

CITY OF EARLY

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City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

Council

Mary Ann Brinkman
Bill Cougill
Vince Davis
Brian Pickhinke
Melissa Freese

Council meeting-1st Tuesday

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

Library Board

Mary Bruns
Julie Carlson
Cory Faist
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Tuesday.
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City Office Hours

Monday- 7am - 12pm
Tuesday - 7am - 12pm
1pm - 4pm
Wed. - 7am - 12pm
Thursday -7am - 12pm
1pm - 4pm

Friday - Closed

Closed 12/24 & 12/25

City Council News

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 1st day of December, 2015. 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, William Cougill, Melissa Freese, and Mary Ann Brinkman. Absent: Vincent Davis. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Brinkman to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, approval of a liquor license refund for Crossroads Restaurant, minutes, and bills for payment. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Brinkman, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Davis. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to setting a public hearing for December 16th at 7:00 pm to receive public comments concerning the city applying for Community Development Block Grant funds from Iowa Economic Development Authority to provide funds for an owner – occupied housing rehabilitation program. Ayes: Freese, Brinkman, Pickhinke, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Davis. Hometown Pride committee reported that they were awarded the Sac Endowment Grant to replace the street name signs. They will proceed with the project when the funds are received. City Council reviewed the Early Street System Improvement plan. The City Clerk, Mayor and the Street Supt. will meet with Bolton & Menk, Inc. this month to discuss the project on Walnut Street and will report back to the city council at the next regular meeting. Resolution 15-24 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Addendum to the Hometown Pride Partnership Agreement offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese. On roll call vote. Ayes: Freese, Pickhinke, Cougill, Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Davis. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto and by the reference made a part thereof. Resolution 15-25 – Authorizing to Change Health Insurance Providers for 2016 was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese. On roll call vote. Ayes: Brinkman, Freese, Pickhinke, and Cougill. Nays: None. Absent: Davis. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto and by the reference made a part thereof. Supt. D.P.W., Mayor, Fire Department, and City Clerk gave monthly reports. Sheriff's monthly written report was reviewed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM on voice vote.

Sharon Ann Irwin

ATTEST: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

A Message from the Mayor,

I can now officially announce that the City of Early has hired Chris Alesch to be our second full-time maintenance. He will be training and learning with Ray Musselman. He will be starting to work on Monday, December 7. The first couple of days he will be taking some schooling towards his wastewater licensing requirements.

The City is awaiting the results of the application for the Housing Rehab Grant. We want to thank everyone for taking the time to fill out the short surveys that were required for this application. We are also happy to see the number of pre-applications that have been sent to Region XII COG. Please know that if we receive the grant, Region XII COG will be the one administering this grant and the city mayor and council will have no say in who receives a grant to upgrade their home.

The Home Town Pride group received a grant from the Sac County Foundation to put up new street signs. There is some local match money to help with this project. If you would like to donate, you can leave a donation at the City Office.

Did you know that the five lanes of Highway 20 through Correctionville was opened last week? Trees are being removed going up the hill to the west. Progress is being made! YEAH!!!

As the four years of my term as mayor draw to a close, I hope that the City has been able to make some improvements in our community. I hope that we can continue in the next four years.

May the Lord bless you and yours this Christmas season and into the coming year!

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 16th day of December, 2015. 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, William Cougill, Mary Ann Brinkman and Melissa Freese. Public Hearing was open at 7:00 pm for the purpose of hearing public comments concerning the city applying for Community Development Block Grant fund from the Iowa Economic Development Authority to provide funds for an owner – occupied housing rehabilitation program. Items discussed are the nature of the proposed project, funding sources and the requested amount, and timing of application process. No citizens or taxpayers were present. Public hearing closed at 7:03pm. City Council reviewed and discussed the technical services proposal received by Region XII Council of Government. The City also received letters from Southern Iowa Council of Governments and Southwest Iowa Planning Council declining to submit a proposal for technical services for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese awarding the technical service contract to Region XII Council of Governments. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Brinkman, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Davis. Resolution 15-25 offered by Council Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke Approving the City of Early to provide match Fund for the 2016 CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Freese, Cougill, Brinkman and Pickhinke. Nays: None. Absent: Davis. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto and by the reference made a part thereof. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke the meeting adjourns at 7:20pm. On voice call vote meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

Attest: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

Library News

Unfortunately this Newsletter article was not recoverable as of August 15, 2022. The current city clerk, Lexi Bainbridge did her best to investigate to make this an updated letter. She pulled the information from the minute books in the vault and had asked the Mayor if they still had the Mayor message as well. The Librarian at the time is not available to get ahold of and the currently librarian does not have any records for this month back in 2015.

Future Events

Visit www.earlyia.com for more calendar and community events!