

June 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 for FY2024 budget amendment has been postponed due to improper notification to the public. A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 4th day of June 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, 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. M. Stamp had sent an email about a few properties in town that are in disrepair near her home. She is requesting the City do something about these homes and hold the owners accountable. The City will inform the Region XII representative to keep an eye out for these properties and will proceed forward with any nuisance abatement that is necessary. R. Winchester had sent an email about the street repair on Crestview Drive as it had been roughly three weeks since they had torn up the area and the current conditions are tracking tar onto his driveway. Kris informed the council that the street repairs company were dealing with issues at their business due to the recent flooding but had a tentative schedule of coming in the next few days to a week. 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 Blackman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve Empire Excavation Pay application #4 of \$127,232.80. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. Resolution 24-09 authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement for the sale of general obligation corporate purpose bonds, series 2024 was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Motion Passed. Resolution 24-10 declaring mandatory emergency water conservation measures for users of the Early water system to be ended was offered by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Madden, On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Scadden to renew nuisance ordinance compliance inspections contract with Region XII to June 30th, 2025. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. The council reviewed the quote with Midwest Coatings for Cross Street/Crestview Drive street repairs as the City did not sign the contract prior to work. Kris stated that there was a misunderstanding and that while we did quote for Cross street, we had not signed anything for the work to be done. Midwest Coatings has accepted their mistake and offered to not charge the City for the millings but would still need to pay for the remainder of the work. Kris had been in contact with the Clerk and stated that between the two projects that were bonded we would be able to perform the remainder of the work. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Scadden to approve hiring a temporary part-time deputy clerk. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Nays: Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to hold a public hearing on July 2nd, 2024, for status of funded activities for the stormwater grant. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. The City Attorney was present. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve the library board members up for term. B. Petersen, J. Carlson, J. Wadsley will start their new term July 1st, 2024, for a six-year term. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke seconded by Councilor Madden to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Meeting closed.

William Cougill, Mayor

Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 25th day of June 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: Brandon Scadden, Christine Madden, Becky Blackman, Tim Langner. Absent: Brian Pickhinke. Brian Pickhinke called in via phone at 6:03 PM. City Attorney present. Resolution 24-11 approving a bond purchase agreement, providing for the issuance of general obligation corporate purpose bonds, series 2024, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same was offered by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Scadden, On a roll call vote. Ayes: Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner, Pickhinke (via phone). Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. The Council and members from the Merton V. Hair American Legion Post #325 (American Legion) had reviewed and discussed a lease-business agreement between the City of Early and the American Legion that was prepared by David P. Jennett. During the review of this agreement Councilor Pickhinke' background noise from the phone was being disruptive to the meeting and was asked several times to mute so discussion could continue. There was no response from Councilor Pickhinke so at 6:27 PM Mayor Cougill hung up on Councilor Pickhinke. At 6:28 PM Councilor Pickhinke called back and was told by Mayor Cougill to place himself on mute due to the background noise unless he would like to engage and be apart of the meeting. Councilor Pickhinke hung up after 20 minutes. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Madden to approve a lease-business agreement between the City of Early and American Legion. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Abstain: Pickhinke, as he did not respond. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Scadden to approve the American legion Liquor License renewal. On a show of hands. Ayes: Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Absent: Pickhinke. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman seconded by Councilor Scadden to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Meeting closed.

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## City Clerk's Office

A few reminders- Make sure ALL garbage is placed inside an approved container with a lid to keep those pesky critters out of the neighborhood. (Chapter 105.10)

Make sure your pets, particularly your dog(s), are on a leash or are well behaved and stay on your property. Also that if you leave your pets outside that they do not bark constantly, these issues are both violations of the ordinance (Chapter 55.06 and 55.08)

Make sure you are not parking your camper, boat, or any utility trailers on the streets for more than 24 hours, this is enforced by the Sheriff Office. (Chapter 68.06\*18)

Please make sure you are NOT blowing your grass, leaves or other debris onto the City streets as this can clogs the storm drains, it is also a slip hazard to bicycles and motor cycles alike. (Chapter 135.03)

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## Early Public Library

### Summer Library Programs

June 5th—Story Time @ 10am; Mikayla Oz, Magician @ 1pm

June 12th—Early Achievers at 10am

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

June 26th—Be a Juggler, See a Juggler @ 2pm

### Year Round Programs

Koffee Klatch- Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:30am  
(June 4th & June 18th)

### Meetings

Friends—June 11th at 9am

Board Meeting- June 25th at 6pm

### Announcements

Closed Wednesday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

### 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 FOCUS

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

8PM-Midnight- Early Legion Beer Garden

Entertainment: Cotton Creek Entertainment DJ

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