

October 2022

CITY OF EARLY

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

City Council

Bill Cougill

Brian Pickhinke

Summer Schmitt

Tim Langner

Becky Blackman

Council Meeting-1st Tuesday

Lexi Bainbridge, Clerk

Kris Alesch, P.W. Director

Keith Horan, Fire Chief

Fire Meeting - 2nd Wednesday

Library Board

Cory Faist - President

Julie Carlson

Julie Wadsley

Sue Loggins

Becki Petersen - Secretary

Board Meeting - 4th Tuesday

Kristine Luy, 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 4th day of October 2022. 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, Becky Blackman, Tim Langner, Summer Schmitt. Absent: Bill Cougill A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, mileage reimbursement. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Blackman, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. Citizen Input- Early Achievers 4-H Club came forth to discuss the possibility of the Club replacing the benches at the park on Third Street. The Council was appreciative with this proposal and the Club will come back with final design for these. Wes Boyer with Bolton & Menk Engineering was present to discuss final completion of the Second Street Water Main Project. Councilman Langer brought to the council a complaint about the wasps raiding the library. The city clerk believes that they may be penetrating the building through the broken/ boarded up windows that are in the library closets as well as the rear exit door. Council wants the city clerk to talk with our pest control and see what remedies he may have to offer. The City Clerk informed Council that they have had several conversations in regard to the wasps and that they are very hard to prevent entry unless we fill in every crack and crevasse that is on the building. Wasps can only be killed on contact, but she will do research and see what can be done. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve building permits #803. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Blackman, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Blackman to approve building permits #804. On a show of hands. Ayes: Blackman, Langner, Schmitt. Absent: Pickhinke. Motion passed. Spencer from ISG, Storm Lake and Luke with Region XII presented updates to the council for the Drainage District-59. The City of Early was awarded \$217,000 from CDBG funds to purchase and build a retention basin that will be the start of the DD-59. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve and have the mayor sign the CDBG IDEA Contract #22-OT-001. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Blackman, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to approve and have the mayor sign the IEDA required acknowledgment of environmental view requirements form. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Blackman, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve and have the mayor sign the Region XII COG Contract #BG2303. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Blackman, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Schmitt and seconded by Councilor Langner to update the city website with HMG to a semi-custom platform. Roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Blackman, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. City Clerk contacted Region XII for a contract to view for Nuisance Abatements. The Council had some discrepancies within the contract and wish for it to be revised. Revisit next month. City Attorney was present. Council was informed that parcel- 810604109009 has gone into default judgement and will later be served papers by the Sac County Sheriff for derelict housing. The city will be in search of bids to tear down the dwelling(s) and get rid of all nuisances on the property. Parcel- 810604010014 is schedule for another court hearing on October 25th, 2022. Parcel- 810604104009 requested a later court date due to medical issues. Date has been pushed back to January 2023. Sheriff was present. Council was updated on Radio Tower progress. The monthly Sheriff report was given. The monthly library report was given to all members of the council. Councilor Langner presented for the fire department. Informed council that the Fire Station (brick building) needs new tuck point due to salt wear over the years. Kris Alesch, Director of Public Works will be working with Fire Chief Keith Horan to get estimates of the repairs needed. Kris Alesch, Director of Public Works presented his monthly report. A few things to note 4 large trees were removed from different properties in town due to safety hazard. A sewer main emergency near E 6th Street and Walnut occurred it is believed that part of the line has collapsed, scheduled repairs are in place. We were to have a Presentation from McGuire iron in regard to the water tower, but they were unable to attend reschedule time would be Nov 1st starting at 6:15 PM before the regular council meeting. Before winter starts, they have plans to do some concrete and asphalt patching throughout town. Water Treatment facility progress has slowed due to shipping issues, expected completion date is mid to late March 2023. The Council discussed a date for Trick or Treat. Councilor Schmitt suggested we try something different this year and host it for Saturday October 29th, 2022, from 5-7pm due to the holiday being on a school night. The council agreed to accept this date. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to close the meeting at 8:54 PM. Meeting closed.
Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

EARLY FOCUS NEWS

Early FOCUS

Presents



OUR ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE TOWN EVENT

TO BE HELD ON

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 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 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 27TH, DECEMBER 4, DECEMBER 11TH, AND DECEMBER 18TH. 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!

MAYOR'S NOTES

The Early Achievers 4-H Club approached the City with the possibility of the Club replacing the benches at the park on Third Street. The Council was happy with this proposal and the Club will come back with final design for these. We appreciate the things that the Early Achievers 4-H Club do for the City. The water main project on Second Street is finally complete. One final request for payment from the contractor will be forth coming. The new water treatment plant has a ways to go. The biggest holdup is materials needed are slow on being available and slow on delivery. It is currently estimated that the treatment plant will not be completed until late March 2023. Planning for this project started back in 2019. The City is receiving a CDBG grant to help build a retention pond north of Fourth Street and then the Drainage District 59 will be rebuilt to work with this. The Council approved an update to the City Website. This will accommodate newer technology which isn't available with the current system. The Council is considering changing the start time for City Council meetings. More study is going to go into this before a decision is made. Any change would not happen before the first of next year.



**TRICK-OR-TREATING
SATURDAY OCTOBER 29TH 5-7PM**

Early Public Library

Events

Story Time- Every Wednesday at 10AM (recommended for ages 0-6)
(Sac County Naturalist visiting story time on October 12th)
Koffee Klatch- October 4th & October 18th at 9:30AM
Halloween Party- October 22nd 2-4PM

Meetings

Friends of the Library Meeting- October 11th @ 9AM
Board Meeting- October 25th @ 6PM

Announcements

Reminder of our regular hours effective August 23rd, 2022 - May 31st, 2023

Sundays & Mondays: Closed
Tuesdays: 9:00AM-11:00AM, 12:30PM-4:30PM
Wednesdays: 9:00AM-11:00AM, 12:30PM-6:00PM
Thursdays: 12:30PM-4:30PM
Fridays: 12:30PM-4:30PM
Saturdays: 9:00AM-11:30AM

Our Koffee Klatch is looking to gather together favorite recipes and create a cookbook. If you'd like to have some of your recipes featured, come join us at our next coffee group or bring your recipes into the library!