

October 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

Julie Carlson - President

Sue Loggins - Vice President

Becki Petersen - Secretary

Julie Wadsley - Trustee

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 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

## 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.

TEMPORARY HOURS STARTING NOV 1ST, 2024  
MONDAY 8:30AM- 4:30pm  
THURSDAY – FRIDAY 8:30AM-12:30PM  
Closed holidays and weekends

City Clerk's Office will have temporary hours starting Nov 1, 2024 until further notice. During this time all Utility Bills will resume as normal, for those who come into the office to pay will need to make arrangements with the Library Director and her hours.

Beggar's Night will be held Thursday, October 31st 5:30pm-7:30pm.  
Turn on your porch light if you'd like to participate.

## Early Public Library

### Year Round Programs

Story Time-Every Wednesday at 10am

After School Program-Every Wednesday after school

Koffee Klatch- 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am (October 1st & 15th)

### Special Programs

Halloween Coloring Contest October 1st–October 25th  
Annual Halloween Party– October 26th 2pm-4pm

### Meetings

Friends Meeting-October 8th at 9am  
Board Meeting- October 29th at 6pm

### Announcements

We are currently accepting applications for a Library Board of Trustees vacancy—Please apply by stopping in the Library or City Hall—Applications will be accepted until October 25th.

Closed October 15th. (Will still have Koffee Klatch)

Closed Saturdays in October.

### 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.

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