



# City of Lester

September 5, 2023  
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Mayor Dan Gerber called the council meeting to order council members Jeff Hoogeveen, Erika Kellenberger and Curt Doorneweerd present. Also, present Cathi Senior and Jon Gerber

A motion was made by Jeff Hoogeveen to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the August 7th, Treasurer's Report and the following bills and warrants issued through August 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	\$217.58
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$641.78
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$732.57
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$113.52
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$45.80
Ageson Trucking	crushed asphalt	\$390.34
Cole Papers	supplies	\$345.33
Darcy Gerber	cleaning hours	\$93.96
Denny's	Garbage	\$2,478.00
DGR Engineering	utilities/new addition	\$4,084.00
Foundation	water testing	\$16.50
Gerber Insurance	bond	\$112.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue	August Tax	\$361.82
IPERS	August Contributions	\$356.09
Jeff Hoogeveen	mowing	\$752.32
Lester Local	mower fuel	\$92.44
Lyon County Sheriff	Contract	\$3,922.00
Lyon County Treasurer	property tax	\$830.00
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	1,000,000 gallons	\$2,550.00
Mid Sioux	donation	\$250.00
New Century Press	minutes	\$54.70
RB Electric	lift pump	\$1,269.47
Robert Leuthold	Wage	\$604.80
Robert Leuthold	street work	\$1,410.00
Cathi Senior	Wages & Supplies	\$668.45

**Expenditures**

General	\$10,543.73
Road Use	\$732.57
Water	\$3,231.24
Sewer	\$6,112.93
Garbage	\$1,921.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,541.47</b>

**Revenues**

General	\$5,468.66
Road Use	\$2,532.81
Water	\$198,643.38
Sewer	\$213,816.69
Garbage	\$2,148.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$423,776.31</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11**

Discussion was held regarding Resolution 2023-11, regarding adoption of compliance procedures relating to Tax-Exempt Bonds. Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to approve the resolution. Curtis Doorneweerd 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

Discussion was held regarding the 2023 city council election, nomination paperwork for candidates are due to the City Clerk by 5:00pm on Thursday, September 21, 2023. Application for candidacy is available from the City Clerk or the Secretary of State's website.

Discussion was held regarding the request from the Lester Rescue Department for a credit card. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the Lester Rescue Department to obtain a credit card under the City's Tax ID. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

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 need to review the current sign and the local businesses displayed and options to update the sign, as needed. More discussion will be held at next month's meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the need to replace a treadmill in the exercise room in the Community Center. Erika Kellenberger made a motion to approve purchase of a new treadmill for the exercise room for \$4,700. Jeff Hoogeveen seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Eric & Amanda Newburn addressed the council concerning the noise issue at their residential home on Thomas Street from the equipment at Dutchland Foods. The property is constantly hearing the continuous sounds of compressors day and night to the point of it being a nuisance. The council advised the residents to contact Dutchland Foods directly and try to resolve the concern and update the city with the rectifications.

Jon Gerber presented to the council plan updates from the LDC, the new streets are getting paved this week, AB Excavation will be installing drain tiles to the lots. The concern of the sidewalk location was resolved as requested by the city council.

Discussion was held regarding speed limit concerns with the new residential development on the K30 blacktop for southbound traffic. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve a public hearing for the speed limit to be reduced to 45mph at the cemetery and maintain the 25 mph in city limits. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. A public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2023, at 6:30 PM to discuss speed limit modifications on the K30 blacktop for southbound traffic into Lester.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12**

Discussion was held regarding Resolution 2023-12, requesting grant money for a new tanker truck for the Lester Fire Department. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the Resolution. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

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The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, October 9, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

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

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