

February 2025

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

Kristine Luy, Deputy 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

Kathy Robley

Board Meeting - 4th 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 special meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 23rd day of January 23rd, 2025. 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, Becky Blackman, Brian Pickhinke. Absent: Tim Langner.

Resolution 25-02 Resolution to Designate Mandatory Emergency Water Conservation Measures for Users of the Early Water System was offered by Councilor Blackman and seconded by Councilor Scadden. On a roll call vote. Ayes: B. Scadden, B. Blackman, C. Madden, B. Pickhinke. Absent: T. Langner. Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Madden seconded by Councilor Blackman to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Meeting closed.

William Cougill, Mayor
Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 4th day of February 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, Brian Pickhinke, Christine Madden. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Blackman to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, and approval of Pheasants Forever Liquor License. On show of hands: Ayes: Scadden, Langner, Blackman, Pickhinke, Madden. Motion passed.

Guest Speaker Dorinda Wehde with New Opportunities was present. Councilor Blackman made a motion to approve a proclamation declaring the month of March Problem Gambling Awareness Month, seconded by Councilor Madden. On a show of hands: Ayes: Blackman, Madden, Scadden, Pickhinke, Langner. Motion Passed.

Mayor Cougill presented in leu of Fire Chief Keith Horan the fiscal year 2026 budget to the Township Trustees. The department was asking to continue payments after the loan agreement, but trustees did not want to pursue that at this time.

Building Permit #836 was put on hold.

Councilor Langner made a motion to approve Building Permit #837, seconded by Councilor Blackman. On show of hands: Ayes: Scadden, Langner, Blackman, Pickhinke, Madden. Motion passed.

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.

The City Attorney was not present.

K. Alesch, Public Works Director, presented. Kris updated Council on the current water situation with well #2. Overall, the well seemed to be in good standing. The static levels are maintained 16-16 ½ feet, but the draw down is 6 ½ feet which is a very large consumption rate. Testing will still need to be done to figure out where the sand particles are infiltrating from. The Iowa DNR sent word that we need to have a revised permit and need to include a compliance schedule due by April 30, 2025. At this time it was advised that we hire an engineering firm at present meeting to meet this deadline.

Motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke, seconded by Councilor Madden to hire engineering firm Bolten & Menk. On a roll call vote: Christine Madden, Brian Pickhinke, Brandon Scadden, Tim Langner, Becky Blackman. Motion Passed.

Sac County Sheriff was present.

A motion was made by Councilor Scadden, seconded by Councilor Blackman to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 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

We are currently in a WATER CONSERVATION WARNING TIER 2: Meaning all customers are required to conserve all non-essential use of water to conserve resources. We are also in a DO NOT CONSUME advisory due to high levels of nitrate in the water.

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 , City Hall, or you can register online at earlyia.frontdeskworks.com .

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

Early Public Library

Year Round Programs

Story Time-Every Wednesday at 10am
(No story time February 26th; Naturalist visiting February 12th)

After School Programs- Every Wednesday after school
(No After School Program February 26th)

Koffee Klatch- 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am
(February 4th & 18th)

Special Programs

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

Meetings

Friends Meeting-February 11th at 9am
Board Meeting-February 25th at 6pm

Announcements

Closed February 1st, February 8th, & February 18th

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!

