



# City of Lester

January 9, 2023  
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

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

A motion was made by Jeff Hoogeveen to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the December 6th 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	\$42.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$105.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer	\$270.55
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$532.27
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$711.40
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$50.94
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$38.05
Cathi Senior	Wages	\$620.78
Cole Paper	supplies	\$426.11
Dan Gerber	Snow Removal	\$450.00
Darcy Gerber	cleaning hours	\$162.00
Denny's	Garbage	\$2,956.50
Foundation	water testing	\$15.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Quarter Tax	\$1,101.79
IPERS	Dec Contributions	\$249.71
Leutholds	Snow Removal	\$3,250.00
Lyon County Road	K30 Project	\$17,718.08
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	731,000 gallons	\$1,864.05
New Century Press	minute publication	\$51.48
Paul Metzger	Restoration and residing old fire hall	\$17,065.65
Peoples Banks	ACH Fee	\$25.00
Popkes	propane	\$1,009.00
RB Electric	community center update lights to LED	\$3,315.54
Robert Leuthold	Wages	\$604.80
Robert Leuthold	drainage - lift station/snow removal/misc	\$2009.93
Rock Rapids Machine &Welding	materials	\$84.75
USPS	postage	\$252.00
US Treasury	4th Quarter Tax	\$933.70

**Expenditures**

001 GENERAL	\$37,302.13
110 ROAD USE TAX	\$11,118.56
600 WATER	\$3,568.86
610 SEWER	\$1,539.42
670 LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$2,387.11
Total	<b>\$55,916.08</b>

**Revenues**

General	\$37,673.96
Road Use	\$2,670.77
Water	\$3,314.36
Sewer	\$4,518.79
Garbage	\$2,084.00
Total	<b>\$50,261.88</b>

Discussion was held regarding the Hillside Cemetery, the two job vacancies, sexton and plot marker/locator are still open, for more information contact the city clerk or the mayor.

Re-installment of the flagpole and street light pole on Main Street which included the time and temperature sign has been completed.

Discussion was held regarding past due sewer and water accounts.

Discussion was held regarding 2023 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 and collect a soil sample. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding snow removal; all private and public snow removal will need to be coordinated with the city officials. Dan Gerber will be holding a meeting with all parties who provide snow removal for the city to discuss the appropriate places to be moving the snow and reminder to avoid causing blind intersections. With the excessive amount of snow fall this year we will have to move snow piles to clear intersections, alley ways and ensure all street are passable.

Discussion was held regarding an application from Lester Feed & Grain for Commercial Tax Abatement. Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to approve the application. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding an application from Peoples Bank. Lance Boote made a motion to approve the application. Jeff Hoogeveen seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding community center gym being used by local youth teams for practice, the teams need to utilize the fitness center entrance. Coaches need to ensure all doors are locked upon completion of practice.

Lester Development updated the city with the residential lot addition on the north end of Meadowview Drive.

Discussion was held regarding Resolution 2023-1 Ladell Kellenberger made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Tax Levy Hearing on February 6, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Council Chambers in the Lester Community Center. 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

Annual Soup Supper is scheduled for Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Lester Community Center.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

Lance Boote 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 Senior, City Clerk