

Sept 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

Library 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 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. 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

MAYOR'S NOTES

It was approved to purchase a used Payloader and to sell the current Payloader on auction.

Approved an agreement with Construction Material Testing for the possible testing on the installation on the new water main on Second Street. This work is underway.

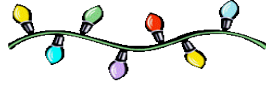
Midwest Coatings should be completing their work by the end of the month on our streets for this year. We know there is much more that needs to be done on streets but we have done what the City is financially able to pay for at this time.

Ordinance #326 changing water rates was approved. This ordinance will raise the water rates this month. The rates will then go up again in July 2022 and then it should be two years before they increase again.

Again, a reminder that all houses and businesses within the community are to have numbers on them. If there is an emergency at you place and there are no numbers there, it can delay necessary help that may be needed. If you have any questions about this, please contact the City Clerk's office or someone on the Fire Department.

Early FOCUS

Presents



OUR ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE TOWN EVENT

TO BE HELD ON

NOVEMBER 21, 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 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.

City Clerks 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://earlyia.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!

Early FOCUS

The Early FOCUS will be judging Yard of the Month May - September so please keep your yards up and look for the yard of the month sign to come to a yard near you.

Congrats to September yard of month Tim and Amy Kuehler Located at 205 Oak Street.

