legion, Dick McConnell would like to paint the door red, white, and blue. This was also agreed to go ahead and do so how he wishes.

Kris Alesch, Director of Public works presented his monthly report. A few things to note was that The water tower will be off for inspection on May 23rd, 2022 and will be down between the 22nd-25th. This may cause some lower pressure but should not affect drinking water at all. Schmitt Construction will start up the 2nd street main project May 23rd as well.

The Clerk reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment in the consent agenda:


AFLAC	AFLAC	36.16
IPERS	IPERS	414.10
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	74.42
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	531.09
SAC CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Q1 2022 LAW CONTRACT	5816.63
DONS PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	41.00
FELD FIRE	FIRE EXTINGUISHER CHCK	220.60
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	565.95
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	ANNUAL AIR TESTING	664.32
THOMSON-STRACKE IMPLEMENT	PUMPER	753.35
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	114.75
KING WELDING & REPAIR LLC	REPAIR SHOP BULD	183.75
KRIS ALESCH	PHONE STIPEND	45.00
MBW	SHOP SUPPLIES	41.22
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	696.87
WERNER SEWER AND SEPTIC LLC	SHOP SEWER	250.00
OFFICE ELEMENTS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	14.58

RUDD SANITATION & RECYCLE	GARBAGE & RECYCLE	6808.00
SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AG	FY2021 Q1	6057.38
OFFICE ELEMENTS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	14.58
RUDD SANITATION & RECYCLE	GARBAGE & RECYCLE	2070.00
ABSOLUTE SCIENCE	SUMMER REC PROGRAM	350.00
AMAZON.COM	BOOKS	575.31
CAPITAL ONE	MOVIES/INK	123.96
BOMGAARS	PEAT MOSS	129.90
BRIDGEWELL RESORUCES LLC	BALLFIELD POLE	6711.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	24.00
MIDWEST FENCE & GATE CO.	STORMDAMAGE FIELD	4041.14
WALL LAKE LUMBER	BALLFEILD	80.80
SHARON IRWIN	NW IOWA LEAGUE MTG	15.00
ADOBE	ADOBE	15.89
AMAZON.COM	OFFICE SUPPLIES	311.66
CHRONICLE	LEGALS	697.90
ICE TECHNOLOGIES	REMOTE SERVICE	65.50
COUNSEL	PRINTING	49.60
GOOGLE	GSUITES	6.00
HEARTLAND MARKETING	MAINT	106.25
OFFICE ELEMENTS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	14.60
SPLASHTOP	REMOTE BUSINESS DESKTOP	60.00
TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL	NEWSLETTERS	304.14
WELLS FARGO	COPIER LEASE	29.66
ZOOM	REMOTE BUSINESS	10.70
DAVE JENNETT, P.C.	LEGAL FEES	2100.00
DONS PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	112.00
MENARDS-FORT DODGE	CITY HALL	95.88
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	541.46
REFLECT WINDOW & DOOR	FRONTDOOR REPLACE PART	97.70
CARL NELSEN	SEWERLINE CLEAN	250.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	HANDICAP CHAIR-CITY HALL	2313.68
AFLAC	AFLAC POST TAX	10.00
IPERS	IPERS	189.35
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	2.92
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	26.34
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	210.31
STORM LAKE ACE HARDWARE	STREET SUPPLIES	149.90
BOMGAARS	STREET DEPT	6.69
DOMINO MOTORS, INC.	SILVERADO PKUP	188.70
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	775.43
BROWN SUPPLY CO INC	STREET SWEEPER	678.00
IOWA AUTOMOTIVE MACHINE	SWEEPER	106.23
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	INSURANCE	338.50
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AFLAC	AFLAC	83.57

IPERS	IPERS	468.33
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	13.89
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	114.12
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	688.62
AFLAC	INSURANCE	0.01
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	INSURANCE	31.43
BOMGAARS	WATER SUPPLIES	54.47
CITIZENS 1ST NATIONAL	NSF CHCK-STEUK	4.28
COUNSEL	PRINTING	74.40
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	925.00
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	66.00
HACH COMPANY	CHEMICALS	270.01
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	CHEMICALS	291.44
IA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET TAX	929.05
IAMU	2ND QRT SAFTEY TRAINING	365.53
IPERS	MAR 2022 ADJUST	7.90
KRIS ALESCH	PHONE STIPEND	45.00
KRUDICO INC	WATER SUPPLIES	68.60
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	178.04
OFFICE ELEMENTS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	14.58
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	INSURANCE	1354.02
WELLS FARGO	COPIER LEASE	29.66
WERNER SEWER AND SEPTIC LLC	505 WALNUT ST-MAIN BREAK	6263.63
ZOOM	REMOTE BUSINESS	10.68
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	WATER TREATMENT FACILITY	16410.50
CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICE	WATER TREATMENT FACILITY	4570.00
JOHN T JONES CONSTRUCTION	WATER TREATMENT FACILITY	223931.95
REGION XII	CDBG ADMIN BILLING #6	1116.00
AFLAC	AFLAC POST TAX	83.51
IPERS	IPERS	468.39
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	13.89
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	114.12
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	688.72
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	INSURANCE	31.42
COUNSEL	PRINTING	74.38
ECHO GROUP, INC.	LAGOON GENERATOR	1416.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	925.00
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WSTERWATER TESTING	68.75
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	POWER & GAS	50.24
OFFICE ELEMENTS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	14.58
REHAB SYSTEMS INC	SEWERMAIN EMERG FLUSH	1082.50
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	INSURANCE	1354.02
WELLS FARGO	COPIER LEASE	29.68
WERNER SEWER AND SEPTIC LLC	MAIN STREET SEWER	350.00
ZOOM	REMOTE BUSINESS	<u>10.70</u>
TOTAL		\$ 320,330.19

	EXPENSES	REVENUES
GENERAL	37,778.25	19,637.53
ROAD USE TAX	3,327.24	8,992.75
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,024.08	
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	3,315.74	5,164.37
WATER UTILITY	19,734.22	24,966.19
WATER SINKING	135,023.29	163,590.24
SEWER UTILITY	8,773.12	8,460.68
SEWER SINKING		2,276.67

A motion was made by Councilor Schmitt and seconded by Councilor Cougill to close the meeting at 8:55 PM.


 Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk


 Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor