

CITY OF EARLY

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City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

Council

Mary Ann Brinkman
Bill Cougill
Vince Davis
Brian Pickhinke
Melissa Freese

Council meeting-1st Tuesday

Tammy Nuckolls, Clerk
Ray Musselman, Supt. D.P.W.
William Cougill, Fire Chief

Library Board

Mary Bruns
Julie Carlson
Cory Faist
Mary Feilmeier
Sue Loggins
Library Board meeting 4th
Tuesday.
Cindy Garthoff, Library
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City Office Hours

Monday- 7am - 12pm
Tuesday - 7am - 12pm
 1pm - 4pm
Wed. - 7am - 12pm
Thursday -7am - 12pm
 1pm - 4pm

Friday - Closed

Closed 10/20 - 10/23
&
11/19

City Council News

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 6th day of October 2015. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, William Cougill and Melissa Freese. Absent: Vincent Davis and Mary Ann Brinkman. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese to approve the consent agenda including: agenda, minutes, and bills for payment. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Davis.

Resolution 15-20 Approving The Memorandum of Understanding with the Iowa Department of Administrative Services was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Freese, Cougill, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Davis and Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 15-21 Authorizing a Monthly Transfer of Funds From The Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the General Fund For Tax Relief was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Freese. On roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Pickhinke, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Davis. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 15-22 Authorizing The City Clerk to Pay Specified Claims Prior to Council Approval Offered by Councilor Freese and Seconded by Councilor Cougill On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Davis and Brinkman. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto and by the reference made a part thereof.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese to have the city submit an application to Mid-American Trees Please program. Tammy Nuckolls and Jerry Irwin will sit on the trees please committee. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Davis and Brinkman.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to table Resolution 15-23 until next regular council meeting November 3rd, 2015. Ayes: Freese, Cougill and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Davis and Brinkman.

7:27 pm a motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing the application for the Maintenance Work I position. 7:42 pm the city council came out of close session. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to offer the Maintenance work I position to candidate #4 if he turns the offer down to offer the position to candidate #3. Ayes: Cougill, Pickhinke and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Davis and Brinkman. 7:45 pm – Councilor Brinkman arrived

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to have the City of Early sign the MidAmerican Energy Company LED Street Lighting Installation Agreement for all Early street lights and to sign the Customer Request Form to replace 8-HU7 400HPS street lights to LED fixtures at a cost to the city of \$100.00 per fixture. Ayes: Cougill, Brinkman, Pickhinke, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Davis. Supt. D.P.W., Mayor, and City Clerk gave monthly reports. Sheriff's monthly written report was reviewed.

A motion was made by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to accept MidAmerican Energy Company's proposal of \$8947.85 to remove existing overhead electric facilities and install new facilities along Highway 71 going to city shop. Ayes: Cougill, Brinkman, Pickhinke and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Davis.

A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM on voice vote.

A Message from the Mayor,

I have had numerous questions about the new sidewalks along the highway. This was all done by the Iowa Department of Transportation. It is my understanding that if the adjacent property owner did not sign easement papers for this project about two years ago, the sidewalk in front of their property was not replaced. The City had no part in this project.

Have you noticed the new sign on the front of the fire station? The old one was going to be repainted but it was found to be in very bad shape so a new sign and design was purchased. It makes for a nice update to the building.

If you saw someone from the DNR driving around town a few weeks ago, they were doing a tree inventory for us. This information will go onto a GIS program that will show where a tree is, what kind it is and the condition of the tree. The City will then be able to access this information and help to make plans in and for the future.

The City has been going door to door doing an income survey to help us apply for a Housing Rehabilitation Grant. If the grant is approved, it can possibly help low to moderate homeowners (living in their own home) to make improvements to their home.

It is hoped that the new maintenance garage will be going up yet this month. With all the rain this summer, the contractors are behind schedule. Once it is completed, City equipment will be housed inside instead of setting out in all the weather.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

**Trick
or Treat?**

Oct. 31st. 5 - 7pm

Light up the Town

FOCUS NEWS:

Chili/Chicken Noodle Supper- Free Will Offer- November 21st

5:30-8:00 pm

We will also be having a pie/cookie auction. We are doing this event in conjunction with turning on our Christmas Lights. We ask the town to turn them on that night as well. We will be judging holiday home of the week:

November 9

December 5

December 12

December 19th

Please come out and support Early and enjoy lighting up the town with us.

FOODBANK OF IOWA

Join us for a conversation about food insecurity in your community and across Sac County. Learn about what the Food Bank of Iowa, partner agencies, and community members are doing to fight hunger and how you can take action. This event is free and open to the public.

When: Thursday, December 3, 2015
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Where: Sacred Heart Church
501 Church St
Early, IA 50535

Reservations encouraged to Gen McCleary at gmcleary@foddbankiowa.org or 515-564-0330



Early Hometown Pride is raising funds to purchase new street name signs and poles.

Please stop by the City Clerk's Office, Library or Postoffice to make your Scentsy Order today it will be going on until November 16th,



Stop by the FOCUS chili supper on November 21st from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm and buy a raffle ticket to win this rare Fire Department Scentsy warmer. Tickets will also be available in the City Clerk's Office.

1 chance - \$1.00 6 chances - \$5.00

Library News

Hello Everyone!

Happy Fall to Everyone! Sounds like our Football, CC, and Volleyball teams have been doing very well. Good job to those teams and coaches!



Oct. 31st at the Library
9am to 10:30am.

Be sure to wear your costume!
There will be games, snacks, prizes, candy and books.

Everyone is welcome!
Come join us for some fun!

I have been purchasing books and DVD's for the library. Come and check out our new selections.

The recent Children's DVD's are: Monster House, Hotel Transylvania Disney 4-movie collection: Haunted Mansion, Tower of Terror, Mr. Toad's Wild Ride, Country Bears. Halloweentown, Halloweentown II Hocus Pocus

The Adult DVD is: The Judge

The Adult Fiction books: Robyn Carr: *Wildest Dreams, A New Hope, One Wish*, Paula Hawkins: *A Girl on the Train* Anthony Doerr: *All the Light We Cannot See*, Kristin Hannah: *The Nightengale*

The Children's Books: *Pete the Cat: Five Little Pumpkins, Pete the Cat: The First Thanksgiving, Pete the Cat: Robo-Pete, I Spy Little Animals*

There are many more Adult Fiction titles and Children's Books these are just a few!

See You At The Library!
Cindy, Library Director

Future Events

10/27 - Library Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
10/31 - trick or treat 5pm - 7pm
11/3 - Home Town Pride Meeting @ 6:00 pm
City Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
11/21 - FOCUS Chili Supper @ 5:30 - 8:00pm
Visit www.earlyia.com for more calendar and community events!