

January 2025

# 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

Kristine Luy, Deputy 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

Kathy Robley

Board Meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

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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 January 2025. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor William Cougill called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with a roll call as follows: Present: Brandon Scadden, Tim Langner, Becky Blackman. Absent: Brian Pickhinke. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Scadden to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, and approval of Early Fire Department Chief and Officers. On show of hands: Ayes: Scadden, Langner, Blackman. Motion passed.

E. Pickhinke was present to address the council on whether he was required to pay a utility deposit for a newly purchased property. Council was given a copy of Chapter 92- Water Rates and was advised to review section 92.11-Customer Deposits. Council advised E. Pickhinke that he was required to pay a utility deposit for the inquired property.

B. & C. Bainbridge were present for their nuisance abatement items. Mayor Cougill informed them that the City Attorney has still not gotten back to the City in regards to the subject, but the City will reach back out to the Attorney's office on the matter.

No new building permits were received.

Mayor Cougill still needs to reach out to the Zoning and Commission Board regarding the Rezoning Ordinance. Clerk is to provide Mayor Cougill with the Zoning and Commission Board's contact information.

Rachel Millage was present to discuss the closing of the DD59 Project.

A motion was made by Councilor Scadden, seconded by Councilor Blackman to release the Retainage withheld minus the damages for the DD59 Storm Water Project. On a roll call vote. Ayes: B. Scadden, T. Langner, B. Blackman. Absent: C. Madden, B. Pickhinke. Motion passed.

A motion was made by B. Scadden, seconded by B. Blackman to approve final Pay Application #10 to Empire Excavation in the amount of \$29,554.89. On a roll call vote. Ayes: B. Scadden, T. Langner, B. Blackman. Absent: C. Madden, B. Pickhinke. Motion passed.

Resolution 25-01 Setting Salaries for Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Early for the year of 2025 and backdate the pay to January 1st, 2025, was offered by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Scadden. On a roll call vote. Ayes: B. Scadden, B. Blackman, T. Langner. Absent: C. Madden, B. Pickhinke. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by B. Blackman, seconded by B. Scadden to increase the max stipend on secondary coverage to \$100 per month and to offer a \$1,000 medical stipend to all full time employees of the City of Early. On a roll call vote. Ayes: B. Scadden, B. Blackman, T. Langner. Absent: C. Madden, B. Pickhinke. Motion passed.

A motion was made by T. Langer, seconded by B. Scadden to keep the Fire Chief's pay the same amount for the 2025 calendar year. Ayes: B. Scadden, B. Blackman, T. Langner. Absent: C. Madden, B. Pickhinke. Motion passed.

Christine Madden arrived at 6:46 PM.

The City Attorney was not present.

K. Alesch, Public Works Director, presented. The City of Early will plan on working with MacGuire Iron to recoat the interior of the water tower sometime this spring. K. Alesch has been in contact with Landus to sample water contents of the well East of the Water Treatment Facility. The first sampling came back all clear. K. Alesch is asking the Council if they want to proceed further with this well as the costs are much more. The council agreed to continue with testing services of the well for viable water.

L. Wallace stated that the Township Trustees will be invited to the next council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Blackman seconded by Councilor Scadden to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM. Meeting closed.

William Cougill, Mayor

Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

## City Clerk's Office

### SNOW ORDINANCE IN EFFECT

Reminder that our Snow Ordinance will be in effect from Nov 1st - March 31st. No Parking on City Streets/Alleyways from 12AM-7AM.

### ATTENTION

Please be advised that Cross Street & Crestview will not be a pass through street. City Crews have addressed that the street is not stable enough for snow removal. Snow will be pushed to the edge of those properties affected. Those affected can reach out to the Public Works Director if they have any questions or concerns.

Reminder: All pets are required to be licensed by the end of FEBRUARY to avoid a late penalty of an additional \$10.00/pet. If you are found in violation of a renewal after MARCH 31st, you will receive a fine starting at \$750.00 for 1st offense violations. If you no longer have your pet, please let the City Office know with proof by vet. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. There are NEW Registration forms. They are available to print off at [www.earlyia.com](http://www.earlyia.com), City Hall, or you can register online at [earlyia.frontdeskworks.com](http://earlyia.frontdeskworks.com).

To participate in our email listing for Newsletters, please email [cityclerk@earlyia.com](mailto:cityclerk@earlyia.com).

## Early Public Library

### Year Round Programs

Story Time-Every Wednesday at 10am  
(No story time January 1st; Naturalist visiting on January 8th)

After School Programs will pause until February 2025

Koffee Klatch- 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am  
(January 7th & 21st)

### Special Programs

Annual Daddy Daughter Dance-Saturday, February 8th 6pm-8pm  
(Registration required, visit our Facebook for more details)

### Meetings

Friends Meeting-January 14th at 9am  
Board Meeting-January 28th at 6pm

### Announcements

Closed January 21st (There will still be Koffee Klatch)  
Closed Saturdays in January due to basketball schedule

### 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

Please consider donating

Those of you that are residents of Early will be receiving donation letters. We hope you will consider donating to Early FOCUS as we hope to make this year the best year ever for Early's 143rd Birthday! We cannot do this without the help of the community. No amount is too small every dollar counts! We can only do this through the help of the community as we are strictly all made up of volunteers and a nonprofit group! Thanks for considering! Those of you that didn't get an envelope or would like to contribute you can mail your donation to Early FOCUS PO Box 117 Early, IA 50535!

