



City of Lester

February 7, 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 and Steve Simons.

A motion was made by Jeff Hoogeveen to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the January 3rd meeting, Treasurer's Report and the following bills and warrants issued through January as presented. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Expenses:

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone	\$41.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$104.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer	\$272.70
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$652.21
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$707.54
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$47.64
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$37.31
3D Security	Community Center	\$375.00
Cathi Aeschliman	Wages (\$604.80) send hub \$15.98	\$620.78
Cole Papers	bowls	\$101.50
Darcy Gerber	cleaning hours	\$103.68
Denny's	Garbage (106 x 17.50)	\$1,855.00
DSG	Itron	\$717.01
Foundation	water testing	\$13.00
IPERS	Feb Contributions (W 48.36 S 55.80 G 127.08)	\$231.24
Larchwood Food Center	soup supper	\$98.69
Lester Feed & Grain	Softener Salt	\$40.05
Leutholds	snow removal	\$1,375.00
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	687,000 gallons	\$1,614.45
Murphy, Collins & McGill	Attorney	\$642.00
New Century Press	minutes	\$306.68
Peoples Banks	ACH Fee	\$25.00
Popkes Inc	1100 gallons propane	\$2,287.52
Robert Leuthold	Wage (W \$280.80 & S \$280.80)	\$561.60
Robert Leuthold	snow removal	\$750.00

Expenditures

General	\$5,457.74
Road Use	\$2,832.54
Water	\$2,741.82
Sewer	\$693.50
Garbage	\$1,855.00
Total	\$13,580.60

Revenues

General	\$28,869.23
Road Use	\$2,581.28
Water	\$3,345.26
Sewer	\$4,554.75
Garbage	\$1,958.90
Total	\$41,939.42

Public Hearing was held regarding adoption of the 2021-2022 City Budget Amendment. A resolution 2022-2 to approve the 2021-2022 City Budget Amendment as presented to the council. Lance Boote made a motion to approve the resolution. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

Discussion was held on key fob security system updates, Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to approve the 3D security proposal to update the security entrance for members for \$1,653.52. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Public Hearing was held regarding adoption of the request for closing of the Alley between Main Street and Fourth Street from Thomas Street to Clinton Street, in Block Seven. Lance Boote made a motion to approve the resolution 2022-4 to approve the closing of the alley as requested. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

Ordinance 1-2022

Discussion was held regarding an ordinance the City Code of Lester, Iowa by adding to Title IV Chapter 2: Streets and Alleys, Article 18 – Streets, Curb & Gutter Standards, 18.01 Curbs and Gutters, Item 5 is amended to state: The City will pay up to \$12.00 in lieu of \$10.00 per running foot for new curb with a limit of 100 feet total per property owner and maximum of 7 projects for the city total each year. Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to amend the curb rate from \$10.00 to \$12.00. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

Ordinance 2-2022

Discussion was held regarding an ordinance the City Code of Lester, Iowa by adding to Title IV Chapter 3: Sidewalks, Article 19 – Sidewalk Regulations 19.06 Sidewalk Standards, Item 12 is added to state: The City will pay \$8 per foot for the replacement of sidewalks with a maximum of 100 feet total per owner and maximum of 7 projects for the city total each year. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to add payment reimbursement for sidewalk replacement. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

Public Hearing was held regarding adoption of the 2022-2023 Tax Levy Proposal. A resolution approving the 2022-2023 Tax Levy as presented to the council. Lance Boote made a motion to approve the resolution. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Discussion was held regarding the upcoming 2022-2023 City Budget. Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to set a Budget Hearing for March 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the Lester Community Soup Supper which was held on February 5, 2022. We received donations in the amount of \$3,460.00, the City Council would like to extend a thank you for all who attended and made donations for this event. The communities' support of the Lester Community Center is greatly appreciated.

Discussion was held regarding the gym basketball rim updates for younger children, Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to approve the purchase and install adjustable height rims for the current rims in the gym for \$3,208.60. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding upcoming mowing season. Applications are being accepted to mow the City's property during the 2022 mowing season. Applications are due to the City office by March 7, 2022. You may contact Cathi Aeschliman for more information.

Erika Kellenberger shared concerns, ideas and projects she received from the residence and business owners in the City of Lester after she was elected for the city council position.

Discussion was held to collect bids to complete the south side of Main Street project, including new sidewalk, curb, gutter and also update the south half of Main Street with concrete. Bids for additional Main Street parking spaces as proposed on the Main Street project, will also be collected.

Annual Lester Clean Up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, March 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.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

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