



City of Lester

March 8, 2021
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

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

A motion was made by Pam Hawf to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the February 8th meeting, Treasurer's Report and the following bills and warrants issued through February as presented. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Expenses:

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone	\$42.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$100.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer	\$215.65
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$420.28
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$674.24
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$34.83
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$34.98
Cathi Aeschliman	Wages (\$540) send hub \$15.98 +Wix \$295.32	\$851.30
Darcy Gerber	cleaning hours	\$74.52
Denny's	Garbage (105 x 17.50)	\$1,837.50
Foundation Analytical	water testing	\$13.00
IPERS	March Contributions (W 48.36 S 55.80 G 109.97)	\$214.13
Leutholds	snow removal	\$2012.50
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	628,000 gallons	\$1,350.20
Mangold	water testing	\$13.00
New Century Press	Minutes	\$268.13
Peoples Banks	ACH Fee	\$25.00
Popkes Inc	300 gallons propane	\$465.32
Push Pedal Pull	treadmill repair	\$100.50
Robert Leuthold	Wage (W \$280.80 & S \$280.80)	\$561.60
Rock Rapids Machine	curb stop wrench	\$20.18

Expenditures

General	\$2,373.43
Road Use	\$2,686.74
Water	\$1,793.74
Sewer	\$637.45
Garbage	\$1,837.50
Total	\$9,328.86

Revenues

General	\$2,765.17
Road Use	\$1,977.04
Water	\$4,409.66
Sewer	\$2,045.52
Garbage	\$1,977.04
Total	\$14,389.28

Discussion was held regarding past due water and sewer accounts.

CITY OF LESTER, IOWA RESOLUTION NO 2021-03

Approval of FY2021_22 Maximum Property Tax Dollars WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lester have considered the proposed FY2021_22 city maximum property tax dollars for the affected levy total, and WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed city maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on city web site and/or social media accounts if applicable, WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed city maximum property tax dollars was held on Monday, March 8, 2021, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lester that the maximum property tax dollars for the affected tax levies for FY2021_22 shall not exceed the following total: Total maximum levy for affected property tax levies - \$98,750 The Maximum

Property Tax dollars requested in the total maximum levy for affected property tax levies for FY2021_22 represents/does not represent greater than 102% of the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for the current FY 2021_22. Lance Boote made a motion to approve the Resolution. Pam Hawf seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

Dee Brown with Alliant Energy discussed with the council members their plan for providing a power feed into Lester, Alliant Energy plans to update the council each month with the progress.

Discussion was held regarding the 2021 Annual Soup Supper, the date has been set for Saturday, April 24 at the Lester Community Center.

Discussion was held regarding the applications received for the 2021 mowing season. Pam Hawf made a motion to approve hiring Jeff Hoogeveen. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion. Jeff Hoogeveen abstained from voting; the remaining members voted in favor.

Discussion was held regarding Lester Junk Day – Dumpsters will be available Saturday May 8, 2021 from 7am to noon. There will be a fee for electronic and appliance disposal.

CITY OF LESTER, IOWA RESOLUTION NO 2021-04

Public Hearing was held regarding adoption of the 2021-2022 City Budget. A resolution approving the 2021-2022 City Budget as presented to the council. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the Resolution. Pam Hawf seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

Discussion was held regarding mosquito control options for the 2021 summer, Council will be collecting bids from another pest control company and present them at the next council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding using recent donated funds to replace the old heavy wooden tables in the Community Center with white round tables similar to the tables in the small meeting room.

Discussion was held regarding Lyon County Riverboat Foundation awarded the City of Lester grant money up to \$56,155.50 which will be used to construct a walking path over the railroad tracks.

Discussion was held regarding information received for replacing outdated playground equipment in the City Park.

CITY OF LESTER, IOWA RESOLUTION NO 2021-05

A resolution approving Mini Grant request from Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for assistance to offset restoration costs of the old fire hall at the City Park. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the resolution. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

CITY OF LESTER, IOWA RESOLUTION NO 2021-06

A resolution approving Mini Grant request from Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for new basketball hoops at the City Park. Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to approve the resolution. Pam Hawf seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk

League of Cities meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Lester Community Center.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

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

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Aeschliman, City Clerk