

September 2022

# CITY OF EARLY

## City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

### City Council

Bill Cougill  
Brian Pickhinke  
Summer Schmitt  
Tim Langner  
Becky Blackman

Council Meeting-1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
Lexi Bainbridge, Clerk  
Kris Alesch, P.W. Director

Keith Horan, Fire Chief

Fire Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

### Library Board

Cory Faist - President  
Julie Carlson  
Julie Wadsley  
Sue Loggins  
Becki Petersen - Secretary  
Board Meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6th day of September 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, Becky Blackman, Tim Langner. Absent Summer Schmitt, Bill Cougill A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, approval of New Volunteer Fireman Brady Luy and Resignation of Josh Berg. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. Citizen Input- A few residents had come forth with questions/concerns in regard to potentially adding security camera(s) at the City Park on 3rd Street as there has been quite a lot of misuse with the equipment resulting in damages in particular to the infant swing set. Members of the council discussed the options of having the Sheriff Office patrol the area a bit more frequently and then going to those household(s) that may have direct correlation with the damages, with the Sheriff Office, members of the council didn't feel like this would be beneficial as it would be difficult to pinpoint who would be causing these issues. Council agreed to get price quotes on security cameras placed to help potentially discourage the misuse of the equipment. City Clerk is to come back to Council with the estimates and decision will be made at the next regular meeting. Wes Boyer with Bolton & Menk Engineering was present to discuss final bills for the 2nd Street Water Main. More information to be coming forth. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman pending the reviewal of Planning and Zoning Committee to approve building permits #802. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. The City Clerk brought two quotes to Council to discuss updating the City Website to accommodate the technology advancement as the current website is around 15 years old. Heartland Marketing Group had two quotes for a custom website and a semi-custom website to help meet the growing needs of our community and the technology. Council was advised to look over other towns in Sac County to see what they may like to see in a new website. City clerk is to reach out to HMG in regard to seeing examples of each option website that they have done to make comparison. Council discussed Rental Inspections again as more information was given, the City clerk gave each member a current map of all rentals located within City Limits. There are more than 35 landlords and over 70 rental units. The Council stated that they would not consider rental inspections at the current time but may view it in the future. Council did want the City Clerk to contact Region XII and have them make a contract to view for Nuisance Abatements. This will be reviewed next month. City Attorney was present. Councilor Cougill was called at 7:45 PM to have a quorum for Resolution 22-12 Authorizing and Approving the Execution of Deed for City Property- vacated Street for Cudaback Parcel purchase was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Cougill. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Blackman, Cougill. Nays: None. Abstain: Langner. Absent. Schmitt. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Council Cougill left the phone conversation at 7:56 PM. City Attorney advised the Council of the properties at parcel- 810604010014 parcel- 810604104009 have a court date set for September 20th, 2022. Parcel- 810604109009 has been placed under default judgement and will be taken to court at a later date. The monthly sheriff report, and library report was given to all members of the council. Kris Alesch, Director of Public Works presented his monthly report. A few things to note new generator is up and running out at the lagoons. We were to have a Presentation from McGuire iron in regard to the water tower, but they were unable to attend reschedule time would be Oct 4th starting at 6:15 PM before the regular council meeting. Street markings have been completed as well as all signage put back in place. Three trees in the ROW will be removed in the coming weeks at the North Park, 302 Maple Street, and 408 Maple St. These are all Ash trees that are a safety hazard. Mayor Sharon Irwin presented quickly to Council that the City was approved and awarded \$217,000 from the IEDA for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Drainage District-59 (DD-59) Project. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to close the meeting at 8:55 PM. Meeting closed.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor  
Lexi Bainbridge, City Clerk

### Recycling 101

Aluminum- Beverage Cans and Clean Aluminum Foil  
Metal Cans- Food Cans made of Steel or Tin (rinsed out)  
Glass- All Food & Beverage Jars and Bottles (Including Colored Glass)  
Plastics- All plastic cups and containers #1-7, plastic bottles, jugs, jars, yogurt containers, cottage cheese containers, margarine and whipped topping tubs, plastic "Clamshell" food containers and disposable plastic cups  
Newspapers, Paper, Magazines- Newspaper and All Inserts,

Computer and Writing Paper, Paper Beverage Cups, Junk Mail, Brown Paper Grocery Bags, File Folders, All Magazines, Paperback and Telephone Books  
Cardboard/Chipboard- Corrugated Cardboard Boxes, Dry Food Boxes such as cereal, cake mix and cracker containers (please remove liner), shoe boxes, pizza boxes, empty paper towel and toilet tissue tubes

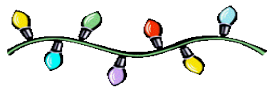
Recyclables **DO NOT** belong in the Landfill (garbage)!  
Sac County Solid Waste Agency

## EARLY FOCUS NEWS

*Congratulations to September Yard of  
the Month  
Doug Reis at 209 Linden Lane!*

### **Early FOCUS**

**Presents**



**OUR ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE TOWN EVENT**

**TO BE HELD ON**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2023 FROM 5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM**

**Craft Fair 5-8 in library**

**Basement of City Hall**

**Soup Supper TO GO Containers ARE Available**

**FREE WILL OFFERING**

**SILENT PIE/COOKIE AUCTION**

**AUCTION WILL CLOSE AT 7:15**

**Heartland Marketing Tree Will be Lit Up**

**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 27<sup>TH</sup>, DECEMBER 4, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, AND DECEMBER 18<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!**

## MAYOR'S NOTES

In the consent agenda this month Brady Luy was approved as a volunteer fireman to replace Josh Berg who has stepped down. We thank Josh for his years of service on our fire department. A City of Early updated website was discussed that would be more user friendly. More information is to be gotten before a decision is made toward how to proceed and how much it will cost. Next month we will meet with a representative from Maguire Iron to discuss the contract for the refinishing of the interior of the water tower. The Council will also meet with Region XII COG again next month to discuss a contract for their help in nuisance abatements within the city. We have received notification that we will be receiving a grant toward the retention basin in conjunction with the Drainage District 59 rebuild that goes through Early. We have yet to receive the actual notification letter and contract for this grant. It had been hoped early in the year that all this work would be completed by now. Instead, we will be looking at this project in 2023. School will be starting before we know it. Where has the summer gone? Be watchful for the children before school and after school.



## **Early Public Library**

### Events

Story Time- Every Wednesday at 10AM  
(recommend ages 0-6)

Koffee Klatch- Hosted Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday @ 9:30  
Sept 6th and Sept 20th

### Meetings

Friends of the Library Meeting- Sept 13th @ 9AM  
Board Meeting- Sept 27th @ 6PM

### Announcements

Reminder of our regular hours effective August 23rd, 2022 -  
May 31st, 2023

Sundays & Mondays: Closed

Tuesdays: 9:00AM-11:00AM, 12:30PM-4:30PM

Wednesdays: 9:00AM-11:00AM, 12:30PM-6:00PM

Thursdays: 12:30PM-4:30PM

Fridays: 12:30PM-4:30PM

Saturdays: 9:00AM-11:30AM

Closed Tuesday September, 6th in observance of Labor Day.