

# CITY OF EARLY

## City Council News

October 2019

### City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

#### Council

Mary Ann Brinkman  
Bill Cougill  
Melissa Freese  
Doug Gulley  
Brian Pickhinke

Council meeting- 1st Tuesday

Tammy Nuckolls, Clerk  
Georgia Flanigan, Assist. 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** 7am - 12pm

**Tuesday** 7am - 12pm  
1pm - 6pm

**Wednesday** 7am - 12pm  
1pm - 4pm

**Thursday**- 7am - 12pm

**Friday** - CLOSED

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 1st of October 2019. 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: Mary Ann Brinkman, William Cougill, and Brian Pickhinke. Absent: Mellissa Freese and Doug Gulley. A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the consent agenda including; approval of Chris Donmino – firefighter, Cory Teifenthaler – firefighter and EMS, Emily Mason – EMS, approval of Robert Winchester to serve the Planning and Zoning Board, agenda, minutes, and bills for payment. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley and Freese. Motion carried.

City Council reviewed the tree trimming ordinance. A motion by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to pay 2500.00 for the removal of the trees in city parking located at 211 Hickory St. Ayes: Pickhinke, Brinkman, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley and Freese. Motion carried. Other trees in city parking were discussed and the street department will inspect the trees and report back to the city council at the next regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to approve building permit #756 pending the Planning and Zoning board approval. Ayes: Cougill, Brinkman, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley and Freese. Motion carried.

Iowa Lakes Regional Water reviewed and discussed the options that the City of Early has to regionalized water and purchase water from Sac City. City Council will have a special meeting with Bolton and Menk Engineer October 9th @5pm to discuss all the options the city has and how to proceed on the water project

Ordinance 319 Amending the Code of Ordinances of The City of Early, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertain to Conflict of Interest was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Brinkman and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Gulley. 1st reading passed. 2nd reading will be at the next regular council meeting.

Ordinance 320 Amending the Code of Ordinances of The City of Early, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertain to Operating Budget Preparation was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Brinkman and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Freese and Gulley. 1st reading passed. 2nd reading will be at the next regular council meeting.

Resolution 19-25 to Authorize Transfer of Fund from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the General Fund for the Purchase of a Mower was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley and Freese. 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 Brinkman accepting the resignation of Delta Gulley, Custodian effective September 25th, 2019. Ayes: Pickhinke, Brinkman, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley and Freese. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

TRICK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Sandra Heim would like to give a big THANK YOU to the person who found her items and turned them in to the City.

## EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Join us for Story Time  
November 6 & November 20  
At 10:30 am



### Donate A Tree

A silent auction will be held for donated decorated Christmas trees. All proceeds will benefit future Christmas Celebrations



Contact Early Library for more information

We are collecting new or gently used toys for ages birth to teen years.

Gifts can be dropped off at Early Public Library

### Christmas Celebration

December 7 at 11 am

#### MAYOR'S NOTES

Discussion concerning the water project was had again this month. We received some preliminary figures from Regional Water on possible costs for this route. A special council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9 to discuss this issue more with our engineer on the project.

We welcome the following people to the fire department: Chris Domino as firefighter, Cory Tiefenthaler as fire fighter/EMS and Emily Mason as EMS. We also thank Robert Winchester to the Planning and Zoning Board.

The new Christmas decorations have arrived already. They will be installed on Main Street.

Trick or Treating in Early will be held on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. By the time the newsletter comes out the Library Halloween Party on Trunk or Treat will have already have been held on the afternoon of Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.

Remember that from November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31, there is to be **NO** parking on the streets from Midnight to 7 AM.

Municipal and School Board elections are on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at The Center in Early. The polls will be opened from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

**Snow Ordinance is in effect 11/1/19 to 3/31/20. No parking on streets from midnight to 7:00 am.**

## Early FOCUS

Presents



**OUR ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE TOWN EVENT  
TO BE HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 23, 2019 FROM 5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM  
Craft Fair 5-8 in library**

**Basement of City Hall  
Soup Supper**

**FREE WILL OFFERING  
SILENT PIE/COOKIE AUCTION  
AUCTION WILL CLOSE AT 7:15**

**Lighting of the Heartland Marketing Tree following the  
dessert auction.**

**CHILDREN CRAFTS  
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 December 1<sup>st</sup>, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, AND DECEMBER 15<sup>H</sup> December 22<sup>nd</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!

If you are willing to donate a pie or a dozen cookies please take to the basement of the Legion between 12-4 November 23.

SANTAS mailbox is coming to EARLY. The mailbox will be located at 502 Walnut Street Curbside. Please include ALL of the following in your letter to Santa. The child's name, age, return address, an accomplishment, what town they live in, boy or girl, and something they may want this year.

It will be up by November and letters need to be in the mailbox no later than DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> in order for your child to receive a letter back. Letters will start going out the first of December.

Hope you enjoy it and spread the word!

**Please note:** The tornado siren no longer gives an all clear. If you hear the siren go off again it means that there is another tornado on the ground.

*The difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning means the difference between taking action or taking precautions. A watch means that conditions are favorable for a tornado to occur. A warning means that a tornado has been seen or picked up by radar.*