

January 2022

CITY OF EARLY

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

City Council

Bill Cougill
Brian Pickhinke
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-Secretary

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 4th day of January 2022. 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, Tim Langner, Summer Schmitt. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Cougill to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, approval of cemetery board member to fill vacancy- Aaron Wallace, approval of Casey's general Store of Alarm Permit Application. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Langner, Schmitt. Motion passed. Fire Chief Keith Horan gave his annual fire report to the City Council and The Township Trustees. One Eden Trustee was present for the report. Resolution 22-01 Approving the appointment of Lexi Bainbridge as City Clerk was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 22-02 Setting the salaries for appointed officers and employees of the City of Early for the year 2022 was offered by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Langner. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 22-03 Approving the appointment of Dave Jennett, P.C. as City Attorney was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 22-04 Development agreement with Cecilia Aguilar and Jesus Ramos on Property 202 E 2nd Street Early, IA 50535 was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Early Public Library has had complaints about the chair lift not working properly, maintenance technician from Cedar Falls will be in again to evaluate the chair and to hopefully find answers to fix the machine properly and get it to running order again. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to appoint a council person at the next regular council meeting February 1st, 2022. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Motion passed. The Council was updated on several properties within City limits that were still in violation of the City Ordinances. Parcel-810604010014- will be taken to court for not finishing the project within time limit after two-month extension. Parcel-810604104009- will be taken to court for not finishing project within time limit after several years of no progression. Parcel- 810604102014-Council will continue to watch progression on improvements, waiting until Spring to see continuation. These properties to follow will receive letters for code violations and will have 30 days to remove the nuisance or to come to city hall to develop a plan of action. Parcel- 810604114004, Parcel- 810603111002, Parcel - 810604103010, Parcel- 810609110010. Council was also updated on Parcel- 810604010098 that on February 25th, 2022, the City of Early is eligible to enter the premises legally to abate the nuisance if it further exists. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill to reset a public hearing date for the maximum tax levy for February 1st, 2022, due to property valuations not being available at the time of original hearing. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt, Langner. Nays: None. Motion passed. The Clerk reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment in the consent agenda. Monthly reports were given by the Mayor, Library, Fire Dept, and DPW. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to close the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

MAYOR'S NOTES

Several resolutions were passed to reappointing Lexi Bainbridge as City Clerk, reappointing Dave Jennett as City Attorney, and setting salaries for the appointed officers and employees for 2022. The work is continuing on the new treatment plant facility as weather permits. They are working to get the footings run for the building. People have been asking why something isn't being done with the light pole that was broken at the ballfield. When the electrician can get here to get the electrical disconnected from the pole, then the pole will be removed and the fence fixed. Early was blessed in the fact that the Derecho tornadoes missed us. There have been a couple of water main breaks this winter. If you happen to see water running where it shouldn't be, please let someone at the City know about it. The Council determined that they will appoint someone to fill the balance of Steve Mason's term on the city council. The balance of his term runs through December 2023. This appointment will be made at the next regular city council meeting on February 1st. If you would be interested in serving the community, please let Lexi, City Clerk, know as soon as possible.

Just a reminder with the New Year means to update your furry friends pet license and registration. We are doing something new this year and would request a small picture of your furry friends for identification purposes. The new registration forms are available on our website or contact City Hall to grab a copy. Please make sure you bring an updated copy of your rabies vaccinations. As a reminder Licenses for fixed animals are \$10.00 per pet and \$20.00 for non fixed animals.



Also stop in to renew or register your ATV and golf carts with the City. Please bring in an updated insurance card and a payment of \$25.00.



EARLY FOCUS NEWS

Those of you that are residents of Early will receive donation letters this upcoming week. We hope you will consider donating to Early FOCUS as we hope to make this year the best year ever for Early's 140th Birthday! We cannot do this without the help of the community. No amount is too small every dollar counts! We can only do this through the help of the community as we are strictly all made up of volunteers and a nonprofit group! Thanks for considering! Those of you that didn't get an envelope or would like to contribute you can mail your donation to Early FOCUS PO Box 117 Early, IA 50535!

We greatly appreciate every donation that allows us to provide Early Crossroad Days and a celebration for the town.

Please Mark Your Calendars for July 15-16 2022!

Snow Ordinance is in effect 11/1/21 to 3/31/22. No parking on streets from midnight to 7:00 am.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email as well please contact the clerk's office by email at cityclerk@earlyia.com.

Upcoming Library Events for January 2022

Story Time (Recommended ages 0-6)- Jan. 5th, 12th, and 19th @ 10AM
Sac County Naturalist- Jan. 26th @ 10:30AM

Meetings

Friends of the Library- Tuesday, January 11th @ 6PM
Board Meeting- Wednesday, January 12th @ 6PM
Book Club - Wednesday, January 19th @ 6PM

Current Hours of Operation:

Monday: 12:30PM - 4:30PM
Tuesday: 12:30PM - 4:30PM
Wednesday: 9:00AM - 11:00AM, 12:30PM - 5:30PM
Thursday: 12:30PM - 4:30PM
Friday: 12:30PM - 4:30PM

The library will have a temporary change in hours of operation from Monday, January 24th to Monday, March 21st. The library will be open on Wednesdays from 10AM-2PM only. If other hours of operation are needed, please contact the library by email, Facebook, or by phone. We will try to accommodate as best as possible.

Stay in the loop about future events by following our Facebook page, our Early Public Library website, checking out our flyers that are posted at the library and the post office, or stop in!

City Clerk's 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, ripped or late postcards in the mail!** To create a FREE 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!

****Service fees are applied when making online payments, account set up is FREE****