

March 2025

CITY OF EARLY

City Information

Bill Cougill, Mayor

City Council

Brian Pickhinke

Tim Langner

Christine Madden

Brandon Scadden

Cory Tiefenthaler

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

Kathy Robley

Board Meeting - 4th 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 11th day of March 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, Brian Pickhinke, Christine Madden. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Madden to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, Approval of Retirement for Doug Reis and Approval of New EFD- Zach Roling on show of hands: Ayes: Scadden, Pickhinke, Madden. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Scadden to deny the request made by the Ida County Courier to switch the City of Early's official newspaper from The Chronicle (Odebolt) to the Ida County Courier. On a show of hands. Ayes: Scadden, Pickhinke, Madden. Absent: Langner. Motion passed.

Langner present @ 6:15 PM

Councilor Pickhinke made a motion to deny Building Permit #836 R. Christ, seconded by Councilor Madden. On a show of hands. Ayes: Scadden, Pickhinke, Madden, Langer. Motion passed.

Building Permit #838- Evertek Tabled- council wishes for a representative from Evertek to be present to discuss more.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke to approve Building Permit #839 K. Alesch, seconded by Councilor Scadden. On a show of hands. Ayes: Scadden, Pickhinke, Madden, Langner. Motion passed.

The council discussed a question that was asked by K. Freese about removing his sidewalk and replacing everything from the sidewalk to the curb with a decorative rock. Our city ordinances state that the removal of the sidewalk is not prohibited. It is also being further researched about placing rock within the Right-Of-Way. The Council was not in favor of either items but will have the clerk further research and come back with more answers for the resident.

The City of Early had received one written request for consideration of filling a vacancy, Cory Tiefenthaler was present. A motion was made by Councilor Scadden to appoint Cory Tiefenthaler to fill the vacancy of Becky Blackman for the rest of term until 12-31-2027, motion was seconded by Councilor Madden. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Scadden, Pickhinke, Madden, Langner. Motion passed.

The council discussed garbage contracts between our current provider (Rudd Sanitation) and Carroll Refuse. Rob and Lindsey Rudd, owners of Rudd Sanitation, were present to answer any questions the council had. The Clerk had attempted to reach out to Carroll Refuse several times but was unsuccessful. The Council expressed concerns about how bins were treated by employees, the difference between our own purchased bins vs the bins that Carroll Refuse utilizes, and a few other related topics. After the discussion the council was confident that the City of Early will continue our existing contract with Rudd Sanitation and thanked him for listening to our concerns.

Two representatives from Bolton and Menk were present via Teams Meetings to discuss with the council some updates they have with the Well project. At this time Kris Alesch had sent samples in from Landus' new well (385ft) results came back high in Iron, Manganese, and very hard water. This is not an ideal option for the city due to the high Iron as it will collide with the RO system and require frequent filtration changes, along with other adjustments that would be required in front of the RO system. The city is still waiting for the Schaller-Crestland School District to allow us to test their irrigation well at the Early Sports Complex. We are waiting for warmer weather to not cause any damage to the irrigation system.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Scadden to approve Bolton and Menk request to sign into an agreement for professional engineering services- Labeled as "2025 Well Improvements", motion was seconded by Councilor Scadden. On a Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Scadden, Pickhinke, Madden, Langner, Tiefenthaler. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilor Tiefenthaler and seconded by Councilor Scadden to approve Bolton and Menk's request to reach out to potential regionalization partners on behalf of the City of Early. On a show of hands. Ayes: Scadden, Pickhinke, Madden, Langner, Tiefenthaler. Motion passed.

Currently the City of Early is still in a Do Not Consumer Advisory and a Water Warning- Tier II. We continue to kindly request residents follow these conservation practices.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Scadden to set the date for Property Tax Levy Hearing (ONLY ITEM) on April 1st, 2025, at 6:00PM and a regular council meeting to follow at 6:30PM. On a show of hands. Ayes: Scadden, Pickhinke, Madden, Langner, Tiefenthaler. Motion passed.

The City Attorney was not present. The attorney is still working on Bainbridge, Dalton, Hanson, and Motel Properties. The Clerk was advised that he should have an update by April 1st meeting if other items follow suit.

K. Alesch, Public Works Director, presented. Kris updated Council on the current water situation with well #2. Overall, the well has not recovered from last month. The static levels are maintained at 16 feet, but the drawdown is now 7 feet, which is still a very large consumption rate. K. Alesch also brought back to the table the lawn mower trade. It was discussed last November that the council in previous years wanted to trade every third year to keep trade value high. Kris has found two quotes on a 62-inch deck Grasshopper. A new list price would be \$24,600. The first quote was offered at \$22,300. The second quote was offered at \$18,950.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Scadden to move forward with the second quote that was offered at \$18,950. On a show of hands. Ayes: Scadden, Pickhinke, Madden, Langner, Tiefenthaler.

Sac County Sheriff was not present.

Mayor Cougill updated the council that the Early Fire Department will be hosting an omelet breakfast on April 6th.

A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke, seconded by Councilor Madden to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Meeting closed.

William Cougill, Mayor

Lexi Wallace, City Clerk



City Clerk's Office

Reminder: As of MARCH 1st, if you have not registered your pets you now owe an additional \$10 fee. 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.

REMINDER: All garbage needs to be in bags. Please continue to recycle plastics 1, 2, and 5; glass; cans; and paper.

Water Distribution is currently being held at the City Shop at 103 Karr Avenue on Fridays and Saturdays 10am-2pm until further notice. Households may pick up gallon and bottled water each week. The water is distributed based on household size.

We are still under a **DO NOT CONSUME** advisory and Water Warning Tier 2 until further notice. Please continue to conserve water. The town will be notified when these advisories are lifted.

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

Early Public Library

Year-Round Scheduled Events

Story Time- Every Wednesday at 10:00am
(March 12th-Sac County Naturalist visiting)

After School Program- Every Wednesday after school

Koffee Klatch- Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:30am
(March 4th & March 18th)

Seasonal Events

Candle/Macrame- Friday, March 14th at 6pm
(Registration Required)

Spring Charcuterie—Friday, April 11th at 6pm
(Registration Required)

Meetings

Friends- March 11th at 9am

Board Meeting- March 25th at 6pm

Announcements

****To register for our Spring Charcuterie Class, stop in the library for more information. Registration required by Friday, April 4th****

****City Wide Garage Sale Dates: Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd with City Wide Clean Up Days being Wednesday, May 7th****

Our 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 CROSSROADS DAYS
JULY 18TH & 19TH
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 18TH	
5:30PM	Sign Up for Bag Tournaments
6:00PM	Play Bags Tournament (Early FOCUS)
5:00-8:00PM	BINGO (Schaller Crestland Rec-Downstairs)
6:30PM	Kids Parade - Registration at 6pm (Contact Kara for Details 712-660-1919)
5:00-8:00PM	Noys Kitchen
SATURDAY, JULY 19TH	
9:00AM-12:00PM	Butcher Shoppe Car Show Registration (Contact Butcher Shoppe: 515-460-3533)
8:00AM	Rosie's Coffee Shop
8:30AM	BIG PARADE Registration (Ridge View Middle School Line Up)
10:00AM	BIG PARADE Featuring Abu Bekr Rat Patrol
10:00AM -1:00PM	Vendor Fair - Friends of the Library
10:00AM	Lucky Wife Wine Slushies
11:00-1:00PM	Noon Meal Free Will Donation (Friends of the Library)
11:00-1:00PM	Face Painting & Cake Walk - Friends of the Library
12:30PM	Kid Water Fights - Early Fire Department
2:00Pm	Water Fights - Early Fire Department
2:00Pm	Butcher Shoppe Car Show Awards
5:00-7:00PM	Evening Meal - Early FOCUS
5:00PM	Cow Pie BINGO (Winner Wait & Watch - Early Fire Department)
8:00PM-12:00AM	Early Legion Beer Garden Entertainment: Cotton Creek Entertainment DJ

REGISTRATION GO TO: www.earlyia.com

Early Fire & Rescue Omelette Breakfast

Sacred Heart Parish
501 Church St. Early
April 6 2025
9 am to 1pm
Free will Donation

Build your omelette served with sausage link & toast. Toppings: green peppers, onions, mushrooms, cheese, jalapenos, tomatoes, ham and bacon bites. Drink choices: Coffee, orange juice, milk