

November 2021

CITY OF EARLY

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

City Council

Bill Cougill
Brian Pickhinke
Steven Mason
Summer Schmitt
Tim Langner

Council Meeting-1st Tuesday

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

Fire Meeting- 2nd Wednesday

Library Board

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

Library Board Meeting- 4th Tuesday

Kristine Luy, Library Director

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City Office Hours

**Monday thru
Thursday**
8AM - 12PM
1PM - 3PM
Friday
8AM - 12 PM

City Council News

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 2nd day of November 2021. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Bill Cougill, Tim Langner. Absent: Steven 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. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Bill Cougill to approve building permit #790. On a show of hands: Ayes: Cougill, Pickhinke, Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve building permit #791 pending P & Z Committee approval. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner. Motion passed. Resolution 21-21 Annual State of Iowa Road Use Tax Funds was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to have the Mayor sign a notice of intent letter written and prepared by ISG and Region XII to follow the necessary steps to for CDBG guidelines in offering to purchase land for the Drainage District 59 project. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill. Nays: Langner. Motion passes by majority vote. Wes Boyer from Bolton and Menk came to give updates for the 2nd Street water-main project. Schmitt Construction is asking for an extension on time as not all the materials needed have arrived and are in high demand. As of right now the City will stay in close contact with Schmitt Construction to determine time extensions that will need to be given. We will be waiting for material to show up first before that decision is made. The Council was updated on several properties within City limits that were still in violation of the City Ordinances. The City Attorney took these properties to court on October 5th, 2021, for these properties listed. Parcel- 810604010068. Parcel- 810604109009. Parcel- 810604010005 Parcel- 810604010098. The properties listed will be going back to court for trial. The council was updated on other nuisances for the month. 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 9:42 PM.
Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 10th day of November 2021. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Bill Cougill, Tim Langner, Steven Mason, Summer Schmitt. Absent: Brian Pickhinke. Resolution 21-22 Authorizing The Sale Of City 1994 International 4000 Series 4900 Snowplow Truck Not Needed For Public Use By Public Auction was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Schmitt, Langner, Mason, Cougill. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Langner to close the meeting at 6:45 PM.
Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

Mayor's Notes

The Council again discussed with the Drainage District 59 Engineer, the necessary paperwork needed to proceed with the retention pond and the replacement of the drainage tile through the community.

The Second Street water project was again discussed as we are reaching the end of the construction season. The contractor is still waiting for parts to complete connections for fire hydrants. If the necessary parts aren't received very soon, a decision will need to be made to stop the project until spring. Exposed pipe will have to be buried for the winter, if the project can't be finished now.

There will be two court dates on November 9th for municipal infractions and one will be on December 14th.

We will continue the water conservation watch through the winter. Although we have had nice rains, our wells have not made a comeback. The community has been doing well with this and we ask you to continue.

Remember that dogs are to be leashed. There have been complaints of people out walking and having dogs coming after them.

Congratulations to all those who won elections on Tuesday and thank you to those who also ran.

Remember all vehicles off the streets between midnight and 7 am.

May you and yours have a blessed Thanksgiving this year! Stay safe!

Early Public Library

Story Time (Recommended ages 0-6)- Every Wednesday @ 10AM

Sac County Naturalist- Wednesday, November 24th @ 10AM

Light Up The Town Craft Fair- Saturday, November 20th 5PM-7PM

Meetings

Friends of the Library Meeting - Tuesday, November 9th @ 6:00PM

Book Club - Tuesday, November 16th @ 6:00PM

Board Meeting - Tuesday, November 23rd @ 6:00PM

Current Hours of Operation:

Monday: 12:30PM - 4:30PM

Tuesday: 12:30PM - 4:30PM

Wednesday: 9:00AM - 11:00AM, 12:30PM - 5:30PM

Thursday: 12:30PM - 4:30PM

Friday: 12:30PM - 4:30PM

Or call for an appointment outside of regular scheduled hours

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!



Happy Thanksgiving

City Clerk's Office

You are invited to join the City of Early **online!** We are now accepting online payments for the Utility Billing as well as many other items. I am currently working to get the rest of the forms online such as Pet Registration, Building Permits, ATV/Golf Cart Permits and much more that you can fill out online and purchase. We also can alert you via text or email on emergency issues that may occur within our community when you sign up, such as a Water Main Break/Leak or a Burn Ban. This is very exciting for us to start migrating towards an online platform. **No more lost or ripped postcards in the mail!** To create an account make sure you have your current utility account number handy and go to <https://earlyvia.frontdeskworks.com/> ** and follow the instructions. This is all new for me as well so I am still eagerly learning the process, but we can learn as we go! If you have any questions please call the office and I can assist you getting set up!

**Service fees are applied

Snow Ordinance is in effect 11/1/21 to 3/31/22. No parking on streets from midnight to 7:00 am.

EARLY F.O.C.U.S. .

Presents



OUR ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE TOWN EVENT

TO BE HELD ON

NOVEMBER 20, 2021 FROM 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/Basket 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 28TH, DECEMBER 5, DECEMBER 12TH, AND DECEMBER 19TH. 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!

Early Code of Ordinances Reminders

Chapter 55- At Large Prohibited

‘It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City.’ (Keep pets on a leash at all times unless supervised on property)

Chapter 56- City Cat & Dog License Required

‘Every cat or dog being kept, harbored, or sheltered in the City limits shall be licensed annually. (Jan 1st)

Chapter 75- All-Terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles

‘No person shall operate an ATV and off-road utility vehicles on any City street without first obtaining a permit from the City. (Jan 1st)

Chapter 77- Golf Carts and Small Recreational Vehicles.

‘No person shall operate a golf cart, small rec vehicle, or motorized wheelchair on any city street without first obtaining a permit from the City. (Jan 1st)

Chapter 150- Building Numbering

‘Building numbers need to be displayed on the house/business in a conspicuous place and no less than 2 1/2” tall and of contrasting color.