

November 2020

# 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 regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2020. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Steve Mason, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner, Bill Cougill. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes bills for payment. On show of hands: Ayes: Schmitt, Mason, Pickhinke, Langner Cougill. Nays: None. Citizen at 102 Maple Street had come to the City Clerk with the nuisance update that they have been working on. Deadline was given with no extension to Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 202 Karr Ave Tax Lien Forgiveness has been forwarded to City Attorney and placed for next month agenda. Annexation for parcel 810603200005/Matthaidess Family Irrevocable Trust (address was incorrect for last month minutes) was again discussed and City Attorney Dave Jennett will further investigate for physical address, trusts, along with property lines. Moved to next month. Presenter with Gworks came before the council to introduce their GIS Mapping software. Council will need further time to discuss the options laid out. Ordinance No. 322 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Early, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to standard penalty was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Schmitt, Pickhinke, Mason, Langner, Cougill. Nays: None. First reading approved. A motion was made by Pickhinke and seconded by Cougill to waive second and third reading and passed on first and final reading. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Schmitt, Pickhinke, Mason, Langner, Cougill. Nays: None. Where upon the Mayor declares the said ordinance duly adopted. Ordinance No. 323 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Early, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to tobacco use was offered by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Schmitt, Pickhinke, Mason, Langner, Cougill. Nays: None. First reading approved. A motion was made by Pickhinke and seconded by Cougill to waive second and third reading and passed on first and final reading. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Schmitt, Pickhinke, Mason, Langner, Cougill. Nays: None. Where upon the Mayor declares the said ordinance duly adopted. Ordinance No. 324 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Early, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to animal control was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Schmitt, Pickhinke, Mason, Langner, Cougill. Nays: None. First reading approved. A motion was made by Pickhinke and seconded by Mason to waive second and third reading and passed on first and final reading. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Schmitt, Pickhinke, Mason, Langner, Cougill. Nays: None. Where upon the Mayor declares the said ordinance duly adopted. Building Permit #772 was approved by Planning and Zoning Committee and has been tabled by the Council pending pictures of the portable structure. Will be discussed on next month's agenda. Tax Abatement Application for property 108 E South Street has been moved by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to forward to County Assessor for approval. Resolution 20-16 Adopting the Final assessment schedule for nuisance abatement in the year 2018/2019 and confirming and levying the assessments offer was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Aye: Pickhinke, Mason, Schmitt, Langner, Cougill. Nay: None. The Council had minor discussion about turning the tennis court into an ice-skating rink this upcoming winter and see how it goes for the residents and the City. Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, and DPW. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. Meeting was adjourned at 9:22PM. Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

### MAYOR'S NOTES

Three ordinance amendments were passed to bring the City Code up to compliance with changes that the State Legislature made in the last session. They had to do with penalties charged for violations, animal control, and tobacco use. An Urban Revitalization Application was approved for Boyer Ridge Manufacturing for a new building they plan to erect. Several special assessments were approved by resolution for mowing and tree trimming. Discussed plans to flood the north tennis court for ice skating this winter. We have had to change testing labs as Mangold Environmental Testing closed the end of October. The closest lab now will be Foundation Analytical at Cherokee. Kris and Lexi have been in contact with them. The City has received a Categorical Exclusion for our proposed water project. What that means is that the DNR has not found any archeological significance in the area for the proposed treatment plant. This is another step closer for this project. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving, thanking the Lord for all he has given us this past year. If next month's newsletter doesn't get to you until after Christmas, may the Lord give you a blessed Christmas and safe gatherings, if possible, with your families. The pandemic continues disrupting our lives, take precautions and stay safe.

## 20 years in 2020

Carla's Mane Creations will now be open Monday and Thursday's by appointment. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's 9-5PM or if needed by appointment for earlier or later times. Carla would like to thank everyone for the last 20 years at 111 Main Street in Early. Call 712-273-5595 or stop in and mention the newsletter and the first 50 customers will receive a free gift with an appointment or purchase. Also receive 20% off all services and purchases until Dec 31st including tanning. \$2.00 dollars from every haircut and \$5.00 from every chemical service will be donated to Adelynn's Army. Adelynn Wiley is the daughter of Ryan (nephew) and Audrey Wiley. She was born on June 25th, 2020. As Adelynn has grown her parent noticed she wasn't moving quite how she should. The doctors sent them to Children's Hospital to a neurologist. On October 13th, 2020 Adelynn was diagnosed with SMA Type 1 which is a genetic disorder that affects the muscles throughout her body like swallowing or breathing. SMA is the number one genetic cause of infant death. Adelynn is needing a onetime gene therapy treatment that cost upwards of 2.8 million dollars among other treatments and physical therapy. Please join the cause for the upcoming holiday season and make a small donation or ask Carla to donate 20% off of your service or purchase. Donations can be dropped off at Carla's Mane Creations. Please join Adelynn's Army.

## EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS



\*\* Example of craft\*\*

Friends of the Library

Christmas Craft

15 available

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@earlyvia.com](mailto:cityclerk@earlyvia.com).

## FOCUS NEWS Early FOCUS

Presents



## **OUR ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE TOWN EVENT**

TO BE HELD ON

**NOVEMBER 21, 2020**

**5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM**

**Craft Fair 5-8 in Library**

Basement of City Hall

Soup Supper TO GO Containers ARE Available

FREE WILL OFFERING

SILENT PIE/COOKIE AUCTION

AUCTION WILL CLOSE AT 7:15

Heartland Marketing Tree Will be Lit Up

LEGION OPEN

**THIS WILL KICK OFF OUR HOLIDAY HOME OF THE WEEK JUDGING AS WELL. WE ASK THAT YOU TURN YOUR LIGHTS ON IN PREP FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. WE WILL BE JUDGING ON NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, DECEMBER 6, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, AND DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>. IF YOU WIN YOU WILL BE FEATURED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. THE SIGN WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED IN YOUR YARD FOR THE WEEK.**

Thanks for supporting Early FOCUS!

We will be wearing masks and taking necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. If you would prefer to take your dinner to go we will have that available. We will have seating spread out. So seating will be limited depending on the time you arrive. We will be sure to call anyone that wins a bid after the dessert/basket auction if you choose not to stay.

**We are asking if anyone would be willing to donate a dozen cookies, a pie, a gift basket or gift certificate for our silent auction. If you are able please have at the Legion between 12-4 on November 21st.**

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