

December 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 Wallace, Clerk

Kris Alesch, D.P.W. Super.

Keith Horan, Fire Chief

Fire Meeting - 2nd Wednesday

Library Board

Corey 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 Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 21st day of November 2023. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sharon Ann Irwin called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Summer Schmitt, Becky Blackman. Absent: Tim Langner, Bill Cougill. Resolution 23-13 FY2023 Street Financial Report (SFR) was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Schmitt, Blackman. Absent: Langner, Cougill. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to close the meeting at 6:14 PM.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 12th day of December 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, Bill Cougill, Summer Schmitt. Absent: Becky Blackman, Tim Langner. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, and bills for payment, approval of Liquor License- Lucky Wife Wine Slushies Inc. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt. Motion passed.

Citizen Input- Aliva/Adrienne McPhail- members of the Early Achievers 4-H group had presented to Council on poured rubber mulch and requested if the council would approve this improvement to the Lion's Cub Park (Third St Park). The 4-H group will be taking donations of any kind and also applying for grants to help achieve this goal. The council was in agreement to allow the Early Achievers to pursue the necessary funding for improvement to the City Park. The Adaptive swing is in place and they thanked Kris Alesch for his help with the installation. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Schmitt for notice of intent to fill vacancy by appointment and to set date to fill said vacancy on Jan 2nd, 2023 at the next regular council meeting. On a show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Cougill, Schmitt. Motion passed. The City Attorney was not present.

The annual wage review was given to council members. With lack of all council members present they chose to table the subject until next regular council meeting. Kris Alesch, Director of Public Works presented his monthly report. Sheriff Ken McClure was not present. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke seconded by Councilor Cougill to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM. Meeting closed.

Sharon Ann Irwin, Mayor

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MAYOR'S NOTES

The council heard a presentation by Alivia & Adrienne McPhail concerning putting new ground cover around the playground equipment on Third Street. This is to be a project of the Early Achievers 4-H Club. The Council supports this effort of the 4-H Club and is grateful for their efforts for the community.

The Council set the next regular council meeting on January 2, 2024, as the date to appoint an individual to fill the remaining term of Mayor-Elect Bill Cougill on the council. The balance of this term is two years.

The new water treatment plant is on line most of the time. There are still a number of issues to get ironed out before it is completely going. The City will be moving forward with getting information on every building in the community as to what type of water service lines they have. This is a requirement by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. All of this has to be completed before October of 2024. Please help to get this information completed to help avoid penalties from these agencies.

I guess this is my swan song! It has been my honor and privilege to serve Early as your mayor the past twelve years. The Lord has led me these past twelve years in serving as your mayor. I couldn't have done it without His guidance. We did not accomplish everything I would have liked to see done but we have moved forward in a number of areas. Please support the new administration going forward.

I want to wish everyone a blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

City Clerk's Office

Reminder: All pets are required to be licensed by the end of FEBRUARY to avoid a late penalty of an additional \$10.00/pet. If you are found in violation of a renewal after MARCH 31st, you will receive a fine starting at \$750.00 for 1st offense violations. If you no longer have your pet, please let the City Office know with proof by vet. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. There are NEW Registration forms. They are available to print off at www.earlyia.com, City Hall, or you can register online at earlyia.frontdeskworks.com.

Reminder that our Snow Ordinance will be in effect from Nov 1st - March 31st. No Parking on City Streets/Alleyways from 12AM- 7AM

Early Public Library

Year-Round Scheduled Events

Story Time- Every Wednesday at 10:00am
(December 13th-Sac County Naturalist visits)

After School Program- Every Wednesday at 4:15pm
(Will not be hosting on December 27th)

Koffee Klatch- Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:30am
(December 5th & December 19th)

Seasonal Events

Annual Christmas Event- Saturday, December 9th 11am-1pm
Daddy/Daughter Dance- Saturday, February 10th 6pm-8pm

Meetings

Friends of the Library Meeting- December 12th at 9am
Board Meeting- December 5th at 6pm
Book Club- December 20th at 5pm

Announcements

****Join us Saturday, December 16th from 2pm-4pm to celebrate Sharon Irwin's 51 years of service to our community. This will be held in the library with cake and drinks served.****

Our Hours:

Tuesdays: 9:00am-4:30pm
Wednesdays: 9:00am-6:00pm
Thursdays: 1:30pm-4:30pm
Fridays: 1:30pm-4:30pm
Saturdays: 10:00am-12:00pm
Closed Sundays and Mondays

The library will be closed Saturday, December 16th. The library will also be closed Saturday, December 23rd-Tuesday, December 26th.