

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 3rd day of September 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, Brandon Scadden, Christine Madden, Becky Blackman, Absent: Tim Langner. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Madden to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilor Madden and seconded by Councilor Scadden to approve building permit(s): Permit #831- R. Garthoff. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed.

The council was updated with a monthly Engineering Report from the DD-59 project. A citizen spoke about how much rock and metal debris has been left in their yard and they have had quite a bit to pick up before they can mow. There was another complaint about the basin that the resident wanted the weeds addressed also. B. Pickhinke had brought up that his family's field had been flooding due to a partial culvert blockage. The City and the County are currently investigating this issue furthermore to determine who is responsible for the culvert and will proceed forward with clean out.

A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Scadden to not accept the Change Order #3 or Empire Excavation Pay application #7 of \$29,591.83 until there is cleanup being made. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed.

Resolution 24-12 Approving the hiring of Kristine Luy as Deputy City Clerk was offered by Councilor Madden and seconded by Councilor Scadden. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Absent: Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Councilor B. Pickhinke had brought to the attention of the council the number of trees that are needing trimmed that overhang onto City Streets that are on private properties and suggest we start sending letters for a reminder that in the Ordinances they are to maintain the trees. If residents don't comply within a certain time frame, then the City can go in and trim the trees and associate the costs back to the property owner. Kris Alesch, Public works stated that this fall would not work for him to do any trimming of that extent due to the mandated surveys that are still needed for Utility Service Lines. The council suggested that we gather information about whose property needs trimmed and start by sending them a letter of compliance and can work towards next spring for the City to come in and start to trim trees that haven't been done.

Sheriff Ken McClure and Chief Deputy Katie Stange were present. They updated the council on dates of public meetings that will be held for the Jail bond that will be on the upcoming elections.

The City Attorney was present.

B. & C. Bainbridge returned in regard to the letter they received from Region XII for the "two rusted junk vehicles". They voiced their concerns to the council and the City Attorney about how they would like to be able to keep the vehicles as they are in the current location for display. No new information was presented. This item will be tabled until the next council meeting for further review.

The Library Board submitted their annual FY2024 Report for council review.

The Clerk reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment in the consent agenda:

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23.38

IPERS	IPERS	853.02
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	54.37
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	847.58
ADAM JOHNSON ELECTRIC	LED LIGHTING UPGRADE	4,665.99
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	FUEL	94.32
DONS PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	45
STORM LAKE FIRE DEPT	FIRE SCHOOL	195
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	306.97
KRIS ALESCH	PHONE STIPEND	15
RUDD SANITATION & RECYCLE	GARBAGE & RECYCLE	9,886.60
RUDD SANITATION & RECYCLE	GARBAGE & RECYCLE	2,070.00
BOMGAARS	MOSQUITO CONTROL	23.48
IOWA AUTOMOTIVE MACHINE	FOGGER REPAIR	38.3
ALLEGIANT TECHNOLOGY	CLOUD FAX	89.96
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	484.95
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	113.24
G & K FABRICATION	EARLY LIB SIGN	400
GORDON FLESCH CO, INC	PRINTING	51.27
KRISTINE LUY	PHONE STIPEND	20
NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	26.8
OVERDRIVE, INC	FY25 BRIDGES CONTRACT	440.88
CAPITAL ONE	LIB SUPPLIES/MOVIES	62.37
BOMGAARS	PARK SUPPLIES	102.52
ENGEL AGRI SALES CO	MOWER	27.74
LANDUS	WEED SPRAY	42.66
SCHMITT CONTRACTING	TREE REMOVAL	390
THOMSON-STRACKE IMPLEMENT	MOWER TIRE	32.75
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NOLL EXCAVATION	D. DETERMANN-FULL BURIAL	925
PHIL DAVIS	CEMETERY MOWING	2,550.00
PICKHINKE BACKHOE	CITY SIGN GRANT	670
REGION XII	NUISANCE ABATEMENT	600
SCHMITT CONTRACTING	CITY SIGN- GRANT	2,000.00
AMAZON.COM	CLERK SUPPLIES	87.66
CHRONICLE	PUBLICATIONS	224
FRONTIER COMMUNICATION	TELEPHONE	157.68
GOOGLE	GSUITES	7.2
POSTMASTER	CERTIFIED MAIL	16.84
SCHALLER HERALD	WANT AD-DEPUTY CLERK	108.92
VISUAL EDGE IT	COPIER	42.51
CAPITAL ONE	LIB SUPPLIES/MOVIES	45.38
WELLS FARGO	COPIER LEASE	29.66
DAVE JENNETT, P.C.	LEGAL FEES	2,555.00
BOMGAARS	CLERKS AC	345.38
CULLIGAN	SUPPLIES	17.5
DONS PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	120

