

September 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 1st day of September, 2020. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Bill Cougill, Steve Mason, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the consent agenda including agenda and bills for payment. On roll call vote: Ayes: Schmitt, Mason, Pickhinke, Langner, Cougill. Nays: none. A presentation was given by Silversmith Date Asset Management on a software program that could be used for more accurate records on city utilities and equipment. Consideration will be given to this at next month's meeting. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the building permit #769 for Terry Bruns. Approval by the Planning and Zoning Board has been given. Ayes: Mason, Schmitt, Cougill, Pickhinke, Langner. Nays: None. An individual had expressed interest in the custodian position for the Municipal Building, fire station and shelter house. Councilor Cougill will speak with the individual. Since Tim Langner has been appointed to the city council, there is a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Mason to appoint Brandon Scadden to the Planning and Zoning. Ayes: Langner, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt, Pickhinke. Nays: None. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to set a Public Hearing for the SRF loan for the construction of the water project for Friday, October 9, 2020 at 7 p.m. per SRF guidelines. Ayes: Cougill, Mason, Langner, Schmitt, Pickhinke. Nays: none. Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Fire Chief, Library and DPW.

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 10th day of September 2020. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Bill Cougill, Steven Mason, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner. Resolution 20-14 Approval of Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Council discussed pay rate for the Mayor as a clerical fill in while the main Clerk was on medical leave. Council decided to pay at twenty dollars and no change per hour (\$20.00/hr.). On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Mason, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:58PM on voice vote.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Our City Clerk Lexi will be back in the office on September 8. I personally will be happy to have her back.

Tim Langner is filling the balance of Melissa Freese's term. That will be up January 1, 2022. Because Tim Langner was appointed to the City Council he can no longer serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee. The Council approved Brandon Scadden to serve on the P & Z Committee.

The City will hold a public hearing on the next phase of a State Revolving Loan (SRF) on Friday, October 9th at 7 p.m. The City is also applying for a Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program Grant (WTFAP) and a Capitalization Grant to possibly help with the financing of this big water project. The City is trying to find any grants that might be available to help cut the cost to our residents for the repayment of this project.

The Summer Recreation and the City have had the lights replaced at the ball-field. There half as many lights now. They aren't going to be utilized this year, but will be ready to go next spring.

Be careful and stay safe as the pandemic rages on.



EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Update

These services will continue to be offered until further notice. We will continue to look at statistics and make decisions, as we prepare phases to open the library back up for a safe and healthy environment for our patrons.

In the interest of the public's safety and health, Early Public Library is closed until further notice.

We will be offering curbside assistance Mon– Thur. 3:00 PM– 5:00 PM. We ask that you message your selection of books or DVD's along with date and time you will be arriving. You may also call, 712-273-5334, during these hours to put together a selection and pick up.

Please follow these steps to search for your items.

To access our inventory, you can go to our website at <https://www.early.lib.ia.us/> Click on SEARCH CATALOG, this will access our inventory on Library World, Enter in EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY (Password not required) you will then have the ability to search by TITLE/AUTHOR or to scroll our inventory.

We also have resources on our website for children and teens. These can be found under the SERVICES tab and click on for either CHILDREN or TEENS.

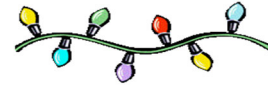
You can also access Bridges from our website, this can be found under EBOOK & AUDIO. You will need your Patron Number. If you do not have a patron number please contact the Library.

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@earlyia.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.

**September Yard of the
Month is Terry & Mary
Burns located at 301 Walnut
Street.**

Congratulations!