

July 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 Public Hearing was held at 6:01 PM on the 2nd day of July 2024 in the municipal building at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest to be heard and have their opinions made known on the stormwater improvement project that is underway. This project was funded in part through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. No residents or taxpayers were for or against the said stormwater improvement project. The hearing closed at 6:02 PM. A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 2nd day of July 2024. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor William Cougill called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM with roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Brandon Scadden, Christine Madden, Becky Blackman, Tim Langner. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. B. & C. Bainbridge were present to discuss a Region XII letter that they had received in regard to "two rusted junk vehicles", and a "junk Blue Mustang". The council reviewed photos that both the Nuisance abatement representative had and current photos that the resident had taken. A few members of the council agreed that the resident had said "junk" vehicles looking nice on rock with timbers lined, and a USA Flagpole near one of the vehicles. A member of the council suggested that the City look into reviewing the ordinance for definitions of "junk vehicle" and add a definition of a "lawn decoration". The Council informed the residents that they will speak with the City Attorney to see what can be done. At this time the letter that was received will be held until that time. J. Myers was present to discuss a Region XII letter that he received and wanted to discuss with the council the updates on the property. Mr. Myers wishes to sell said property and will or has since cleaned up around the property and wanted to inform the council that he is willing to work with them on anything that is needed. The Council appreciated his time and efforts to maintain the property's upkeep. The Council reviewed the rest of the Nuisance Abatement letters that were sent out- No discussion. A motion as made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Madden to approve Change Order #2 for the DD-59 Contract for an increase in the contract price of \$2,400.00. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Madden to approve Empire Excavation Pay application #5 of \$29,406.30. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. The Council was updated on the status of the financial audit. The City Clerk stated at this time there have been no submittals for RFPs from any of the four CPA firms that the City had reached out to in the area. The State of Iowa is aware of this that they are to perform our audit but are unsure of the timeframe of when it will work from them.- No discussion. A proposal for LED lighting upgrades for the City of Early was presented to council. ROI Energy works with MidAmerican Energy to financially help make this possible. MidAmerican Energy funds 60% of installed costs. The proposal offered upgrades throughout 5 facilities within the City. Overall project cost would be \$22,944 with savings of \$13,050 funded by MidAmerican. The total out of pocket cost is \$9,894 paid by the City of Early. Upgrading the lighting will bring an annual return of 16% or a lifetime cash return of \$78,482.00. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Scadden to approve and move forward with the LED lighting upgrades across all 5 facilities as presented. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. The City Attorney was not present. The City Clerk presented updated logo ideas from Heartland Marketing Group. The council discussed tweaking one certain logo that was created and to see how the final option would be after the adjustments. A motion was made by Councilor Langner seconded by Councilor Scadden to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Meeting closed.

William Cougill, Mayor  
Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

## City Clerk's Office

To participate in our email listing for Newsletters, please email [cityclerk@earlyia.com](mailto:cityclerk@earlyia.com).

A reminder that Utility Rates have increased for Garbage, Sewer, Water, and Water Improvement on July 1st, 2024. This is roughly a 2% increase for maintenance/future repairs. Increase for Garbage will be \$21.49 for Inside City and \$42.98 for Outside City. Sewer has increased to \$22.20 for the first 2,000 gallons and a rate of \$11.15 for each 1,000 gallons thereafter. Water has increased to \$31.30 for

the first 2,000 gallons and a rate of \$15.65 for each 1,000 gallons thereafter. The Water Improvement fee increased to \$33.25.

## Early Public Library

### Summer Library Programs

July 3rd—Story Time @ 10am

July 10th—Sac County Naturalist @ 10am

June 18th—Dance Camp w/ Brookelynn @ 1pm

July 31st—Softball w/ Savannah @ 10am

### Crossroads Days

July 20th 11am-1pm —Join us for lunch, tractor hay rides, and face painting under the tent on Main Street!

### Year Round Programs

Koffee Klatch- Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:30am (July 2nd & June 16th)

### Meetings

Friends—July 9th at 9am

Board Meeting- July 30th at 6pm

### Announcements

Closed July 4th-6th

Closed July 13th

Closed July 19th & 20th

Open July 23rd 9am-2pm

Closed July 25th-27th

### Our Hours:

Tuesdays: 9:00am-6:00pm

Wednesdays: 9:00am-2:00pm

Thursdays: 9:00am-2:00pm

Fridays: 9:00am-2:00pm

Saturdays: 10:00am-12:00pm

Closed Sundays and Mondays

## Early Focus News

2024 Early Crossroads Days

July 19, 2024- Bags Tournaments –Sign up at 5:30 Play at 6 (Early Library)

5-8 (Bingo) Schaller Crestland Rec- Basement of

City Hall

Supper Served- Menu Coming Soon!

July 20th 2024

Butcher Shoppe Customs Car Show- Registration 8-12- Awards 2-

Contact Butcher Shoppe- 515-460-3533

10:00 AM- BIG PARADE Registration @ 8:30 AM Abu Bekr Rat

Patrol – Ridge View Middle School Line Up

11:00 AM- 1:00 PM- Noon Meal Free Will Donation-Shelter House-

Friend of the Library

11:00 AM-1:00PM- Hay Rides/Face Paint/ yard games/bubble artist

12:30- Kid Water fights- Early Fire Department

2:00 PM- Water Fights- Early Fire Department

5:00 PM-7:00 PM- Evening Meal- City Hall Basement – Early FO-

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5:00- Cow Pie Bingo- Winner Wait & Watch- Early Fire Depart-

ment

8PM-Midnight- Early Legion Beer Garden

Entertainment: Cotton Creek Entertainment DJ

Registrations go to [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com)

## Sac County Solid Waste Agency

Household Hazardous Waste

Items Accepted at Sac County Transfer/Recycle Station from Sac County Residents:

Cleaning Products: bleach, drain cleaners, floor polish, furniture polish, oven cleaners, rug and upholstery cleaners, rust removers, spot removers

Fluorescent Light Tubes and Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Automotive Products: antifreeze, brake fluid, cleaners, degreasers,

fuels, motor oil, oil filters, waxes, windshield washer fluid

Cooking Oil: (though not hazardous, this can be re-used)

Household Pesticides: weed killers, bug killers, fungicides

Paint: latex and oil, spray paint, stains

Rechargeable batteries of all types

You can take these items to the landfill any time that it is open.

Any of the above listed materials should NOT go in with your garbage.

The following tips will make your visit to the Sac County Household Hazardous Waste Facility more efficient:

Leave materials in their original containers.

Be prepared to show your driver's license.

Be prepared to complete a short questionnaire concerning the products you are bringing to the Collection Center.

Any unlabeled items will be accepted but an additional questionnaire may be required.