

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

A few members of the community had brought to the attention of the City Clerk pictures misuse and vandalism done at the Lion's Cub Park and would like to suggest to council that some sort of surveillance be put into place. As the Early Achievers 4-H group goes out to make the park a more exclusive place for the children and adults of our community there is a concern that these updates will be destroyed within the coming years and residents would like to see that it does not come to that. Council at this time does not wish to place any surveillance cameras as they feel it will not be cost effective. The Council wishes for the City Clerk to reach out to the parents of these children identified in the pictures and inform them the importance of keeping our park(s) beautiful for everyone.

B. & C. Bainbridge were present and were informed by the Mayor that no updates have been made at this time and that the City Attorney was still investigating the matter of their Region XII letter from June of this year.

A motion was made by Councilor Madden and seconded by Councilor Langner to approve building permit(s): Permit #832- F. Rojas. On a show of hands. Ayes: Scadden, Madden, Langner. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Scadden to approve building permit(s): Permit #833- M Higgins. On a show of hands. Ayes: Scadden, Madden, Langner. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilor Scadden seconded by Councilor Madden to approve building permit(s): Permit #834- D Gonzalez. On a show of hands. Ayes: Scadden, Madden, Langner. Motion passed.

Resolution 24-13 Approving FY2023-2024 Street Finance Report was offered by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Scadden. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Scadden, Madden, Langner. Absent: Pickhinke, Blackman. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Rachel with ISG was present and updated the council with a monthly Engineering Report from the DD-59 project. She went over the Punchlist and what the City's next steps will be to finish out the project in late October. Concerns were brought up on how to claim damages that have occurred due to the construction from the City of Early, as it was brought to the attention that there have been damages done to the City streets from potential "deficient" work. Rachel with ISG advised that the City reach out to their legal counsel to review.

A motion was made by Councilor Madden and seconded by Councilor Scadden to accept the Change Order #4- Net change in contract price \$1,441.90 and to also approve Empire Excavation Pay application #8 of \$27,336.64. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Scadden, Madden, Langner. Absent: Pickhinke, Blackman. Motion passed.

The City Attorney was not present.

Last month Councilor 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 to a 15-foot height over the curb. 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 has since submitted a listing of trees that he felt may fall in violation of the Ordinance [Chapter 151] to the City Clerk. The City Clerk will advise these residents within the coming week via mail that they will have approximately 1 month or before "snow flies" to trim the trees that overhang the roadway. B. Bainbridge had spoken up during this discussion and asked if he was on the listing and to not send him a letter to save on postage. Kris had advised Mr. Bainbridge that a few of his trees seemed to be in violation of the Ordinance. Mr. Bainbridge acknowledged the violation.

A motion was made by Councilor Madden seconded by Councilor Scadden to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM. Meeting closed.

William Cougill, Mayor

Lexi Wallace, City Clerk