

City of Lester

October 3, 2016

Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Mayor Dan Gerber called the council meeting to order with council members Pam Hawf, Jeff Hoogeveen, Curt Doorneweerd, Lance Boote and Ladell Kellenberger present. Also present Christa Lee, City Clerk and Steve Simons, Lyon County Economic Development.

A motion was made by Curtis Doorneweerd to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the September 6th meeting, Treasurer's Report and the following bills and warrants issued through September as presented. Pam Hawf seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Expenses:

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone	\$36.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$83.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer	\$455.66
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$997.80
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$491.63
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$24.72
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$38.17
Christa Lee	Wages & Supplies	\$743.20
Denny's Sanitation	July Garbage	\$1,519.00
Heartland Paper	Supplies	\$26.67
Heartland Hardware	Refridge Comm Ctr	\$149.97
IPERS	Sept Contribution	\$358.42
Iowa Dept of Revenue	3rd Qrt Tax	\$668.00
Jeff Hoogeveen	Mowing	\$725.76
John Deere Financial	Part	\$16.06
Kathy Doorneweerd	Cleaning Wage & table	\$155.52
Keith's Korner	Mower Fuel	\$84.28
Leenderts Lawn Care	Fall Application	\$330.00
Lester Auxiliary	GF Casino Usher	\$250.00
	Sept Water Used	
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	627,000 Gal	\$1,128.60
New Century Press	Minutes	\$57.92
Peoples Bank	Comm Ctr Loan	\$10,723.65
Robert Leuthold	Lagoon Care	\$38.88
Robert Leuthold	Wage (Water & Sewer)	\$432.00
Rock Valley Rentall		\$384.66
US Postal Service	Stamps	\$94.00
US Treasury	3rd Qrt Tax	\$1,108.68

Expenditures

General	\$15,432.19
Road Use	\$491.63
Water	\$2,420.98
Sewer	\$1,258.45
Garbage	\$1,519.00
Total	\$21,122.25

Revenues

General	\$20,546.42
Road Use	\$2,917.15
Water	\$3,868.09
Sewer	\$4,938.06
Garbage	\$1,960.97
Total	\$34,230.69

Christa updated the council on the status of the new water meters and billing. Invoices were mailed out to residents again this month, starting with November we will be able to email out the invoices if the software update goes well at the end of October. Residents that elected to have ACH payments will have them deducted from their account on October 6, 2016. The City of Lester would like to Go Green as much as possible, residents may provide their email address to receive e-statements and have their payment automatically deducted from their checking account.

Discussion was held regarding the Water Main project on Main Street started October 3, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding Tax Abatement request from Wyhe's Choice dba Dutchland Frozen Foods 205 Main St Morton Building Addition value of \$64,864. They have requested a 100% tax exemption on the actual value added for three (3) years. Pam Hawf made a motion to approve tax exemption request. Jeff Hoogeveen seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding Tax Abatement request from Wyhe's Choice Fundraising Inc 205 5th Street new Morton Building value of \$367,263. They have requested a 100% tax exemption on the actual value added for three (3) years. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve tax exemption request. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility Inspection Report as provided by the State of Iowa.

Discussion was held regarding Lyon & Sioux Rural Water System water purchase contract effective January 1, 2017 for \$1.95 per 1,000 gallons of water. Discussion was held that the City will not increase water rates for residents at this time. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve contract. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding Robert Leuthold would like to update the GIS for the City's sewer, water lines and curb stops. He will look into the cost to update our maps.

Discussion was held regarding Lester Betterment found a Grant to apply for to look into getting a walking/biking path for the City.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, November 7, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

Lance Boote made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Christa Lee, City Clerk