

CITY OF EARLY

City Council News

May 2020

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

City 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

all things seem
possible in

May!

A Public Hearing was held at 7:00 PM by virtual communications with the council at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest in the Fiscal Year Budget Amendment for 2019-2020 as published in the Chronicle on April 23, 2020 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 5th day of May 2020 with a virtual call on Zoom. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, William Cougill, Melissa Freese, Steve Mason, Summer Schmitt. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, Casey's Cigarette Permit (pending approval of inspection), and American Legion Liquor License (pending approval of inspection). On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution 20-10 Adopting Budget Amendment For Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. One member of the community had contacted the City for this meeting via email for the Council to review a city burn ban within city limits. There was much discussion of the current ordinances withheld and possible changes. City Clerk shall do further research from other cities and findings will be discussed at a later date. Building Permit 759 was bought back to the table until they meet with the Early's Code of Ordinance for Pet Licensing, Permit 759 is tabled. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the following building permit(s) that were approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee: Permit 760, Permit 761, Permit 762. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Freese, Mason, Schmitt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Council discussed Nuisance Abatements and those residents in violation will be passed along to the City Attorney to be addressed. Council discussed Ordinance 321- Amending Provisions Pertaining To Water Rates. Council has advised to push said ordinance to further be discussed in one month. Mayor, City Clerk, Fire Chief, Library, and DPW gave monthly reports. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM on voice vote.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Our council meeting was held electronically again this month.

The City Council, decided to delay the implementation of the new water rates for another month because of the pandemic and general upheaval for everyone. The library is still closed until further notice. If you wish to have some books to read for yourself or children, you can contact Delta and she will put together the books for you and bring them to your address. If you need something from the city clerk's office, you are to contact her by phone and she will help you that way.

Our application for a CDBG grant for the water project was submitted by the April 1 deadline. It will be a couple of months before we hear if we were successful in receiving that grant.

Do NOT throw your lawn clippings into the street. Mow a couple of rounds sending the clippings into your yard. These clippings can get thick and when washed down to the storm sewer grates can plug the storm sewers.

The City did receive a Trees Please Grant from MidAmerican Energy. If you would be interested in a tree for your property, please contact the City Clerk's office for more information.

A number of properties will be receiving nuisance abatement notices before too long. If you get a notice, you aren't the only one.

Primary election day is Tuesday, June 2nd. The voting place for Early will be at Sacred Heart Gym. This will allow for social distancing. If you didn't vote by absentee ballot, be sure to vote that day. Stay safe!

Do NOT flush baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, Kleenex and napkins down your toilets. Those types of items do not degrade in the sewer system. Such items will plug up your sewer system and/or the City system. This will cause more problems and costs for you and the City. We have been seeing more of this since the Covid-19 outbreak. We know there is a problem getting toilet paper right now because of hoarding when this pandemic started. If you have to use items like those listed above, throw them into a garbage bag set aside for just that issue in your bathroom.

FOCUS NEWS

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.

May Yard of the Month goes to

Betty Nordine at 406 N Main, drive by to check it out!

Congratulations Betty!

Type-o for last month - Little Miss Contest is still happening no matter what but may look a little different! Please have forms in by June 15th with a picture! FOCUS is still currently looking for Little Miss Contestants. Forms are available at 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 under the Crossroads Day tab.

SCOOP THE LOOP

This will start at the Middle School in Early at 7pm. The Early Fire Department will lead the way. We ask that you join us and STAY IN YOUR VEHICLES! If you'd rather watch that's fine but pick a spot and stay 6 ft apart! No gathering or we won't be able to continue this please!

As the weeks go on if we have enough participation we will make it themed! For now decorate your cars if you'd like with anything you'd like or just show your smile. We love that area towns, places, and athletic complex are showing support and we'd like to do the same.

That all being said if possible we ask that every car donate one nonperishable item so we can donate it to the local food pantry! If you can't at this time that's fine but if you can please do so. We want to pay it forward!! There will be a blue recycle box up at start of the parade outside the Methodist Church on the sidewalk please put your donations there.

Line up just as we do for the parade in front of Methodist Church on Hickory Street. The Loop will start in one direction traveling South on Linden Lane, turning East onto Second Street, then North on to Walnut Street, and then West onto Fourth Street returning back to the Middle School to turn around as we can meet other drivers on the route for a total of ten blocks and we will "Scoop the Loop" three times.

If you live along the mapped route please consider having your vehicles off the street it at all possible for safety purposes. Thank you.

Early Crossroads Days!

Please follow us on Facebook for updates

Friday July 17th

Dusk Dash 5K- Registration @630 pm. Begins at 7- Delta Gulley- 712-660-2658

Free Will Donation Supper-7:30 PM

Bags Tournament- Registration @730 play starts @8 - Delta Gulley- 712-660-2658

DJ/Beer Garden- Cotton Creek Entertainment- 8pm-Midnight

Saturday July 18th

ALL DAY- Softball Tournament- Brian Hoepner

10:00 AM- BIG PARADE Registration @ 8:30 AM Featuring Brad Pautsch & Abu Bekr Rat Patrol

11:00 AM- 1:00 PM- Noon Meal

11:00-2:00 PM- Craft Show- Delta Gulley- 712-660-2658

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM- Inflatables (Free)

1:30-4:30 pm- Early ALL School Reunion Open House- Ridgeview Middle School

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- Little Miss Contest- Pre Registration Due June 15- 5-10 years old

5:00 PM-7:00 PM- Evening Meal

7:00 PM- North Iowa Knights Football Game- Ridgeview Middle School

9:00 PM-1:00 AM- Early Legion Beer Garden and for Entertainment- Jay Clyde Band

Registrations go to www.earlyia.com

EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Update

These services will continue to be offered until further notice. We will continue to look at statistics and make decisions, as we prepare phases to open the library back up for a safe and healthy environment for our patrons.

In the interest of the public's safety and health, Early Public Library is closed until further notice.

We will be offering curbside assistance Mon- Thur. 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM. We ask that you message your selection of books or DVD's along with date and time you will be arriving. You may also call, 712-273-5334, during these hours to put together a selection and pick up.

Please follow these steps to search for your items.

To access our inventory, you can go to our website at <https://www.early.lib.ia.us/> Click on SEARCH CATALOG, this will access our inventory on Library World, Enter in EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY (Password not required) you will then have the ability to search by TITLE/AUTHOR or to scroll our inventory.

We also have resources on our website for children and teens. These can be found under the SERVICES tab and click on for either CHILDREN or TEENS.

You can also access Bridges from our website, this can be found under EBOOK & AUDIO. You will need your Patron Number. If you do not have a patron number please contact the Library.

City Wide Clean-Up Day will be held June 10, 2020.

Reminders

****Please clean all grass clippings, weeds, debris from City Streets after mowing or trimming yards and also to cleanup after your pets. Both are City Ordinance violations if not observed.**

****Home Improvement Project Season is upon us please remember to apply for a Building Permit with the City for all your exterior home needs, this includes fences, kennels, sheds, decks and more. You can gain a permit by going online to www.earlyia.com and searching for Building Permit or emailing the clerk at cityclerk@earlyia.com. For more information please call City Hall.**

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email as well please contact the clerk's office at 712-273-5283 or email the Clerk at cityclerk@earlyia.com.