

September 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

Julie Carlson-President

Sue Loggins-Vice President

Becki Petersen - Secretary

Julie Wadsley

Corey Faist

Board Meeting - 4th Tuesday

Kristine Luy, Library Director

City of Early POP. 587

Snail Mail:

107 Main Street

PO Box 411

Early, IA 50535-0411

Phone: 712-273-5283

Fax: 712-513-2411

Email: cityclerk@earlyia.com

Website: www.earlyia.com

Official Newspaper:

The Chronicle

Online Bill Pay:

earlyia.frontdeskworks.com

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 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: 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

City Clerk's Office

To participate in our email listing for Newsletters, please email 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

Year Round Programs

Story Time-Every Wednesday at 10am

After School Program-Every Wednesday after school

Koffee Klatch- Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:30am (September 3rd & 17th)

Special Programs

Blood Pressure Clinics-September 17th at 9:30am

Chunky Yarn Pumpkins-September 23rd at 6pm (Must Register!!)

Meetings

Sac County Jail Bond Q & A—September 26th at 7pm
Board Meeting— September 30th at 6pm

Announcements

Closed September 3rd.

Closed Saturdays in September.

Regular Hours:

Tuesdays: 9:00am-4:30pm

Wednesdays: 9:00am-6:00pm

Thursdays: 12:30pm-4:30pm

Fridays: 12:30pm-4:30pm

Saturdays: 10:00am-12:00pm

Closed Sundays and Mondays

Early Focus News

We are looking for people to donate baskets to light up the town so anyone willing to do so please drop to city hall 12-4 on Saturday, November 23 2024.



Sac County Solid Waste Agency

RECYCLING CANS TO BE RECYCLED

All aluminum foil containers, tin food and beverage cans can be recycled.

Examples: aluminum or crumpled foil, foil pie plates, juice cans, canned fruit and vegetable cans and soup cans. Empty and rinse cans.

Hint: rinse the cans as soon as emptied and they are a lot easier to get any residual material out of them. Lids and labels are okay. These are made into new cans.

Furniture, furnace filters, metal pots and pans, kitchen appliances and aluminum siding are NOT recyclable.

Sac County Solid Waste Agency

Check out: <https://www.saccountyiowa.gov/landfill-information.html> for more information