

City of Lester

April 6, 2020

Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

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

A motion was made by Pam Hawf to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the March 9th meeting, Treasurer's Report and the following bills and warrants issued through March as presented. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Expenses:

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone	\$40.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$98.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer	\$304.55
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$593.10
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$674.56
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$36.49
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$39.56
Alma den hoed	CC refund - cancellation 3/27	\$200.00
Cathi Aeschliman	Wages & send hub/wix	\$615.98
Darcy Gerber	cleaning & Supplies	\$68.04
Daktronics	scoreboard	\$4,323.00
Denny's Sanitation	Garbage (99 x 17.50)	\$1,732.50
Denny's Sanitation	Community Center	\$306.00
DGR	Main street	\$225.00
DRG	maintenance	\$106.00
Heartland	Janitorial supplies	\$26.60
Hydro Tech	inspect sewer lift pump	\$1,250.00
Iowa State Taxes	2020 1st qtr taxes	\$847.00
IPERS	Feb Contributions	\$212.94
Larchwood Food Center	Soup Supper	\$78.06
Leutholds	Snow removal 3/14	\$287.50
Leutholds	skidloader move asphalt	\$110.00
Lyon County Economic Development	Lend A Hand	\$5,000.00
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	692,000 gallons	\$1,487.80
Peoples Banks	ACH Fee	\$25.00
Popkes - Modern Gas	250 gallons of propane	\$275.08
Robert Leuthold	Wage (W \$280.80 & S \$280.80)	\$561.60
RR Machine & Welding	welding work	\$12.76
US Treasury	2020 1st qtr taxes	\$862.35

Expenditures

General	\$12,526.64
Road Use	\$962.06
Water	\$2,726.31
Sewer	\$2,451.96
Garbage	\$1,732.50
Total	\$20,399.47

Revenues

General	\$11,954.41
Road Use	\$1,146.60
Water	\$3,021.44
Sewer	\$4,303.23
Garbage	\$1,974.74
Total	\$22,400.42

Discussion was held regarding Lester Clean-up Day set for Saturday, May 2. Cathi will contact Denny's to get 2 roll off dumpsters and Curtis will line up a trailer for appliances.

Discussion with Alliant Energy is on hold until after the COVID 19 pandemic.

Discussion was held updating the council the new softball field scoreboard have arrived, Jeff Hoogeveen will head up getting the poles and sign installed.

Discussion was held regarding the new city website, please review and update the city email address to cityoflester@gmail.com

Discussion was held regarding past due water and sewer accounts.

Resolution 2020-6

A resolution approving City of Lester request from Lester Feed and Grain to work with the Iowa DOT and BNSF to handle the city street project at the railroad crossing. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the resolution. Jeff Hoogeveen seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

Discussion was held regarding the painting of the community center, Pam Hawf made a motion to approve hiring Gerry Stai. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the bids have been collected for seal coating.

Discussion was held gym membership renewals will be mailed out this month, hopefully we will be able to open the fitness center and gym space.

Discussion was held regarding information from the State of Iowa, all city parks need to be closed and signs will need to be posted. Lyon County Dept. of Health will provide signs that will need to be posted until further notice.

Discussion was held regarding Mosquito Control of Iowa, we will need to contact them to get scheduled for the summer of 2020.

Discussion was held Building Permit 2020-125. Jeff Hoogeveen to construct a fence in the backyard at 309 E 5th Street. Pam Hawf made a motion to approve the building permit. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding Lyon County COVID-19 Lend-A-Hand Small Business program, Lance Boote made a motion to approve the \$5,000 toward the program. Pam Hawf seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding for ongoing and upcoming projects; residents voiced their concern to council members regarding abandoned cars on residential property and abandoned homes, Water will be shut off to split the town water supply, water department needs to replace water main on Main Street, a text message will be sent to notify the residents of the outage.

Discussion was held regarding LCRF have not distributed Quarter 1 2020 funds.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

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

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk