

CITY OF EARLY

November 2016

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

Council

Mary Ann Brinkman
Bill Cougill
Melissa Freese
Doug Gulley
Brian Pickhinke

Council meeting- 1st Tuesday

Tammy Nuckolls, Clerk
Ray Musselman, Supt. D.P.W.
William Cougill, Fire Chief

Library Board

Mark Grace
Julie Carlson
Cory Faist
Judy Wadsley
Sue Loggins
Library Board meeting 4th
Tuesday.
Cindy Garthoff, Library
Director

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City Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday
7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday
7:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Friday
Closed

City Council News

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 4th day of October, 2016. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Doug Gulley, Melissa Freese, and Mary Ann Brinkman. Absent: William Cougill. A motion was made by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Gulley to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, approval of firefighter Mitch Lyons, and bills for payment. Ayes: Gulley, Freese, Brinkman, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill. Motion carried.

The property owner of 311 Karr Ave addressed the City Council regarding a \$5181.80 water bill that she received because of a leak she had in her bathroom that she was unaware of for many days. She asked the City Council if they could forgive some of the water bill or sewer bill. After a long discussion a motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Gulley to take 15% off of the sewer bill due to the fact that an estimate 15% did not go into the sewer but was absorbed elsewhere and to allow the property owner to make payments on the remainder \$4832.49 and waive penalties on the payment arrangement amount. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Gulley, Freese, and Pickhinke. Nays: Brinkman. Absent: Cougill. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Freese and Seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve the plans for Casey's to relocate the existing access on IA471. Ayes: Freese, Pickhinke, Gulley, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill. Motion carried.

City Council discussed wage increases for the city's full time and part time employees and also the upcoming health insurance changes for 2017. 8:07 pm – Councilor Cougill arrived.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED NOV. 24 & 25

Public Works, Hometown Pride Committee, Mayor and City Clerk gave reports. The Clerk reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment in the consent agenda:

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls

Early FOCUS Christmas Gift Baskets

They are \$10 a piece and will be offered up to December 15th. We will deliver them for you to any resident of Early. We can deliver them as a present from you or signed "Secret Santa". The basket will be wrapped in a Christmas Bag. It will include popcorn, ½ dozen cookies, hot chocolate, marshmallows, candy canes, and a Christmas mug.

Deliver to: Name _____

Address _____

Must Be an EARLY Resident

Signed _____

Please make checks payable to Early FOCUS. Cash is accepted as well.

Mail payment to Early FOCUS PO Box 117 Early, IA 50535.

Early FOCUS

**OUR ANNUAL LIGHT
UP THE TOWN EVENT**

NOVEMBER 19, 2016

5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

Basement of City Hall

Soup Supper

FREE WILL OFFERING

SILENT PIE/COOKIE AUCTION

AUCTION WILL CLOSE AT 7:15

UGLY SWEATSHIRT CONTEST

CHILDREN CRAFTS

A Message from the Mayor,

A strong word of advice for everyone: If you are not going to be in your house on a regular basis, it is very strongly recommended that you turn the water off in your house. There was just an incident where the people weren't currently in their house except to check it, maybe once a month. A pipe broke in the bathroom, flooding the main floor and leaking through to the basement and finally draining out the basement drain. A HUGE amount of water (around 20,000 gallons a day) had run through the house before the problem was discovered. This resulted in a HUNGROUS utility bill! Their insurance company is paying for all of the damage to the house, which is extensive, but they do not pay the water bill. It would be very difficult for any citizens to handle a water bill of this magnitude in Early. It makes me rather ill just thinking about anyone having to pay a utility bill that is in the thousands of dollars. However, the water did go through their meter, most of it did go down the sewer, so the property owner is responsible for the bill.

Don't forget Light Up the Town on Saturday night, November 19th. Come join the fun at the soup supper and silent cookie auction. Admission is free will gift.

May you have a blessed and grateful Thanksgiving! I know I feel very blessed again this year. Remember to make Thanksgiving more than just a big meal with family and sports on television. It is about being grateful to our Lord for our numerous blessings through the past year.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor



CITY OF EARLY RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING FOR HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION PROJECTS

	Household size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sac County	\$35,650	\$40,750	\$45,850	\$50,900	\$55,000	\$59,050	\$63,150	\$67,200

- The interested family or individual within the city limits completes and submits an application to Region XII. Homes cannot be purchased through a land contract and must have current homeowners insurance.
- The application requests information necessary to verify the yearly income of the family or individual. Please remember that all personal information we obtain about applicants remains confidential.
- Repairs will follow IEDA Housing Quality Standards. Grant eligible households may receive up to **\$24,999** in home rehabilitation. Grant assistance is provided in the form of a 5-year forgivable loan.
- Eligible rehabilitation **MAY** include items such as lead-based paint reduction, roof or window replacement, siding, electrical or mechanical upgrades, or improvements for handicap accessibility.
- **Applications are available at Region XII Council of Governments.**



Applications are due by November 21, 2016

For An Application Contact:
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