



City of Lester
July 7th, 2025
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

Mayor Dan Gerber called the council meeting to order; council members Kurtis Myrlie, Erika Kellenberger, Jeff Hoogeveen, Lance Boote, and Curtis Doorneweerd were present. Todd Boote was also present.

Kurtis Myrlie made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the June Council meeting, Treasurer’s Report, and the following bills and warrants issued through June as presented. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Expenses:

Alliance Communications	Internet and phone	\$144.00
Alliant Energy	Electricity Usage	\$1,833.05
ASCO	Street resurfacing	\$38,990.00
Cole Papers	Paper & Cleaning Products/Supplies	\$258.05
Dan Gerber	100' Curb and Gutter	\$1,500.00
Darcy Gerber	Cleaning wages	\$185.03
Denny's	Garbage services	\$2,326.50
DSG	1" Meters	\$2,099.51
Foundation	Water testing	\$16.50
Gerber Insurance Agency	Premiums	\$63,382.73
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Water service excise tax - May	\$223.76
Iowa League of Cities	Membership Dues	\$408.00
IPERS	Contributions	\$462.46
IRS	Quarterly Reporting	\$1,582.34
Iowa DNR	Public Water Supply annual fee	\$32.18
Itron	FCS Software Maintenance	\$1,213.97
Jeff Hoogeveen	Mowing	\$1,140.30
Jeff Hoogeveen	Vollink House	\$150.00
John Deere Financial	Oil filter, oil, blades	\$149.26
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	919,000 gallons	\$2,481.30
Meyer Electric	Generator Service	\$458.40
Murphy Collins & McGill, PLC	Resolution to vacate easement	\$240.00
Mychal L. Van Wyhe and Dawn K. Van Wyhe	Real Estate Contract	\$1,396.75
New Century Press	Minutes publication	\$80.44
P&K Pest Control	Spray city facilities	\$117.65
Paul Metzger	Ball Diamond Dugout Repairs	\$2,671.74
Peter Van Wyhe and Susan Van Wyhe	Real Estate Contract	\$1,396.75
RB Electric	Community center lighting & ball diamond light pole	\$694.80
Robert Leuthold	Wages	\$602.42
Robert Leuthold	Sewer and city services	\$1,780.90
Rock Rapids Ace Hardware	Weed killer, oil/gas mix	\$93.97
Rock Rapids Machine & Welding	Manhole Cover	\$132.48
Todd Boote	Wages	\$602.42
Todd Boote	Purchase Envelopes for City	\$111.25
Wayne Van Wyhe	Mowing	\$440.00
Visa	Adobe, SendHub, Network Solutions, Webhosting	\$44.58

Expenditures

General	\$77,875.90
Road Use	\$41,257.91
Water	\$6,648.71
Sewer	\$1,662.97
Garbage	\$1,998.00
Total	\$129,443.49

Revenues

General	\$18,462.68
Road Use	\$3,562.27
Water	\$4,739.02
Sewer	\$5,898.76
Garbage	\$2,160.00
Total	\$34,822.73

Quit Claim Deed for the utility easement on Meadowview (Res. 2025-3) has been filed.

A City/School election will be held on November 4th, 2025. City candidates may find nomination papers at the DRG office in Lester. Filing begins on Monday, August 25th, 2025, and ends on Thursday, September 18th, 2025.

Bryan Phillips applied for a building permit to construct a fence. Curtis Doorneweerd motioned to approve the building permit. Jeff Hooegeveen seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

After discussion about increasing water and sewer rates, the council instructed city clerk to draft an ordinance that will increase the city’s water and sewer rates to \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used by residents.

Jeff Hooegeveen motioned to set a Public Hearing for Sewer & Water Rate Increases (Res. 2025.04) on August 4th, 2025, 6:00PM, at the Lester Community Center. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

Lester Local submitted a retail permit application for Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor. Curtis Doorneweerd motioned to approve the permit. Jeff Hooegeveen seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

Lester Visioning provided a brief update that the walking path has been completed from the bank to the creek. Curb and gutter work are being completed at the West End of Depot Street.

The Park’s department is determining the best location in the city park to pour a concrete slab large enough for placement of up to three picnic tables.

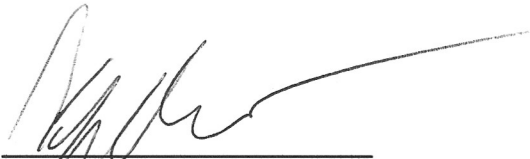
The Community Center department shared that the fitness center has a new treadmill installed and ready for use by members. An older treadmill will be posted for sale on Facebook through a closed bid process. Bids can be made by contacting Dan at DRG.

The Street’s Department reported that there are a few portions of city streets in need of patching. The council is committed to having a plan in place before winter.

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Monday, August 4th, 6:15PM, at the Lester City Council Chambers following the Public Hearing at 6:00PM.

Kurtis Myrlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lance Boote seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.


Dan Gerber, Mayor


Attest: Todd Boote, City Clerk