

June 2025

# CITY OF EARLY

## City Information

Bill Cougill, Mayor

### City Council

Brian Pickhinke

Tim Langner

Christine Madden

Brandon Scadden

Cory Tiefenthaler

Council Meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - 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

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 20th day of May 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 May 8th, 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 6:01 PM. A Public Hearing was held at 6:02 PM on the 20th day of May 2025 in the municipal building at which time any citizen of Early, Iowa or any other person having interest in the adoption of the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget amendment as published in the Chronicle on May 8th, 2025, may appear, and be heard for or against the adoption fiscal year 2024-2025 budget amendment agreement or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were for or against said budget amendment. The hearing closed at 6:03 PM. A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 20th day of May 2025. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor William Cougill called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM with a roll call as follows: Present: Brian Pickhinke, Tim Langner, Christine Madden, Cory Tiefenthaler. Absent: Brandon Scadden. Resolution 25-03 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 as published in the Chronicle on May 8th, 2025, was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Madden, Tiefenthaler Absent: Scadden. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 25-05 adopting the budget amendment for fiscal year 2024-2025 as published in the Chronicle on May 8th, 2025, was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Madden. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Madden, Tiefenthaler. Absent: Scadden. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 25-06 to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, was offered by Councilor Madden and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Madden, Tiefenthaler. Absent: Scadden. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Engineers with Bolton & Menk were present to discuss with the council the current status and future options for the City of Early's water supply solutions and long-term permanent improvements to ensure a reliable and sustainable water source for the community. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Tiefenthaler to temporarily rehabilitate the old treatment plant for an estimated cost of \$110,000.00-\$165,000.00. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Madden, Tiefenthaler. Absent: Scadden. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Tiefenthaler and seconded by Councilor Pickhinke to move forward with Geoprobe Evaluation an estimated cost of \$25,000.00-\$35,000.00 on parcel #810609400004 outside the setbacks in the area. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Madden, Tiefenthaler. Absent: Scadden. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Langner to submit an Intended Use Plan (IUP) application with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for the upcoming deadline if able. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Langner, Madden, Tiefenthaler. Absent: Scadden. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Pickhinke seconded by Councilor Tiefenthaler to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Meeting closed.

William Cougill, Mayor  
Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

A Public Hearing was held at 6:00 PM on the 3rd day of June 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 water revenue loan and disbursement agreement as published in the Chronicle on May 22, 2025, may appear, and be heard for or against the proposal to enter into a water revenue loan and disbursement agreement or any part thereof. No residents or taxpayers were for or against said proposal. The hearing closed at 6:01 PM

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa was held on the 3rd day of June 2025. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor William Cougill called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Tiefenthaler to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes, bills for payment, Liquor License- Merton V. Hair Post 325 American Legion. On show of hands: Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Tiefenthaler, Madden, Langner. Motion passed. Resolution 25-07 accepting and approving acquisition of property (lot eleven (11) cross' second addition) was offered by Councilor Scadden and seconded by Tiefenthaler. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Tiefenthaler, Madden, Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Resolution 25-08 taking additional action with respect to a water revenue loan and disbursement agreement and authorizing, approving and securing the payment of a \$400,000 water revenue loan and disbursement agreement anticipation project note (IFA Interim loan and disbursement agreement) was offered by Councilor Pickhinke and seconded by Councilor Madden. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Pickhinke, Scadden, Tiefenthaler, Madden, Langner. Whereupon the mayor declared said resolution duly adopted. Well Improvements- The City submitted to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) its Intended Use Plan (IUP) before June 1st deadline. This application is intended to provide financial assistance to drinking water systems for design and construction projects to ensure public health protection and the provision of safe drinking water. This is achieved through low-interest loans for eligible projects. K. Alesch, PWD, informed the council that the temporary solution for running the old plant is in motion and parts should be on site later this week. Bolton & Menk are still working out the details of the design phase of this portion of the project. The City Attorney was present. K. Alesch, PWD, briefly updated the council that the lagoon study came back and he will present it fully at the July 1st council meeting. A representative of Ferguson Waterworks, who supply the city with their meters, radios and reading system, stopped by and talked with him and the City Clerk to discuss the age of our current radios. The city currently has 35- 18-year-old radios, 180- 16-year old radios, and 49- 15-year-old radios. The life expectancy of a radio is 10-15 years. The rep suggests that the city attacks these radios over the coming years by purchasing 50 units and proactively replace the older units. The cost associated with this would be \$7,500 annually for the 50 units. A motion was made by Councilor Madden and seconded by Councilor Tiefenthaler to approve the purchase of the 50 radio/MIU units and method to replace all older models of radios with the newest ones available on the market. On and 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 7:38 PM. Meeting closed.

William Cougill, Mayor  
Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

## City Clerk's Office

**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](mailto:cityclerk@earlyia.com). Newsletters, please email [cityclerk@earlyia.com](mailto:cityclerk@earlyia.com).

## Early Public Library

### Year Programs

Story Time-Every Wednesday at 10am  
(Special visitors and events occurring all month)

Koffee Klatch- 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am  
(June 3rd & 17th)

### Summer Library Program Events

Painting & Popsicles @ the Park - June 4th at 1pm  
Unwind Designs- June 11th at 1pm \*Must register\*  
Interactive Bubbles @ the Park- June 18th at 1pm  
Dino O'Dell- June 25th at 1pm

### Meetings

Friends Meeting-June 10th at 9am  
Board Meeting-June 24th at 6pm

### Announcements

Closed June 19th & June 28th

**\*\*We are currently seeking food and monetary donations towards our Crossroads Day Free Will Donation Lunch.\*\***

### Summer Hours Are in Effect:

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



**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

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