

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 7th day of September 2021. 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, Bill Cougill, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner, Steven Mason. A motion was made by Councilor Mason and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment excluding any bills that were received for RAGBRAI, mileage for reimbursement. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Mason, Langner. Motion passed.

Mike Schmitt approached the council regarding property 209 Maple Street. He stated that the home would be getting a fresh coat of paint and that the hired hand would be coming sometime this week or the next to start and finish. Council is agreeable to this extension.

John Deal had written to the Council to request an extension on his notice to abate his garage in disrepair. He has currently been making progress and progress has shown forth that he is working on the abatement. A motion was made by Councilor Mason and seconded by Councilor Langner to grant an extension to September 30th, 2021. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner, Mason. Nay: Schmitt. Motion passed.

Tammy Nuckolls approached the council to offer her assistance in applying for the fiberoptic grant. The council has been aware of this grant and has let Evertec run with the application for this area, but they are in a bind with Frontier. Frontier is stating that they have 80MB or higher speeds in this area. The public would need to send letters to prove otherwise that Frontier does not offer such services.

A motion was made by Councilor Langner to approve building permit #785. Motion fails due to a lack of a second to approve building permit #785. The property owners have 10 days to remove the building and the birds, or the city will have it removed and expenses assessed to the property.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve building permit #786. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner, Mason. Motion passed.

Resolution 21-18 Support the Sac County Ambulance and Satellite Ambulance locations in Odebolt, Lakeview, and Schaller was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 21-19 Authorization for the purchase of the one 1994 Komatsu end loaded with attachments, and authorization for the use of funds from the general fund and transfer from the equipment replacement fund to the general fund was offered by Councilor Mason and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to set the date for a public hearing to be held on October 5th, 2021, for the CDBG grant Application to use for the stormwater basin (DD-59). On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt. Abstain: Langner. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Mason to approve Certified Testing Services, INC. firm to do construction material testing for the Water Treatment Facility project. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Mason, Langner. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to reimburse for the full amount to the Summer Recreational Program for the Ball field lights as there was not a warranty on the repairs. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Motion passed.

Ordinance 326. An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Early, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertaining To Water Rates was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Mason, Schmitt, Langner, Cougill. Nays: Pickhinke. Final Reading approved. Where upon the Mayor declares the said ordinance duly adopted.

The Council was updated on several properties within City limits that are still in violation of the City Ordinances. The City Attorney will be preparing court documentations for these properties listed. Parcel- 810604010068. Parcel- 810604109009. Parcel- 810604010009. Parcel- 810604010005 Parcel- 810604010098.

The Council reviewed City Ordinances and have made a few changes. These changes will be posted to the website our newsletters and sent out to residents in the upcoming months.

The Clerk reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment in the consent agenda:

AFLAC	AFLAC	46.18
IPERS	IPERS	337.11
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	56.06
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	444.39
DONS PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	40
THOMSON-STRACKE		
IMPLEMENT	716-REPAIRS	481.46
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	52.93
KRIS ALESCH	PHONE STIPEND	15
RUDD SANITATION & RECYCLE	GARBAGE & RECYCLE	4,478.59
RUDD SANITATION & RECYCLE	CLEAN UP DAYS	1,642.00
AMAZON.COM	BOOKS	210.31
BAKER & TAYLOR	books	11.38
DISH	TV SERVICE	
FRONTIER COMMUNICATION	TELEPHONE	96.26
OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	SUPPLIES	76.34
PHAZE ONE ENTERTAINMENT	SUMMER REC-FOAM PARTY	250
BOMGAARS	PARKS	14.97
ENGEL AGRI SALES CO	MOWER REPAIR	59.04
LANDUS	CHEMICALS	75.42


SCHMITT CONTRACTING	REPAIRS	368.48
NOLL EXCAVATION	6-24 ZIMMER.D, FULL BURIAL	1,100.00
PHIL DAVIS	CEMTERY LAWN MOWING	900
CHRONICLE	PUBLICATION/PRINTING	270.11
COUNSEL	PRINTING	16.32
DISH	TV SERVICE	
FRONTIER COMMUNICATION	TELEPHONES	212.72
HEARTLAND MARKETING	WEBSITE MAINT	17.5
NORTHWEST IOWA LEAGUE	DUES	25
OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	SUPPLIES	76.34
PERSONNEL CONCEPTS	FEDERAL/IA LAWS	93.2
ZOOM	REMOTE BUSINESS	5.35
CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF	INFRACTION PAYMENT	32.36
BOMGAARS	CITYHALL SUPPLIES	58.49
DONS PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	55
MENARDS-FORT DODGE	COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION	282.64
OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	SUPPLIES	500
AFLAC	AFLAC POST TAX	14.18
IPERS	IPERS	295.89
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	4.14
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	35.44
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	329.24
LANDUS	CHEMICALS	75.42
SCHMITT CONTRACTING	STREET REPAIRS	1,150.00
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	FUEL	247.36
IMWCA	WORK COMP DUES	440
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AFLAC	AFLAC	91.43
IPERS	IPERS	435.03
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	13.28
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	104.74
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	638.26
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	INSRUANCE	30.42
CITIZENS 1ST NATIONAL	NSF FEE	
COUNSEL	PRINTING	24.48
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	44.5
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	CHEMICALS	246.06
IA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WATER EXCISE TAX	1,774.00
IAMU	WCISA JUL-SEPT 2021	333.15
IOWA ONE CALL	VOICE CALL	60
KRIS ALESCH	PHONE STIPEND	15
KRUDICO INC	SOFTNERS	867.35
PERSONNEL CONCEPTS	FEDERAL/IA LAWS	93.2


REGION XII	HAZARD MITIGATION	
ZOOM	CONTRACT	
AFLAC	REMOTE BUSINESS	5.35
IPERS	AFLAC POST TAX	91.41
GIS BENEFITS	IPERS	435.08
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	LIFE INSURANCE	13.28
US TREASURY	STATE TAXES	104.76
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	FED/FICA TAXES	638.43
COUNSEL	INSRUANCE	30.41
LANDUS	PRINTING	24.47
PERSONNEL CONCEPTS	CHEMICALS	75.66
ZOOM	FEDERAL/IA LAWS	93.19
REPORT TOTAL	REMOTE BUSINESS	5.34
		29,768.09

	EXPENSE	REVENUE
GENERAL	14,120.17	14,879.03
ROAD USE TAX	4,313.13	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,604.39	
LOCAL OPTIONS SALES		
TAX	4,460.72	
EQUIPMENT		
REPLACEMENT		2,500.00
PERPETUAL CARE		200.00
WATER UTILITY	20,769.31	25,111.40
WATER SINKING		12,060.75
SEWER UTILITY	11,785.72	9,035.27
SEWER SINKING		6,830.01

Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, Fire Dept, and DPW.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Mason.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.


Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor


Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk