

# CITY OF EARLY

## 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

Mary Bruns  
Julie Carlson  
Cory Faist  
Mary Feilmeier  
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 Public Hearing was held at 7:00 PM in the council chambers at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest in the proposed budget for the fiscal 2016-2017 as published in the Chronicle on February 25, 2016 may appear and be heard for or against the adoption of the proposed budget or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were present either for or against said budget. Hearing was closed.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 8th day of March, 2016. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a roll call as follows: Present: Doug Gulley, Brian Pickhinke, and Melissa Freese. Absent: William Cougill and Mary Ann Brinkman. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese to approve the consent agenda including; agenda, minutes, approval of a one night liquor license for Outlaws Bar and Grill to serve at the Pheasants Forever banquet March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and bills for payment. Ayes: Pickhinke, Gulley, Freese. Absent: Cougill, and Brinkman., Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 16-03 – Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 -2017 as Published in the Chronicle on February 25, 2016 was offered by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Gulley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Freese, Pickhinke, and Gulley. Nays: None. Absent: Brinkman and Cougill. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

The farm lease for the 5.27 acres around well #2 was reviewed by the city council. City council instructed the city attorney to make changes to lease. City attorney will make the changes and sent it to the renter.

Councilor Pickhinke shared some citizen complaints that he had received regard junk and junk vehicles and instructed the city clerk to service notice to the property owners.

City Council discussed the upcoming garbage rate increase due to the increase in the Sac County Landfill rates. They also decided that this year's city wide cleanup day will be May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. 7:55 pm – Councilor Brinkman arrived

Ray Musselman, D.P.W. reported to the city council that the sewer lines from South Ave to the Lagoon were televised, jet/vac cleaned and, roots found in the line were cut. He recommends that the city remove the trees causing the root problems, reline 382 feet of sewer line and refurbish the manhole located at the entrance of the lagoon. City Council agreed with Mr. Musselman and instructed him to begin the process of the tree removal, lining sewers and refurbishing the manhole. Ray also reported that the DNR conducted a sanitary survey inspection February 18, 2016 and found no deficiencies, but had some recommendations. Ray report on the roads projects for Walnut Street a quote was received from Blacktop services. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke to hire Blacktop Service Co. to install hot asphalt strengthening and oil and pea rock single seal between Third Street and Sixth on Walnut Street. On roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Freese, Gulley, and Brinkman. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill. The D.P.W. will contract a company to get a price on doing some street patching as well.

Hometown Pride Committee report that they have raised enough money with grants, fundraisers, and private donation to order the new street name signs, also that they applied for a paint Iowa beautiful grant to paint the concession stand and the dug out's at the ball field.

Tree Committee report that they received a 1000.00 grant from MidAmerican "Trees Please" Program and they will buy the trees this spring on in the fall and Brian Pickhinke has volunteered to plant them.

Sheriff's January and February written reports were available for review.

Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin reported on the cost of the cell closure project and the building a transfer station and office space facilities will cost approximately \$1,530,000.

Resolution 16-04 – Approving and Authorizing the Sac County Solid Waste Agency to Undertake the Projects and to Issue the Bonds for each of the Projects was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Freese. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Gulley, Brinkman, Pickhinke, and Freese. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill. A motion was made by Councilor Freese and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM on voice vote.

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

## A Message from the Mayor,

The City Council decided this month to do some overlay work on Walnut Street this summer. We will also have just some patch work done on other streets. This is a small start but the best we can do with the funds that we have available for streets.

Home Town Pride committee has ordered new street signs and they should be here before too long. They have received enough grants and money from fund raising activity to pay for the new signs.

City-wide cleanup day will be on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Start getting your things together that you want to dispose of. (Appliances, electronics and tires will not be removed by the city.)

The City is going to have some maintenance work done on some of the sewer main and a manhole. By doing maintenance on sewer mains, hopefully we can prevent having major problems in the future. The unseen infrastructure of the city (water and sewer mains) can easily not even be thought of until there is a major breakdown. I feel that the Early City Council has been being pro-active on these matters for quite a few years. Maintenance work although not cheap is a lot more cost effective than major reconstruction work would be.

*Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor*

American Flags for Sale  
3 x 5 American flag \$20.00  
Interested? Contact Early American Legion  
Open Mon - Fri 4pm - ?

**Early City Wide Clean  
Up Day  
May 4th , 2015**

## Library News

Hello Everyone!

Thank you to all the community members for coming out to the Early Public Library Craft & Vendor Show. I ended up with 19 vendors total. We did have a good crowd come through the Library that night. I want to thank Mayor Sharon Irwin for helping me clean up after the show. She was a big help. The proceeds from this event will towards our Summer Reading Program and more books for our youth.

I am still processing new books and DVD's. Some new titles are:  
Playing with Fire by Tess Gerritsen  
Depraved Heart by Patricia Cornwell  
Wild Orchids by Jude Deveraux  
Heartwishes by Jude Deveraux

If you haven't read The Nightengale by Kristin Hannah, I highly recommend it. I can't seem to keep in the Library for too long.

Thanks to Delta Gulley we have received several new movies for our collection:  
The Peanuts Movie  
Goosebumps  
Crimson Peak  
Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse

The Library will be closed on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Its the day after Good Friday and I will be gone for a family matter. I hope everyone has a great Easter!

Cindy Garthoff, Library Director