

March 2023

CITY OF EARLY

City Information

Sharon Irwin, Mayor

City Council

Bill Cougill
Brian Pickhinke
Summer Schmitt
Tim Langner
Becky Blackman

Council Meeting - 1st Tuesday
Lexi Houston, Clerk
Kris Alesch, D.P.W. Super.

Keith Horan, Fire Chief
Fire Meeting - 2nd Wednesday

Library Board

Cory Faist - President
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 7th day of March 2023. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Becky Blackman, Summer Schmitt, Tim Langner, Bill Cougill, Brian Pickhinke. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, Resignation of Fire Fighter Aaron Wallace/ Approval of new member John James Weber, Approval of Sac County Pheasants Forever Liquor License. On show of hands: Ayes: Blackman, Schmitt, Langner, Cougill, Pickhinke. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to approve building permit #805-604 N Main St garage addition and building permit #806- 504 N Main St garden shed addition. On a show of hands. Ayes: Blackman, Schmitt, Langner, Cougill, Pickhinke. Motion passed. City Attorney was not present. Kris Alesch, Director of Public Works presented his monthly report. Short report moved quite a bit of snow this past month. Installed a new water heater at the fire station. One of the current water softeners had gone down due to a plugged drain line, fixed and now up and running again. We have been working on the alleyways quite a bit this past month as they are taking a beating from the weather. We have been back dragging and filling holes as we go to try and keep up with the change. The City Sweeper is currently down due to the trash conveyor and have ordered parts and have been working on getting it up and running before spring. A motion was made by Councilor Cougill and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to close the meeting at 7:20 PM. Meeting closed.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor
Lexi Houston, City Clerk

Reminder that on March 12th is Daylight Savings Time. Turn those clocks ahead!

Also have a great St. Patrick's Day make sure you wear your green.



Bring on the Spring time flowers already!! ➡

Snow Ordinance is in effect 11/1/22 to 3/31/23. No parking on streets from midnight to 7:00 AM.

EARLY FOCUS NEWS

Early Crossroads Days JULY 15, 2023

ALL DAY- Softball Tourney- Dana Morris 712-346-8918

10AM- BIG PARADE Registration @ 830AM Abu Bekr Rat Patrol - Ridge View Middle School line up

11AM- 1PM Noon Meal- Shelter House- (Friends of the Library)

11AM- 1PM Hayrides & Special K'z Balloon Artist- Shelter House- (Friends of the Library)

11AM-4PM Bingo- City Hall Basement (Schaller Crestland Rec)

12:30PM Kid's Water Fights (Early Fire)

2PM Water fights- (Early Fire)

5PM - 7PM Evening Meal - City Hall Basement (Early FOCUS)

5PM Cow Pie Bingo- Winner Wait & Watch- (Early Fire)

8PM-12AM- Beer Garden (Merton V Hair Legion)

Entertainment: Cotton Creek Entertainment DJ

Registration Forms found at www.earlyia.com under Community & Events/ Early Crossroad Days

We are still needing Donations to help fund our annual events. Donations can be sent to PO BOX 117 Early, IA 50535.

MAYOR'S NOTES

We had a rather short meeting this month. There was not a lot on the agenda.

Progress on Drainage District 59 is still at a standstill until the archeological study can be completed. It is hoped that bids for the project can be done in April.

The new water treatment plant completion is somewhere in the future of this year. Controls for the operation of the plant are the biggest holdup. This is nothing different than a lot of projects everywhere: trouble getting the necessary parts and supplies.

Several months ago you should have received a letter requesting information about the type of plumbing that you have in your house. This isn't something that the City has dreamt up, the EPA and Iowa DNR are requiring all cities to develop this historic information. If you haven't completed this information yet, please do so and submit it to the City Clerk's Office. If you no longer have that sheet, you can contact Lexi and get another copy to complete.

Although it is snowing (Again) as I write this, spring is coming. My daffodils in front of the house are already about 2 inches above the ground. We will soon have to be doing yard work.

City Clerk's Office

PENALTIES FEES NOW APPLY AS OF MARCH 1ST. I HAVE SEVERAL RESIDENTS WHO HAVE YET TO GET TO ME WITH THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS YOU HAVE UNTIL MARCH 31ST TO REGISTER BEFORE CIVIL ACTIONS ARE TAKEN.

If your pet has recently passed within the year please let me know as your pet is still on file with the City and showing as a violation.



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 and a small picture. Penalty Licenses for fixed animals are \$20.00 per pet and \$30.00 for non fixed animals. If your pets vaccine are outdated and you are waiting until they get their renewal shots do NOT wait to get them registered with the City. You may always bring in their renewal paperwork. I prefer not to take anyone to court because you didn't register your pet(s). Thank you.

Early Public Library

Events

Story Time- Every Wednesday at 10:00AM (recommended for ages 0-6)

(Sac County Naturalist visiting story time on March 8th)

Koffee Klatch- Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30AM

(March 7th & March 21st)

Adult Easter Egg Hunt (18 and older)- March 31st at 7:00PM

Meetings

Friends of the Library Meeting- March 14th at 9:00AM

Book Club Meeting- March 25th at 10:00AM

Board Meeting- March 28th at 6:00PM

Announcements

The library will be open 2:00PM-4:30PM on Friday, March 10th due to out of town training.

If you're ever unable to not make it into the library during normal business hours, please reach out by phone 712-273-5334 or by email earlylibrary@gmail.com and we will make arrangements to help get you a book or whatever else you may need.

Our Koffee Klatch is looking to gather together favorite recipes and create a cookbook. If you'd like to have some of your recipes featured, come join us at our next coffee group or bring your recipes into the library! Recipes are due by May 1st.