



# City of Lester

January 3rd, 2022  
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Mayor Dan Gerber called the council meeting to order with council members Jeff Hoogeveen, Lance Boote, Ladell Kellenberger, Erika Kellenberger and Curt Doorneweerd present. Also present Cathi Aeschliman.

A motion was made by Ladell Kellenberger to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, Treasurer's Report and the following bills and warrants issued through December as presented. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

**Expenses:**

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone	\$41.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$103.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer	\$245.69
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$925.58
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$709.44
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$51.19
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$39.00
3D Security	Community Center	\$210.00
Cathi Aeschliman	Wages (\$604.80) send hub \$15.98	\$620.78
Darcy Gerber	cleaning hours	\$110.16
Denny's	Garbage (106 x 17.50)	\$2,174.50
Foundation	water testing	\$13.00
Heartland Hardware	grass seed	\$69.98
IPERS	Dec Contributions (W 48.36 S 55.80 G 128.26)	\$232.42
Iowa quarterly Tax	2021 4th quarter	\$834.00
Leenderts Lawn Care	fertilizer/spray	\$395.00
Lester Local	mower fuel	\$7.23
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	660,000 gallons	\$1,551.00
Lyon County Auditor	election	\$312.35
Lyon County Street Department	k30 highway work	\$17,718.08
Meyer Electric	generator - lift station	\$210.00
Meyer Electric	generator - community center	\$248.40
New Century Press	minutes	\$53.63
New Century Press	Financial report	\$70.79
New Century Press	Hearing notice	\$13.94
Peoples Banks	ACH Fee	\$25.00
RB Electric	Christmas lights	\$250.00
RB Electric	update kitchen light/rent scissor lift	\$789.20
Robert Leuthold	Wage (W \$280.80 & S \$280.80)	\$561.60
Robert Leuthold	snow removal	\$900.00
Robert Leuthold	water work	\$100.00
Spencer Office Supplies	ink cartridges	\$148.66
Stensland Gravel	lagoon rock	\$276.00
US Post Office	2 rolls of stamps	\$116.00
US Treasury	2021 4th quarter	\$997.35

**Expenditures**

General	\$23,288.55
Road Use	\$1,609.44
Water	\$2,470.61
Sewer	\$1,900.37
Garbage	\$1,855.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,123.97</b>

**Revenues**

General	\$21,280.93
Road Use	\$2,267.75
Water	\$3,057.26
Sewer	\$4,226.89
Garbage	\$1,919.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,280.93</b>

Discussion was held regarding past due water and sewer accounts.

Discussion was held regarding 2022 lawn care service contract from Leenderts Lawn Care. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the agreement to spray the ballfield area in the spring and fall. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

At the meeting of the City Council of the City of Lester, Iowa, held on the 3rd day of January 2022, Council member Jeff Hoogeveen introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF LESTER, IOWA TO TRADE CITY REAL PROPERTY", and moved for its adoption. Council member Lance Boote seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was all members voting in favor.

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1  
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED  
CITY OF LESTER, IOWA TO TRADE CITY  
REAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the City of Lester currently holds title to real property legally described as:

Lot Five (5) Block Two (2) in Incorporated Town of Lester

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the said real property is of no benefit to the public in that the cost to develop and to maintain said property would exceed its value for public use; and,

WHEREAS, the Code of Iowa authorizes the City to invite proposals from all interested parties for the purchase of land sought to be disposed, and of its intent to receive and accept any such proposal; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed disposal of the property was published in the West Lyon Herald in the issue of December 15th, 2021, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 362.3 by order of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, public Hearing was held on this matter on this 20th day of December, 2021, and no oral or written objections were filed; and

WHEREAS, Wyhe's Choice Inc. currently holds title to real property legally described as:

Lot Four (4) Block Two (2) in Incorporated Town of Lester

WHEREAS, Wyhe's Choice Inc. has submitted a proposal to trade the South fifty (50) feet of Lot Four (4) Block Two (2) in Incorporated Town of Lester in exchange for the North eighty (80) feet of Lot Five (5) Block Two (2) in Incorporated Town of Lester; and

WHEREAS, Wyhe's Choice Inc. has agreed to pay for all costs associated with relocating the City's warning siren from Lot Five (5) Block Two (2) in Incorporated Town of Lester property onto the South fifty (50) feet of Lot Four (4) Block Two (2) in Incorporated Town of Lester; and

WHEREAS, the City is of the opinion and belief that it would be in the best interests of the City to accept the proposal of Wyhe's Choice Inc. for the trade of said real property; and, that accepting such proposal is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, a Quit Claim Deed will be prepared for the trade of said real properties pursuant to the terms of said proposal and should be approved as to form and content.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, THE CITY OF LESTER, IOWA AS FOLLOWS:

1.The North eighty (80) feet of Lot Five (5) Block Two (2) in Incorporated Town of Lester of the City of Lester, Iowa, shall hereby be conveyed by Quit Claim Deed to Wyhe's Choice Inc. in exchange for the South fifty (50) feet of Lot Four (4) Block Two (2) in Incorporated Town of Lester and Wyhe's Choice Inc. paying all costs associated with relocating the City's warning siren.

2.The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and ordered to execute such Quit Claim Deed or other instruments as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2022.

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

Discussion was held regarding Resolution 2022-2, Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to have a 2021-2022 Budget Amendment Hearing at the February 7, 2022 Council Meeting at 6:30 pm at Council Chambers in the Lester Community Center. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

Discussion was held regarding Resolution 2022-3 Lance Boote made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Tax Levy Hearing at the February 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Council Chambers in the Lester Community Center. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

Discussion was held regarding Resolution 2022-4 Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to set a Public Hearing for request for closing of the Alley between Main Street and Fourth Street from Thomas Street to Clinton Street, in Block Seven at the February 7, 2022 at 6:45 pm at Council Chambers in the Lester Community Center. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

**Resolution 2022-5**

Discussion was held regarding Resolution 2022-5 amending wages. Council Members will receive \$70 per meeting in lieu of \$60, this change will be effective July 1, 2022, of the next fiscal year following an election or reelection. Mayor will receive \$70 per meeting in lieu of \$60; this change will be effective July 1, 2022. Sewer and Water Superintendent will be paid \$700 per month in lieu of \$650; this change is effective July 1, 2022. Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to amend the wages as stated. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

Dates for the Lester Community Center soup supper has been set for Saturday, February 5, 2022.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk