

May 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
Kristine Luy, Deputy Clerk
Kris Alesch, D.P.W. Super.
Dillon Kuenneke, D.P.W.

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 Public Hearing was held at 6:00 PM on the 22nd day of April 2025 in the municipal building at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest in the adoption of fiscal year 2025-2026 budget as published in the Chronicle on April 10th, 2025, may appear, and be heard for or against the adoption of fiscal year 2025-2026 budget or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were for or against said budget. The hearing closed at 6:12 PM. A Public Hearing was held at 6:15 PM on the 22nd day of April 2025 in the municipal building at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest in the proposal to enter into a general obligation loan agreement as published in the Chronicle on April 10th, 2025, may appear, and be heard for or against the adoption of the general obligation loan agreement or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were for or against said general obligation loan agreement. The hearing closed at 6:17 PM. A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 22nd day of April 2025. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor William Cougill called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM with a roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Tim Langner, Christine Madden. Absent: Brandon Scadden, Cory Tiefenthaler. Resolution 25-03 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 as published in the Chronicle on April 10th, 2025, was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Madden. Absent: Scadden, Tiefenthaler. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted.

Resolution 25-04 authorizing and approving a loan agreement providing for the private placement and insurance of a \$600,000 general obligation water improvement note series 2025 and providing for the tax levy of taxes to pay the same was offered by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Madden. Absent: Scadden, Tiefenthaler. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. A motion was made by Councilor Blackman seconded by Councilor Scadden to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Madden. 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 6th day of May 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: Brian Pickhinke, Brandon Scadden, Cory Tiefenthaler, Christine Madden, Tim Langner. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Madden to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, and bills for payment. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Tiefenthaler, Madden, Langner. Motion passed. M. Schmitt- Not present. Complaint for nonpayment from a resident that the city made the initial call on close to a year ago for street repairs. Councilor Madden had reached out to the property owner and stated that they will come and pay that amount that is due to Mark and drop it off with the city to deliver to Mark. C. Faist- Not Present. Complaint for sewage backed up into his basement, cause was determined to be a root blockage on the city's main and blockage from the property owner's line with foreign debris. Resident requests a total reimbursement of \$1,436.58 for damages incurred. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke to reimburse and pay the Roto-Rooter bill of \$250.00 to C. Faist. Motion was seconded by Councilor Madden. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Tiefenthaler, Madden, Langner. S. Clark- Present. Complaint for Nuisance's around neighborhood and in general around town. Clark would like to know what the city intends to do as it seems to have drastically declined in recent years. In the past the city had hired an outside company (Region XII) to patrol the area and uphold our ordinances but in the most recent year has fallen extremely short. The Council discussed that the city employees will go around again and gather data for properties that are in violation of the City Codes. They will go around this year starting Monday May 12th, 2025. Building permit #840 – D. Cuthrell, replace steps w/ a larger deck landing. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Tiefenthaler, Madden, Langner. Motion passed. Building permit #841 and permit #842 – T. Grace and M. Ortiz, replace rock with concrete on driveway. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Madden. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Tiefenthaler, Madden, Langner. Motion passed. Building permit #843 – E. Rosas, add carport overhang and gazebo in backyard. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Tiefenthaler. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Tiefenthaler, Madden Langner. Motion passed. Building permit #844 – B. Petersen, add storage shed to existing cement slab. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Tiefenthaler, Madden Langner. Motion passed. Well Improvements- A 70-page report was submitted to the Iowa DNR with Engineers findings on April 30th, 2024. The City Clerk and the PWD had an electronic meeting with Bolton & Menk Engineering to go over some of the report and some additional questions they had for the City. It was suggested that the Engineers come to our May 20th Special Council meeting to discuss furthermore with the council to make some decisions for the community moving forward. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Madden to set a public hearing date for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget adoption on May 20th, 2025. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Tiefenthaler, Madden, Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Langner and seconded by Councilor Scadden to set a public hearing date for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget amendment on May 20th, 2025. On a show of hands. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Tiefenthaler, Madden, Langner. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke seconded by Councilor Scadden to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM. Meeting closed.

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City Clerk's Office

City Wide Clean Up is complete. Anything that is left on the curb come Monday, May 12th, 2025 will be considered a nuisance. The City of Early will be going around Monday, May 12th to start the nuisance abatement procedures.

Reminder: If you have not yet registered your pet you are now found in violation and are subject to receiving 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.

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. Newsletters, please email cityclerk@earlyia.com.

Early Public Library

Year Round Programs

Story Time-Every Wednesday at 10am
(Naturalist visiting May 14th)

Koffee Klatch- 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am
(May 6th & 20th)

Meetings

Friends Meeting-May 13th at 9am
Board Meeting-May 20th at 6pm

Announcements

Closed Saturdays in May
Closed Tuesday, May 27th

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

Summer Hours Begin Wednesday, May 28th:

Tuesdays: 9:00am-6:00pm
Wednesdays: 9:00am-3:00pm
Thursdays: 9:00am-3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00am-3:00pm
Saturdays: 9:00am-12:00pm
Closed Sundays and Mondays



**EARLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
SUMMER
LIBRARY
PROGRAM**


Reading challenges for all ages with prizes and a grand prize drawing!
Summer Reading Events

June

- June 4th**- Making Music with the Early Achievers at 10am
Painting & Popsicles at the Park at 1pm
- June 11th**- Sac County Naturalist at 10am
Unwind Designs at 1pm *Must Register to attend*
- June 18th**-Story Time with Lexi at 10am
Interactive Bubbles at the Park at 1pm
- June 25th**-Story Time at 10am
Dino O'Dell at 1pm

July

- July 2nd**- Story Time at 10am
- July 9th**- Sac County Naturalist at 10am
- July 16th**-Softball with Savannah at 10am
- July 30th**- Story Time at 10am



**2025
EARLY CROSSROADS DAYS
JULY 18TH & 19TH
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

FRIDAY, JULY 18TH

- 5:30PM
6:00PM
5:00-8:00PM
6:30PM
5:00-8:00PM

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH

- 9:00AM-12:00PM
8:00AM
8:30AM
10:00AM
10:00AM-1:00PM
10:00AM
11:00-1:00PM
11:00-1:00PM
12:30PM
2:00PM
2:00PM
5:00-7:00PM
5:00PM
8:00PM-12:00AM

Sign Up for Bag Tournaments
Play Bags Tournament
(Early FOCUS)
BINGO
(Schaller Crestland Rec-Downstairs)
Kids Parade - Registration at 6pm
(Contact Kara for Details 712-660-1919)
Noys Kitchen

Butcher Shoppe Car Show Registration
(Contact Butcher Shoppe: 515-460-3533)
Rosie's Coffee Shop
BIG PARADE Registration
(Ridge View Middle School Line Up)
BIG PARADE Featuring Abu Bekr Rat Patrol
Vendor Fair - Friends of the Library
Lucky Wife Wine Slushies
Noon Meal Free Will Donation
(Friends of the Library)
Face Painting & Cake Walk - Friends of the Library
Kid Water Fights - Early Fire Department
Water Fights - Early Fire Department
Butcher Shoppe Car Show Awards
Evening Meal - Early FOCUS
Cow Pie BINGO
(Winner Wait & Watch - Early Fire Department)
Early Legion Beer Garden
Entertainment: Cotton Creek Entertainment DJ

REGISTRATION GO TO: www.earlyia.com

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