

October 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

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8AM - 12PM
1PM - 3PM
Friday
8AM - 12 PM

City Council News

A Public Hearing was held at 7:00 PM in the council chambers at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest in the city's application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as published in the Chronicle on September 23rd, 2021, may appear, and be heard for or against the city's application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were for or against said Application. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to close the hearing. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner. Absent: Mason, Schmitt. Hearing was closed at 7:09 PM. A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 5th day of October 2021. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:10 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. Nancy Suhr approached the council to add a "slow children at play" sign on the corner or around Cross Street and Crestview Drive as there have been several cars speeding in this area. Nancy stated that a new family had just moved in, and they have several children on that block that could be in danger if the speed is not controlled. The council agreed to place a sign. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke to approve building permit #789 pending the review of the P & Z Committee again after questions were answered by Salomon Davila who was present also that partial of the permit for the fencing will need to be revisited after surveying of the property is obtained and presented to the council it was seconded by Councilor Bill Cougill. 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 #787. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded Councilor Pickhinke to deny building permit #788 due to a violation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Early Chapter 148 Outside Parking and Storage of Vehicles. On a show of hands: Ayes: Cougill, Pickhinke, Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the Offer Agreement for the Purchase of Land for a Retention Basin to work with the replacement of Drainage District-59 tile. This purchase hinges on the receipt of a CDBG grant for this project. On a show of hands Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill. Nays: Langner. Motion passes by majority vote. Resolution 21-20 Providing for reduction of interest rate on water revenue bond was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. 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 approve the 2nd street water main change order for cost increase by \$5,719.44 to come out of the contingency. On a roll call vote Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner. Motion passed. 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- 810604010009. Parcel- 810604010005 Parcel- 810604010098. The Council was also updated on the current nuisance abatement list for various violations. Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, Fire Dept, and DPW. Meeting ended without motion for an EMT Emergency @ 9:38PM at this time the Quorum was gone. Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

MAYOR'S NOTES

The Council present approved the Offer Agreement for the Purchase of Land for a Retention Basin to work with the replacement of Drainage District-59 tile. This possible purchase hinges on the receipt of a CDBG grant for this project. No grant, no purchase. A resolution was approved for reduction of the interest rate on water revenue bonds for the water tower. The interest rate will go from 3% to 1.75%. Discussed the Second Street water project. The contractor is waiting for parts to complete connections for fire hydrants. This is another fallout from the Covid pandemic and being able to get the items that are needed. A number of nuisance abatement issues were presented in court today. Discussed possible IT services and possible security systems but tabled both until full council is present. Trick or Treating with be from 5:00PM - 7:00 PM on Sunday, October 31st this year. No parking on City Streets from Midnight - 7:00AM. Starting November 1st - March 31st. There was another issue this month for the fire department in that there was not house numbers on a house when there was a fire call. This could have been very serious. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE get numbers on your house and/or business buildings.

TRICK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 31ST
5PM - 7PM



Early Public Library

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

Sac County Naturalist- Wednesday, October 20th @ 10AM

Friends of the Library Halloween Party - Saturday, October 30th from 2PM-4PM

Trick or Treating- Sunday October 31st from 5PM-7PM

Meetings

Book Club - Monday, October 18th @ 6:00PM

Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 26th @ 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!



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!

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 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.