



# City of Lester

October 9, 2023

Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Mayor Dan Gerber called the council meeting to order council members Jeff Hooegeveen, Lance Boote, Erika Kellenberger and Curt Doorneveerd present. Also, present Cathi Senior.

A motion was made by Jeff Hooegeveen to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the September 5th, Treasurer's Report and the following bills and warrants issued through September as presented. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

**Expenses:**

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone	\$42.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$106.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer	\$170.32
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$445.77
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$735.54
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$73.19
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$39.26
CFE	fertilizer	\$11.20
Core & Main	Riggs Street/frame/curb box/vane grates	\$783.96
Darcy Gerber	cleaning hours	\$149.04
Denny's	Garbage services	\$2,258.00
DRG	sidewalk/gutter share	\$1,200.00
D&L Masonry	concrete	\$576.00
Foundation	water testing	\$77.00
gWorks	Annual License Fee	\$2,209.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Sept Tax	\$295.21
IPERS	Sept Contributions	\$369.26
Jeff Hooegeveen	Mowing supplies	\$904.06
Jesse Boysen	labor	\$50.00
Lester Local	mower fuel	\$227.28
Leenderts Lawn Care	ballpark	\$410.80
Leutholds	Meadowview addition	\$3,721.45
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	831,000 gallons	\$2,119.05
Lyon County Road	K30 Highway project	\$17,718.08
Murphy Collins & McGill	legal services	\$83.83
New Century Press	minutes	\$68.64
P&K Pest Control	comm center	\$90.95
Popkes	297 gallons propane	\$430.79
Robert Leuthold	Wages, Repairs Labor	\$2,177.41
Cathi Senior	Wages send hub	\$577.58
Tri-State Ready Mix	concrete pads at ball diamond	\$498.43
US Treasury	3rd Quarter	\$1,117.47

**Expenditures**

General	\$27,024.95
Road Use	\$735.54
Water	\$2,956.76
Sewer	\$7,039.82
Garbage	\$1,979.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,736.57</b>

**Revenues**

General	\$14,064.05
Road Use	\$3,558.72
Water	\$3,996.56
Sewer	\$5,225.37
Garbage	\$2,184.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,028.87</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13**

Discussion was held regarding Resolution 2023-13, regarding public hearing to vacate and declare surplus the following described real estate: The South half (1/2) of the alleyway lying adjacent to and directly North of Lots Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), and Fifteen (15), in Block Seven (7), of the Town (now City) of Lester, Lyon County, Iowa. AND The North half (1/2) of the alleyway lying adjacent to and directly South of Lots Two (2), Three (3), and Sixteen (16), in Block Seven (7), of the Town (now City) of Lester, Lyon County, Iowa. Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to approve the proposed resolution. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Attest: Cathi Senior, City Clerk

**NOTICE OF HEARING HELD BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LESTER,  
IOWA, ON PROPOSAL TO DISPOSE OF VACATED ALLEYWAY**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Lester, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the 13th day of November 2023 at 6:30 P.M., in the Lester City Hall, Lester, Iowa, at which meeting the Council will receive bids on the alleyway described as:

The South half (1/2) of the alleyway lying adjacent to and directly North of Lots Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), and Fifteen (15), in Block Seven (7), of the Town (now City) of Lester, Lyon County, Iowa.

AND

The North half (1/2) of the alleyway lying adjacent to and directly South of Lots Two (2), Three (3), and Sixteen (16), in Block Seven (7), of the Town (now City) of Lester, Lyon County, Iowa.

Said bids to be for strips of the alley in increments identical to the adjoining lots, and that said bids be opened and each highest bid approved at the meeting next following the public hearing on 13th day of November, 2023.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Cathi Senior, Clerk

Discussion was held regarding the following proposed ordinance. Lance Boote made a motion to waive the required second and third readings of the proposed ordinance as presented. Jeff Hoogeveen seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF  
LESTER, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISION PERTAINING TO SPECIAL SPEED ZONES ON CERTAIN STREETS AND  
AVENUES IN LESTER, IOWA**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LESTER, IOWA:

**SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Lester, Iowa, **Article 3.08 – SPECIAL SPEED ZONES** under **ARTICLE 3 - SPEED REGULATIONS** is amended by amending Subsection 2(a) which is hereby adopted as follows:

3.08 SPECIAL SPEED ZONES. A speed in excess of the limits set out miles per hour shall be unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof:

1. INCREASED SPEEDS:

a. None

2. LOWER SPEEDS:

a. 45 MPH on Dove Avenue/K30 from 140th Street south to the presently existing 25 MPH residential zone.

**SECTION 2. REPEALER.** All ordinances of parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council on the 9th day of October, 2023, and approved this 9th day of October, 2023.

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Attest: Cathi Senior, City Clerk

Discussion was held regarding 2023-24 Street Finance Report. Lance Boote made a motion to approve Resolution 2023.14 as presented. Jeff Hooegeveen seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding 2023-24 Financial Year End Report. Jeff Hooegeveen made a motion to approve Resolution 2023.15 as presented. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding an application from Lester Feed & Grain for a new grain dryer and 2 grain legs for Commercial Tax Abatement. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the application with the option 10-year sliding scale beginning with 80% tax abatement and ending with 20% abatement of the actual value. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding an application from Lester Feed & Grain for new grain leg tower, conveyors and overhead ingredient bins for Commercial Tax Abatement. Jeff Hooegeveen made a motion to approve the application with the option 10-year sliding scale beginning with 80% tax abatement and ending with 20% abatement of the actual value. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dwight Mogler discussed with the council an option for the flood plain land recently acquired on the east side of Meadowview. Jeff Hooegeveen made a motion to approve planting wildflower grass seed. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Alliant Energy representatives attended the meeting and extended their apologies for the length of time the city experienced due to a wire being accidentally cut outside of town causing an electrical outage. The crew that responded to the outage was not familiar with the service feed coming into Lester, causing the extended time for repair, the representatives have reassured the council that this issue has been resolved.

Discussion was held regarding the City of Lester welcome sign on Hastings, the north side of the sign currently sells advertising space to local businesses for a 2-year contract. Council members discussed adjusting the rate to \$25/year. Any local business interested in advertising may contact any council member for additional information.

Discussion was held regarding the renewal of the traffic logix speed radar on Highway 9 on the east side of Lester. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve a 3-year extension for \$1,200. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the removal of the "No Outlet" sign from Meadowview Drive and installing it on Depot Street to eliminate traffic attempting to use that street to access the ball diamond.

Discussion was held regarding installing a "Children at Play" sign on Meadowview Drive to control traffic speed with the street now being extended with the addition.

Discussion was held regarding an additional school bus stop on Meadowview Drive to accommodate the increased number of children in that neighborhood and eliminate the safety concern of the children currently crossing the highway to access the current bus stop on Main Street. The mayor will contact the school superintendent to address the concern of council members.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, November 6, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

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

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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