



# City of Lester

December 4, 2023  
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Mayor Dan Gerber called the council meeting to order council members Jeff Hoogeveen, Lance Boote, Erika Kellenberger, Ladell Kellenberger and Curt Doorneweerd present. Also, present Cathi Senior, Kurtis Myrlie, Steve Simons, Jen Smit and Jon Gerber

A motion was made by Jeff Hoogeveen to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the November 6th, Treasurer's Report and the following bills and warrants issued through November as presented. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

**Expenses:**

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone	\$42.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$112.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer	\$215.19
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$546.23
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$726.23
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$51.68
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$39.11
AB Excavation	dirt work	\$2,022.30
Curtis Doorneweerd	council wages	\$388.92
Cole Papers	supplies	\$216.29
Dan Gerber	council wages	\$685.24
Darcy Gerber	cleaning hours	\$152.28
Dawn Metzger	CC rental refund	\$150.00
Denny's	Garbage service	\$2,167.00
Diane Larson	CC rental refund	\$100.00
Dorsey Foundation	legal services- LDC	\$9,000.00
DRG	winterize fountain	\$153.00
Foundation	water testing	\$16.50
Erika Kellenberger	council wages	\$388.92
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Nov Tax	\$330.06
Iowa Finance Authority	sewer Loan	\$306.25
IPERS	Dec Contributions	\$727.74
Jeff Hoogeveen	Mowing/council wages	\$771.58
Knobloch's Greenhouse	Vermiculite	\$60.00
Ladell Kellenberger	Council wages	\$324.10
Lance Boote	Council wages	\$324.10
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	746,000 gallons	\$1,902.30
Lyon County Road	stop signs/base/labor	\$297.71
Mid-Sioux Opportunity	annual donation	\$500.00
New Century Press	minutes	\$250.97
Robert Leuthold	Wages/labor	\$2,605.80
Cathi Senior	Wages/supplies	\$620.78
US Post Office	postage	\$132.00

**Expenditures**

General	\$19,106.45
Road Use	\$726.23
Water	\$2,614.63
Sewer	\$1,899.47
Garbage	\$1,979.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,326.28</b>

**Revenues**

General	\$14,818.91
Road Use	\$2,521.31
Water	\$3,575.36
Sewer	\$4,813.10
Garbage	\$2,141.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,869.68</b>

**Resolution No. 2023.16**

**RESOLUTION TO VACATE AN ALLEYWAY AND CONVEY BY QUIT CLAIM DEED**

At the meeting of the City Council of Lester, Iowa, held on the 4th day of December 2023, the following Resolution was proposed and unanimously passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lester, Iowa, accept the vacated alleyway described as follows:

The South half (1/2) of the alleyway lying adjacent to and directly North of Lots Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), and Fifteen (15), in Block Seven (7), of the Town (now City) of Lester, Lyon County, Iowa.

AND

The North half (1/2) of the alleyway lying adjacent to and directly South of Lots Two (2), Three (3), and Sixteen (16), in Block Seven (7), of the Town (now City) of Lester, Lyon County, Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to convey title to the Wyhe's Choice and Wyhe's Revocable Trust by Quit Claim Deed subject to a utility easement reserved by the City of Lester, Iowa.

Passed and adopted on the day and date first written above.

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Attest: Cathi Senior, City Clerk

Steve Simons announced his retirement as the Lyon County Economic Development Director and introduced Jen Smit as his replacement effective January 1, 2024.

Discussion was regarding the Community Center roof project; bids were received to correct the current issues of the roof leaking. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to accept the bid from Feikema Builders to complete the project. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Reminder the Community Center will not be available for rent or gym use January 22-30, 2024 to install the new gym flooring, during this shutdown the common areas will be painted.

Lester Development Corp held a discussion on the placement recommendations of the streetlights in the development of 200' or less between lights. The Mayor will review directly with Alliant Energy the placement of each street light in the development.

Discussion was held regarding the 2024 budget process, the budget planning worksheets were provided to all council members to review prior to the January council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the city mower will be professionally serviced this fall by a local John Deere service center.

Discussion was held regarding a credit card for the City of Lester for monthly subscription and annual fees. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the City of Lester to obtain a credit card under the City's Tax ID. Jeff Hoogeveen seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Lester Winterfest is scheduled for Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Lester Community Center.

Ladell Kellenberger's council term will be expiring on December 31, 2023. We wish Gopher well and appreciate his service to the community. Kurtis Myrlie was voted in as the replacement council member effective January 1, 2024.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, January 10, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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