

May 2024

CITY OF EARLY

City Information

Bill Cougill, Mayor

City Council

Brian Pickhinke

Tim Langner

Christine Madden

Brandon Scadden

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 regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 7th day of May 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 Pickhinke to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, Casey's Permit application for Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed. B. Pickhinke representing St. Mary's Church (Sacred Heart Church) to discuss a water leak that they had the past month that increased the water utility services. The Church is requesting that the City forgive a portion of the sewer billing. The council denied that request and offered that they arrange a payment option if they choose with the City Clerk, but the entirety of the bill will be paid in full. N. Platt would like a review of his building permit that was denied last month by the council. City Attorney Dave Jennet stated that in the ordinances there was no validity to deny the permit and that the council should redact the denial and approve the permit. A motion was made by Councilor Scadden and seconded by Councilor Madden to approve the building permit# 822- N. Platt. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed. Fire Chief Keith Horan present at 6:12PM. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Madden to approve building Permit# 824- R. Merkwon. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve building permit #825- R. Carlson. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to approve Change Order #5 for the Water Treatment Plant Contract for a deduction in the contract of \$15,170.45. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Scadden to approve Pay Application #29- John T Jones \$56,902.75. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Scadden to approve Change Order #1 for the DD-59 Contract for an increase in the contract price of \$4,350.00. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve Empire Excavation Pay application #3 of \$98,158.53. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed. Resolution 20-19 a resolution approving monthly transfer of funds from Water Utility Fund and Sewer Utility Fund to the Water and Sewer Sinking Fund to pay for FY2021 SRF Loan, was offered by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Madden. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Absent: Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 21-25 a resolution approving monthly transfer of funds from Water Utility Fund and Sewer Utility Fund to the Water and Sewer Sinking Fund to pay for FY2022 SRF Loan, was offered by Councilor Pickhinke 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. Resolution 22-20 a resolution approving monthly transfer of funds from Water Utility Fund and Sewer Utility Fund to the Water and Sewer Sinking Fund to pay for FY2023 SRF Loan, was offered by Councilor Blackman 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. Resolution 23-13 a resolution approving monthly transfer of funds from Water Utility Fund and Sewer Utility Fund to the Water and Sewer Sinking Fund to pay for FY2024 SRF Loan, was offered by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Madden. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Absent: Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 24-07 a resolution approving monthly transfer of funds from Water Utility Fund and Sewer Utility Fund to the Water and Sewer Sinking Fund to pay for FY2025 SRF Loan, was offered by Councilor Blackman 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. Resolution 21-26 a resolution approving transfer of funds from the Emergency Fund to the General Fund, was offered by Councilor Scadden and seconded by Councilor Madden. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Absent: Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 22-21 a resolution approving transfer of funds from the Emergency Fund to the General Fund, was offered by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Absent: Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 23-14 a resolution approving transfer of funds from the Emergency Fund to the General Fund, was offered by Councilor Pickhinke 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. Resolution 24-06 a resolution approving the hiring of Dillon Kunneke as Public Works Maintenance was offered by Councilor Scadden and seconded by Councilor Blackman. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Absent: Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to set a public hearing date for FY 2024 Budget Amendment on June 4th, 2024. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman. Motion passed. The City Attorney was present. Council member Timothy Langner present at 6:44 PM. The City Clerk had presented to the council to decide to have a financial audit (RFP Required) or An annual exam for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2024. This was due to the budget having expenditures at \$1 million dollars within two years' time. It was recommended by the City Attorney to go out for a full financial audit. The Clerk was informed by council to go out for RFPs to do a financial audit. The City Clerk had asked council for consideration of hiring a part-time deputy clerk to help fill in with extra tasks within the office. After discussion the council will review the item next month. The City Clerk discussed with council on the upgrades of a new computer system. It is recommended that the computers be upgraded every 3 years to keep up with the ever-changing technology and growth of the business. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to approve a newer computer system. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Madden, Blackman, Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke seconded by Councilor Scadden to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Meeting closed.

William Cougill, Mayor
Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

An emergency meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 28th day of May 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, Christine Madden, Brandon Scadden, Becky Blackman. Absent: Tim Langner.

Resolution 24-08 Designate mandatory emergency water conservation measures for users of the Early Water System was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Scadden. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Madden, Scadden, Blackman. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Blackman seconded by Councilor Scadden to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 PM. Meeting closed.
William Cougill, Mayor Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

City Clerk's Office

**CLEAN UP DAY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 29TH, 2024
DURING NORMAL GARBAGE/ RECYCLE PICKUP.
PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS OUT BY 7:00 AM.**

Reminder separate into three piles. METAL, WOOD, RUBBISH/ (RECYCLING) NO appliances will be picked up this includes but not limited to TV's, microwaves, fridges, washer/dryers, etc. ALL wood material can not have any nails, or be of construction wood, it will not be picked up by City Officials. ALL rubbish must be placed in bags when able. NO throw, Tires, Electronics, Household Clean ers, Lead Base paint If you have questions on what you can/ cannot throw away please call City Hall or the Sac Co Waste Agency. Streets/Alleyways from 12AM- 7AM

To participate in our email listing for Newsletters, please email cityclerk@earlyia.com.

Early Public Library

Year-Round Scheduled Events

Story Time- Every Wednesday at 10:00am
(No Story Time on May 15th)

Koffee Klatch- Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:30am
(May 7th & May 21st)

Upcoming Seasonal Programs

Mikayla Oz, Magician-June 5th at 1pm

Early Achievers- June 12th at 10am

Dance Camp w/ Brookelynn- June 18th at 1pm

Be a Juggler- June 26th at 2pm

Meetings

Board Meeting- May 28th at 6pm

Announcements

Be on the look out for our Summer Reading Program schedule
Coming soon!

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

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