MENARDS-FORT DODGE	BUILDING MAINT.	30.93
MGM PLUMBING & HEATING	CITY BUILDING-HVAC	5,700.00
POWER SOLUTIONS	MUNICIPAL BUILDING	801.65
IPERS	IPERS	54.2
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	52.74
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	STREET SUPPLIES	405
KING WELDING & REPAIR LLC	STREET REPAIR	24.5
LANDUS	WEED SPRAY	42.66
SCHMITT CONTRACTING	3RD & OAK CONCRETE	1,021.50
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	FUEL	216.73
LARSON OIL	FUEL	653.46
LARSON OIL	FUEL	1,960.41
IOWA AUTOMOTIVE MACHINE	SWEEPER REPAIR	201.41
MED COMPASS	PHYSICALS	285
TRUE NORTH	CONSULT FEE-AUG INSTALL	187.2
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EMPIRE EXCAVATING	PAY APP#6	55,109.50
REGION XII	DD59 BILL #9	3,337.00
BOK FINANCIAL	GO BOND OBLIGATION	300
SAC COUNTY TREASURER	DD59 PROPERTY PURCHASE	222
MIDWEST COATINGS CO, INC	2024 STREET REPAIRS	486,020.50
AFLAC	AFLAC	58.32
IPERS	IPERS	1,243.57
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	262.56
TRIONFO SOLUTIONS, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	15
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	1,531.95
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	INSURANCE	49.99
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	90.32
DILLON KUNNEKE	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	358.4
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER TESTING	390.5
HACH COMPANY	CHEMICALS	723.15
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	CHEMICALS	980.77
IA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WATER SERVICE EXCISE	897.56
IAMU	Q3-SAFTEY TRAINING	430
IOWA ONE CALL	Locates	38
KRIS ALESCH	PHONE STIPEND	15
PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESAL	CHLORINE ANALYZER	83.29
RAYMOND MUSSELMAN	LOCATES-LABOR	120
RONALD FEILMEIER	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	33.6
TRUE NORTH	CONSULT FEE-AUG INSTALL	20.8
VISUAL EDGE IT	COPIER	63.75
WELLS FARGO	COPIER LEASE	29.66
WERNER SEWER AND SEPTIC LLC	WATER MAIN REPAIR-	1,545.96
AFLAC	AFLAC PRETAX	58.3
IPERS	IPERS	1,243.55
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	STATE TAXES	262.53

TRIONFO SOLUTIONS, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	15
US TREASURY	FED/FICA TAXES	1,531.91
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	INSURANCE	49.98
IOWA DNR	NPDES PERMIT	210
LANDUS	WEED SPRAY	42.8
NEW CENTURY FS	LP TANK RENT	9
REHAB SYSTEMS INC	SEWER CLEANING	1,280.00
TRUE NORTH	CONSULT FEE-AUG INSTALL	20.8
VISUAL EDGE IT	COPIER	63.74
WELLS FARGO	COPIER LEASE	29.68
TOTAL		<u>614,749.95</u>

GENERAL	41,711.17
ROAD USE TAX	4,906.69
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	659.4
DRAINAGE DISTRICT-DD59	58,968.50
2024 STREET REPAIR/CULVERT	486,020.50
WATER UTILITY	13,324.34
SEWER UTILITY	<u>9,159.35</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	614,749.95

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke seconded by Councilor Blackman to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Meeting closed.

William Cougill, Mayor

Lexi Wallace, City Clerk