

October 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 6th day of October 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. Absent: Bill Council. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes bills for payment and Casey's Liquor License. On show of hands: Ayes: Schmitt, Mason, Pickhinke, Langner. Nays: none. Absent: Cougill. Citizen at 408 Maple Street addressed the council about the sewer billing that work was done a year prior to the invoice. Council came to agreeance to pay more of the portion of the bill that seem fair. Issue resolved. Expenses to be paid immediately. Citizen at 102 Maple Street had come to the City clerk with the issues that they have been facing throughout COVID-19. Clerk had re-laid their concerns and issues to the council as an attempt to straighten things up to get back on track again. Council is now aware of the deadlines that were given to the residents and will come back next meeting to discuss if fulfillment was met. Discussion was had on a possible utility billing payment plan brought up by a few members of the community to the clerk, council concluded that billing remain the same to not see the resident(s) get further into debt and that budgeting would be the best option. Annexation consideration for property 2250 Karr Ave was discussed and sent off to the City Attorney Dave Jennett will be further discussed next meeting. Council met with engineers from ISG to discuss the Drainage District 59 through Early. They want the City's input on this before they take a recommendation to the county supervisors. Council agreed upon a Halloween trick or treat date of October 31st starting at 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Stated residents could practice social distancing at their own risk. Resolution 20-15 Adopting the Street Finance Report offer was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote. Aye: Pickhinke, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Nay: None. Absent: Cougill. Council met with Bolton & Menk, our engineers for the water project. We are having the public hearing on the Environmental Impact Friday October 9th. It is anticipated that bidding for the water main replacement on Second Street will take place in December. Construction will not begin until the spring of 2021, however, we anticipate getting better bids when bid in December. Bidding on the treatment plant will not happen until probably April 2021. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve building permit #770 and permit # 771 with approval from Planning and Zoning Committee. On a show of hands Ayes: Pickhinke, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill. Many nuisances within the City limits had been sent off to the City Attorney, Dave Jennett, for further actions as well as the sheriff office. Nuisances range from not properly licensing pets to hazardous buildings. Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, and DPW. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02PM.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Our City Council meeting was a little longer than recent ones have been this year. There can be somewhat of a challenge in hearing everything while we maintain our 6 foot social distancing. The basement of the Municipal Building does allow for that distancing. The Council discussed a possible voluntary annexation into the City. Our City Attorney is going to work on some of that. We met with engineers from ISG to discuss the Drainage District 59 through Early. They want the City's input on this before they take a recommendation to the county supervisors. We also met with Bolton & Menk, our engineers for the water project. We are having the public hearing on the Environmental Impact this Friday, October 9th. It is anticipated that bidding for the water main replacement on Second Street will take place in December. Construction will not begin until the spring of 2021, however, we anticipate getting better bids when bid in December. Bidding on the treatment plant will not happen until probably April 2021. There will be Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will also be Trunk of Treat on Main Street like last year. Feel free to decorate the truck of your vehicle if you participate in that. If you are uncomfortable having Trick or Treaters come to your door this year, just leave your lights off during that time. We want everyone to stay safe!

TRICK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM





EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Early Public Library's Trunk or Treat on Main

Everyone is invited to participate, with or without a decorated trunk

and pass out treats October 31 5:30-7:30pm.

Contact the Library if you would like to join, this will allow us to provide space for everyone

Library Phase 2 operations consist of the following: Library open to public by appointment (30 min. time limit) for book checkout/computer use

Curbside/home delivery is still available Newspaper and magazines are unavailable Meeting rooms/study areas closed to public Toys will are unavailable

Children under 14 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver Days/hours of operation reduced

Tuesday-Friday 2PM-5PM.

We ask if you are feeling ill or have a fever, please stay home.

If you are able to wear a mask, please do so.

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

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.

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 29TH, DECEMBER 6, DECEMBER 13TH, AND DECEMBER 20TH. 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.