

September 2023

# 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 Wallace, Clerk

Kris Alesch, D.P.W. Super.

Keith Horan, Fire Chief

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

### Library Board

Corey 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 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: Brian Pickhinke, Summer Schmitt, Becky Blackman. Absent: Bill Cougill Tim Langner. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, Special Class C Retail Liquor License (Lucky Wife Wine Slushies), Resignation of Crystal Langner for Planning and Zoning Committee. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman. Motion passed. Citizen Input- Annie O'Dell had a written request for review of renaming Tennis Court Road. She was not present. The request was made due to the fact that Tennis Court Road does not show up on Google Maps and is hard to find along with the fact that the Tennis Court is now gone. She requested that the City change the name to 'Historical Early Lane', and she had offer to pay all fees associated with the changes. The Council had discussed the idea of changing the name, but they feel that to keep the integrity of the history of "Tennis Court Road" that they do not want to change the name. The Council does want the City Clerk to make sure that the street name does appear on the "map" and do research to make that happen. Citizen Input- Robert Dick had a verbal request that the Class of 1970 plant memorial trees at the City Park (Shelter house) to help replace the existing dead but also paying contribute to those who have passed. The Council was in agreement with the donation of the trees and thank Mr. Dick of the class's generous donation. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to approve the following building permit: Permit 808- Sollars. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the following building permit: Permit 814- Saltsman / Survey. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the following building permit: Permit 815 - Rohlfsen. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to approve the following building permit: Permit 816- Livermore, A. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the following building permit: Permit 817- Danielzuk. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Motion passed. The council was updated on the DD-59 Storm Water Project and given a timeline of dates for processing. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to Set Date for Bid Letting for October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @10:00 AM. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to set the date for public hearing to approve plans, specifications, form of contact, and engineer's estimate of cost for Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:00 PM. Resolution 23-09 Adopting Marketing Agreement with Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc. d/b/a Service Line Warranties of America was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman. Absent: Cougill, Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Ordinance 330 – Amending Provisions Pertaining To Liquor Licenses And Cigarette And Tobacco Permits 1<sup>st</sup> reading was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill, Langner. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to wave the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> final reading. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Nays: None. Absent: Cougill, Langner. Whereupon the Mayor declared said ordinance duly adopted. A copy of said ordinance is attached hereto and by reference made a part thereof. Ordinance 331 – Amending Provisions Pertaining To Fiscal Management 1<sup>st</sup> reading was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman. Nays: None. Absent: Cougill, Langner. A motion was made by Councilor Schmitt and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to wave the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> final reading. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman, Nays: None. Absent: Cougill, Langner. Whereupon the Mayor declared said ordinance duly adopted. A copy of said ordinance is attached hereto and by reference made a part thereof. The City Attorney was not present. Kris Alesch, Director of Public Works presented his monthly report. The Public Library submitted their FY2023 Annual Report for the Councils review. The Early Fire and Rescue was awarded \$12,864.00 from the Renze Charitable Trust for new Bunker Gear. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke seconded by Councilor Schmitt to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. Meeting closed.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor  
Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

## EARLY FOCUS



PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**EARLYS  
LIGHT  
UP THE  
TOWN**  
**NOVEMBER  
18**  
**5:30-7:30 PM**  
BASEMENT OF THE LEGION  
DRINKS SERVED  
FREE WILL SOUP SUPPER  
CRAFT FAIR  
SILENT AUCTION-  
CLOSE AT 7:15  
LIGHTING OF THE HEARTLAND  
TREE

## MAYOR'S NOTES

This month's council meeting was rather uneventful and short.

Crystal Langner resigned from the P/Z Committee and Dean Cuthrell was appointed to complete her term.

The school class of 1970 is graciously donating some memorial trees to be planted in the City Park when the dying trees are removed. Thank you to them.

The November Council meeting will start with a Public Hearing on the Drainage District 59 plans, specifications and form of contract and estimate of costs for that project.

The Council adopted a marketing agreement with Utility Service Partners. What that means is that residential citizens may purchase insurance to cover possible costs of sewer and water repairs.

As stated last month, we are getting closer to the startup of our new water treatment plant. In fact, it may be in operation by the end of this month. Can hardly believe that it is finally almost here!!

## *City Clerk's Office*

**We are currently in a Water Warning Tier 1- please limit water usage. If you would like to see a full report of what you can and cannot use please see flyers at City Hall, Post Office, Bank or on our website at [earlyia.com](http://earlyia.com) and look for Important Notices on the Home Screen. If you have any concerns or questions please reach out to a council member or public employee.**

## **Early Public Library**

### Year Round Scheduled Events

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

Koffee Klatch- Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30AM (Sept 5th & Sept 19th)

### Meetings

Friends of the Library Meeting- Sept 15th at 9:00AM

Board Meeting- Sept 20th at 6:00PM

Book Club Meeting- Sept 30th at 10:00AM

### Announcements

#### Regular hours:

Tuesdays: 9:00am-11:00am, 12:30am-4:30pm

Wednesdays: 9:00am-11:00am, 12:30pm-6:00pm

Thursdays: 12:30pm-4:30pm

Fridays: 12:30pm-4:30pm

Saturdays: 10:00am-12:00pm

Closed Sundays and Mondays

The Library will be closed Sept 1st-Sept 5th