

January 2024

# CITY OF EARLY

## City Information

Bill Cougill, Mayor

### City Council

Brian Pickhinke

Tim Langner

Christine Madden

Brandon Scadden

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor William Cougill called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Tim Langner, Brandon Scadden. Absent: Becky Blackman. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Scadden to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, excluding the bills at this time due to a conflict of interest. On show of hands: Ayes: Langner, Scadden, Pickhinke. Motion passed. Citizen Input- Kendall Freese was present to discuss a solution with the council on what should happen to the sewer main behind his residence. This has not been the first time that sewage has backed up into his basement due to the lack of knowledge of his neighbors up the stream for use of wet wipes being flushed. He sits at the lowest level of elevation compared to that of his neighbors and has not had a good time thereafter. Kris Alesch, Supt of DPW has been aware of Kendall's issue and believes the City needs to televise that line to show what hazards may or may not be causing this sewage line backage. Council agreed with Kris to have the line televised come Spring of 2024 to see what may need to be done on the Main. Becky Blackman present 6:04PM. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by council Scadden to approve the bills for payment. On a show of hands. Ayes: Langner, Blackman, Scadden. Abstain: Pickhinke. Motion passed. A letter of consideration of the council appointment came from Christine Madden and Cory Tiefenthaler. Resolution 24-01 Appointing a Council Member (Christine Madden) to fill a vacancy for a term expiring December 31 st , 2025 was offered by Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Blackman, Scadden. The City Attorney was not present. The City Clerk brought to the attention of council asking for a Part Time Deputy Clerk. It has been tabled by Councilor Blackman, Clerk is to report a daily task of her duties at the office and bring back a listing of some tasks that would be potentially relieved by an additional staff member. The annual wage review was given to council members. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to increase full time staff by 3.5% increase and part time staff will increase by .40 cents and back date to January 1st, 2024. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Blackman, Scadden. Motion passed. Kris Alesch, Director of Public Works presented his monthly report. He made aware to council of the residents at 104 W Main St that they should be given some relieve of the utility billing towards the water. The treatment plant being substantially operational, the residents at this location are located at a dead-end water line which causes the water to settle with debris at times. Rust has been causing havoc on their home and clothing having them to use extra washes to get stains out. He also stated that to eliminate the rust to take the meter off and run a hose out to rid it from the lines. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to forgive partial of 104 W Main St water for two months billing and to have Kris work with the residents to rid the rust out of the lines. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Blackman, Scadden. Motion passed. Sheriff Ken McClure was not present. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke seconded by Councilor Scadden to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. Meeting closed.

William Cougill, Mayor  
Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

## 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](http://www.earlyia.com) , City Hall, or you can register online at [earlyia.frontdeskworks.com](http://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  
(January 10-Sac County Naturalist visits & no story time January 31)

After School Program- Every Wednesday at 4:15pm  
(Will not be hosting on January 3rd)

Koffee Klatch- Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:30am  
(Will not be hosting January 2nd)

### Seasonal Events

Daddy/Daughter Dance- Saturday, February 10th 6pm-8pm  
(Registration Required)

Sip & Paint- Saturday, February 24th at 5pm  
(Registration Required)

### Meetings

Board Meeting- January 3rd at 6pm  
Book Club- January 24th at 5pm

### Announcements

#### 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 January 2nd in observance of New Years Day. The library will be closed January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

\*The library will be closed Saturdays in January.

