

# CITY OF EARLY

September 2017

## 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  
Julie Wadsley  
Sue Loggins  
Library Board meeting 4th  
Tuesday.  
Delta Gulley, Library Director

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## City Office Hours

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday 9am - 12 pm

Wednesday - CLOSED

Thursday- 9am - 12pm

Friday - CLOSED

*When an assistant  
clerk is hired the  
hours will go back to  
4 days a week.*

## City Council News

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 5th day of September, 2017. 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: Doug Gulley, Brian Pickhinke, Mary Ann Brinkman, William Cougill and Melissa Freese. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, Outlaw Bar and Grill liquor license and bills for payment. Ayes: Freese, Brinkman, Cougill, Gulley, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance 308 Amending the Code of Ordinances of The City of Early, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates was offered by Councilor Brinkman and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Gulley, Cougill and Brinkman. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said ordinance duly adopted.

Ordinance 309 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Early, Iowa By Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, Gulley, Freese, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said ordinance duly adopted.

Resolution 17-16 Renewal of Adoption of Investment Policy for the City of Early was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Gulley, Freese, Cougill, Brinkman, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 17-17 Adopting the 2017 Fiscal Year Street Financial Report was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Cougill, Brinkman, Pickhinke, Gulley, and Freese. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 17-18 Approving Wage Increases for Full Time Employees for the City of Early, Iowa was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Brinkman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Cougill, Gulley, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Mayor, City Clerk, and Supt. DPW gave monthly reports. Sheriff's written report was also available for review.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Brinkman to go into closed session to review applications for the City Clerk Assistance position. Ayes: Freese, Pickhinke, Gulley, Brinkman, and Cougill. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Council went into closed session at 8:51 pm.

9:24 pm City Council came out of closed session.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to have the Mayor and City Clerk interview applicants 4,3,2 and 8. Ayes: Brinkman, Cougill, Gulley, Freese, and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor  
ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

### F.O.C.U.S NEWS:

Mark your calendars for November 18! This will be our light up the town event! From 5:30-7:30 free will offering of chicken noodle soup or chili with cornbread and drink. We will have a silent cookie and pie auction that will close at 7:15. The library will have a craft fair 5-7:30. Then we will be lighting the tree next to heartland marketing. Legion will be open. Holiday home of the week will be judged November 26, December 3, 10, 17.

**Mark your calendars!**

## Thank you!

The Early City Council would like to thank Elaine Gerdes & Greg Toomer for donating the children's swing for the city park and thank Mark Schmitt, Ray Musselman, Kris Alesch, and Brian Pickhinke for providing the labor and equipment to install the swing.

**Thank you!**

## A Message from the Mayor,

The Council this month approved two ordinance amendments on third and final readings. These amendments will increase the water and sewer rates in the coming months. The ordinances were amended so that there will be an automatic rate increase each year for the next five years, unless the Council determines a rate increase is not needed in a given year.

I want to congratulate Kris Alesch in passing his Grade II water operators licensing tests. He is now fully certified for water distribution and treatment and for the sewer operations.

The City is going to start locking the gates to the lagoon area. It will be open during regular business hours and yet to be determined hours on a Saturday. This is being done because there has been too much abuse of dumping at the lagoon site. There have been too many things dumped out there not only on the burn pile that are not supposed to be burned, but also many other items that should not be dumped out there (i.e.- TV sets, old toilets, glass, concrete, tires, furniture.) It will cost considerable money to get this all cleaned up.

There have been 11 applications for the assistant city clerk position. Some interviews will be conducted in the next month.

*Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor*



## Library News

### Upcoming Events:

Storytime every Wednesday @11

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> @4:30pm**  
Sac County Conservation with  
Bats & Other Creepy Crawlies

**October 5<sup>th</sup> time TBA**  
Farm Credit Book Donation Ceremony

**October 14<sup>th</sup> time TBA**  
Celebrate Fire Safety Awareness with a ride on the Early  
Fire Truck

**October 21<sup>st</sup> @1pm-2pm**  
Library Annual Halloween Party  
(snacks will be provided)

### New Movies:

Megan Leavey	The Case For Christ
Everything, Everything	All Eyez On Me
Fun Mom Dinner	Once Upon a Time in Venice
Pure Country	

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To follow our monthly events!

## Early FOCUS Presents

### OUR ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE TOWN EVENT

TO BE HELD ON

**NOVEMBER 18, 2017 FROM 5:30  
PM TO 7:30 PM**

### Craft Fair 5-730 in library

If you are willing to make a pie or a dozen cookies please drop to the basement of legion between 12-4 November 18.

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

**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 NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, DECEMBER 3, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, AND DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>. 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!*