

CITY OF EARLY

City Council News

September 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 3rd of September 2019. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: Mary Ann Brinkman, Melissa Freese and Brian Pickhinke. Absent: Bill Cougill and Doug Gulley. A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Freese to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, and bills for payment. Ayes: Brinkman, Freese and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley and Cougill. Motion carried.

Councilor Cougill arrived at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to purchase dehumidifier for City Municipal building basement from Thrasher Basements. Ayes: Freese, Brinkman, Cougill and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve building permit #755. Ayes: Cougill, Brinkman, Pickhinke and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Motion carried.

Resolution 19-22 Renewal of Adoption of Investment Policy was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Cougill and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley.

Resolution 19-23 Adopting the 2019 Fiscal Year Street Financial Report was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Brinkman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, Freese and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 19-24 Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Freese, Pickhinke and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to approve amending Early City Code of Ordinance to reflect 2019 Legislative Changes. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, Freese and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Gulley. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese to accept the resignation of City Clerk Tammy Nuckolls effective January 8, 2020. Ayes: Freese, Pickhinke and Brinkman. Nays: Cougill. Absent: Gulley. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

Full Time City Clerk

The City of Early will be accepting applicant for a full time City Clerk. Duties consist of: agenda preparation and official minutes of council meetings, municipal records management such as ordinances and other acts as set forth by law and the city council, provide control and oversight of City finances, accounts payable, budgeting, cemetery management, utility billing and payroll. Duties require accuracy, proficiency, confidentiality and independent judgement. Applicants must possess excellent oral and written communication skills, and good computer skills. Applicants are subject to back ground check, pre-employment physical and drug testing. Starting Salary \$15.00 per hour. Benefits include: Paid Health, Dental, and Vision insurance for employee and family, paid vacation & sick time, paid holidays and 2 personal days per year. Applications are available at city hall or on the city's website www.earlyia.com. Accepting applications until position is filled. EOE.

Early Public Library News

Story Time

Story time begins September 4 at 10:30 through May 13. Story time will consist of a story, craft and snack. There will be no story time if school is canceled. There will also be no story time on September 11, October 9, November 13 & 27, December 11, January 8, February 12, March 11, or April 8.

Library is adding Trunk or Treat to our Halloween party. If you are interested in decorating your trunk and giving out treats contact the library for more information.

Don't forget to sign up for Light Up the Town Craft Show

MAYOR'S NOTES

Discussion concerning the water project was had again this month. We have to receive a lot more information before any decision can be made as to which direction this project will go.

The City has had the basement of the Municipal Building sanitized to get rid of the black mold that was in the storeroom and moving out into the main hall. The Council approved the purchase of a whole basement dehumidifier to help keep the basement drier.

After much discussion five new Christmas decorations are being ordered for the Main Street area. There has been enough donations receive to purchase these five. Hopefully, by next year there will be more donations received so that the rest of the decorations can be replaced. It is anticipated that these five new decorations will be delivered in time for this year's Christmas celebration.

There were some issues with the sewer at the fire station in the last month. After a number of days work and investigation the problem was found and the proper repairs were made.

Sharon Ann Irwin

FOCUS NEWS

SEPTEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

Jim & Bonnee Coon
510 N Main

This is the last yard of the month. Thanks to everyone for sprucing up your yards and making Early a great place to live.

Be on the lookout for Holiday Home of the week. Judging is December 1, 8, 15 and 22

FOUND - 2 Small bags with the name "Sandy" have been turned into City Hall. Please claim by describing. They were found on North Main Street the end of August.

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 1st, DECEMBER 8TH, AND DECEMBER 15TH, December 22nd. 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.

A Big THANK YOU goes to everyone who has contributed to the Christmas light fund. Even though the order has been placed for 5 new Christmas Lights, 11 still need to be replaced. Any amount will be truly appreciated. Please drop off your donation at City Hall.

Fire Prevention Week is approaching now is a good time to replace batteries in your smoke detectors. If you need assistance The Early Fire Department has offered to replace smoke detectors batteries for citizens needing this done. Contact Fire Chief Bill Cougill 712/299-7504 with questions or to be placed on the list.