

May 2022

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

City Council

- Bill Cougill
- Brian Pickhinke
- Summer Schmitt
- Tim Langner
- Becky Blackman

Council Meeting-1st Tuesday

- Lexi Bainbridge, Clerk
- Kris Alesch, P.W. Director
- Keith Horan, Fire Chief

Fire Meeting- 2nd Wednesday

Library Board

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

Board Meeting- 4th Tuesday

Kristine Luy, Library Director

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Monday thru Thursday
8AM - 3PM
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Friday
8AM - 12 PM

CITY OF EARLY

City Council News

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

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

MAYOR'S NOTES

The public hearing on the budget amendment for the current fiscal year was held on Tuesday, May 3rd. Because of illness, the regular monthly council meeting was postponed until Tuesday, May 10. Res. 22-09 was adopted approving the Record Destruction of certain records that had met the historical necessary of maintaining them any longer. Res. 22-10 approved the budget amendment that the hearing was held on the week before. The City is going to absorb fees for paying your utility bills by bank pay online. If you want to reduce your check writing, this is the thing for you-one less check to write a month. Work is to recommence the week of May 15th on the new water main on 2nd Street. The first of the week of May 22nd the water tower will be drained for inspection of the interior. Water pressure may not be as high for a couple of days. You can help by conserving water those few days. Congratulations to all of the seniors graduating this month. Blessings to you and your plans for your future! I hope mothers had a very good Mother's Day this year. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers next month.

EARLY FOCUS NEWS

*Congratulations to May Yard of the Month Jeff & Dawn Mentzer they are located at
2250 Karr Ave!*

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

Saturday 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

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

5:00- Cow Pie Bingo- Winner Wait & Watch- Early Fire Department

9:00 PM-12:00 AM- Early Legion Beer Garden

Entertainment: Brad Morgan

Fireworks-10 PM

Registrations go to www.earlyia.com

Upcoming Library Events for May 2022

Events

Koffee Klatch- Tuesday, May 3rd & May 17th @
9:30AM

Story Time- Every Wednesday at 10:00AM

City Wide Garage Sales- Saturday, May 21st 8AM-
12PM

Meetings

Friends of the Library Meeting- May 10th @ 6:00PM

Board Meeting- May 24th @ 6:00PM

Announcements

Beginning Wednesday, June 1st, the library will
begin new hours, for the Summer months:

Sundays & Mondays: Closed

Tuesdays: 9:00AM-11:00AM, 1:00PM-6:00PM

Wednesdays: 9:00AM-2:00PM

Thursdays: 9:00AM-2:00PM

Fridays: 9:00AM-2:00PM

Saturdays: 9:00AM-11:00AM

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE INFORMATION

SATURDAY MAY 21ST, 2022 8AM - 12PM
MAPS ARE AVAILABLE AT CASEY'S, EARLY
LIBRARY AND CITY HALL.

City Clerk's Office

UPDATED CITY WIDE CLEAN UP -- MAY 25TH, 2022 (during normal garbage pickup)

**All loose garbage must be placed in bags or it
will not be picked up! Sorting out metal, wood,
and hazardous materials from your garbage will
save time and hassle for the service men. If you
have questions on what you can and can not
throw away for pickup please call the Clerk's Of-
fice, or the local Sanitation Station at 712-662-
4895.**

**Items NOT to be thrown out for City Wide
Clean up.**

**Tires, Electronics- TV's, Laptops, computer mon-
itors, Appliances- call City Hall First-added fees
Oil paints - (latex is fine if completely dried out)
No Glass - such as windows or patio doors,
(small glassware is fine as long as it is protected
for safe handling) Household Hazard waste-
Bleach, Cleaners, Lighter fluid, moth balls, etc.
No Lawn & Garden Chemicals**

*** [For a complete list please call City Hall.](#)**