



City of Lester
March 3rd, 2025
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Mayor Dan Gerber called the council meeting to order; council members Kurtis Myrle, Erika Kellenberger, Jeff Hoogeveen, Lance Boote, and Curtis Doorneweerd were present. Also present was Todd Boote and Jen Smit.

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

Expenses:

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| Alliance Communications | Sewer Phone | \$40.00 |
| Alliance Communications | Community Center | \$104.00 |
| Alliant Energy | Sewer #342..... | \$242.40 |
| Alliant Energy | Community Center #596..... | \$618.65 |
| Alliant Energy | Street Lights #856..... | \$781.62 |
| Alliant Energy | Ball Park #470..... | \$39.83 |
| Alliant Energy | Siren #199..... | \$39.65 |
| Cole Papers | Paper & Cleaning Products/Supplies | \$474.32 |
| Darcy Gerber | Cleaning wages | \$124.79 |
| Denny's | Residential Garbage Service | \$1,998.00 |
| Denny's | Comm Center Garbage service | \$400.00 |
| DRG Mechanical | Comm Center Furnace/Heat Pump Service | \$535.00 |
| DRG Mechanical | Comm Center Electric Service | \$59.00 |
| Foundation | Water testing | \$16.50 |
| Hydro Tech Service | Sewer pump service call & temp install | \$3,650.00 |
| Hydro Tech Service | Sewer pump service call & rental install | \$2,500.00 |
| Hydro Tech Service | Install two new sewer pumps | \$29,108.00 |
| J&B Lawn Care and Snow Removal | Snow removal | \$600.00 |
| J&B Lawn Care and Snow Removal | Snow removal | \$150.00 |
| Iowa Dept of Revenue | Water service excise tax - February | \$194.68 |
| IPERS | Dec Contributions | \$243.03 |
| Lyon & Sioux Rural Water | 692,000 gallons | \$1,868.40 |
| New Century Press | Minutes publication | \$61.13 |
| Office of Auditor of State | Examination Fee | \$800.00 |
| RB Electric | Add outlet for popcorn machine | \$381.45 |
| Robert Leuthold | Wages | \$602.42 |
| Robert Leuthold | Lester Lift Station | \$600.00 |
| Robert Leuthold | Update Sewer Plan | \$600.00 |
| Todd Boote | Wages | \$602.42 |
| Visa | Adobe, SendHub, Network Solutions | \$67.68 |

Expenditures

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| General | \$4,339.05 |
| Road Use | \$1,531.62 |
| Water | \$2,486.74 |
| Sewer | \$37,147.56 |
| Garbage | \$1,998.00 |
| Total | \$47,502.97 |

Revenues

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| General | \$14,367.26 |
| Road Use | \$2,298.22 |
| Water | \$3,733.33 |
| Sewer | \$5,036.51 |
| Garbage | \$2,200.00 |
| Total | \$27,635.32 |

Community Center exterior doors will be upgraded this Spring/Summer.

A discussion was held regarding updating community center rental rates and deposit amounts. More information is being gathered, and a decision will be made at the next council meeting.

Gym Membership rates will remain unchanged, and the renewal process will begin in the spring.

Kurtis Myrlie will be representing Lester at the annual Lyon County Riverboat Foundation meeting on March 17th in Rock Rapids to thank and recognize them for their contributions to the city of Lester.

A volunteer approached a council member with a desire to restart a Lester Summer Rec Program for children five-seven years old. Official details will be announced in the future, but the council is in support of the Lester Summer Rec Program.

Lester Feed & Grain presented a building permit application for a large solar panel project proposed to be built along Highway 9 just West of Peoples Bank inside Lester city limits. Motion was made by Curtis Doorneweerd to table the discussion on the approval of the building permit until a public hearing could be held due to the large scale of the project and already expressed public concerns. Lance Boote seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Motion was made to host a public hearing on the proposed large solar panel project at 6:00PM on April 7th at the Lester Community Center by Erika Kellenberger. Jeff Hooegeveen seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Lester Visioning reported that the annual Lester Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday morning, April 19th, at 10:00AM.

Lester Visioning reported on a proposed project at the ball diamond that will significantly improve the backstop, improve safety of spectators by installing new netting, provide shade for spectators, and provide new light poles.

Curtis Doorneweerd motioned to approve 9,000 square yards of street resurfacing by ASCO between now and June as well as another 9,000 square yards in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This will provide resurfacing of approximately half of the city blocks. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

City Council would like to remind Lester residents that the city of Lester has a cost share program to help with the expense of curb, gutter, and sidewalk. The city will pay residents \$15.00 per running foot for new curb (max cost share of 100 feet per year) and \$10.00 per foot for sidewalks (max cost share of 100 feet per year).


Motion was made by Curtis Doorneweerd to pay City Clerk for additional hours worked to meet required state and county reporting deadlines, obtain training for proper use of software, and updating of bookkeeping records. Kurtis Myrlie seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.


Reminder to city residents of a Tax Levy Public Hearing being held on March 24th, 6:00PM, at the Lester Community Center.

City council was invited to a League of Cities meeting in Larchwood on April 17th, at 7:00PM.

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Monday, April 7th, at 6:00PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

Jeff Hooegeveen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kurtis Myrlie seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.


Dan Gerber, Mayor


Attest: Todd Boote, City Clerk