



City of Lester

May 3, 2021

Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Mayor Dan Gerber called the council meeting to order with council members Pam Hawf, Ladell Kellenberger, Lance Boote 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 April 5th meeting, Treasurer's Report and the following bills and warrants issued through April as presented. Lance Boote 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	\$167.73
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$387.19
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$663.34
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$43.02
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$38.02
Cathi Aeschliman	Wages (\$540) send hub \$15.98	\$555.98
Darcy Gerber	cleaning hours	\$110.16
Darcy Gerber	Community Center table	\$2,182.76
Denny's	Garbage (105 x 17.50)	\$1,837.50
DSG	sewer work	\$1,492.00
Foundation Analytical	water testing	\$13.00
IPERS	May Contributions (W 48.36 S 55.80 G 116.46)	\$220.62
Kjert Gramstad	snow removal	\$385.00
Larchwood Food Center	soup supper	\$81.67
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	649,000 gallons	\$1,395.35
Lyon Co Treasurer	taxes	\$358.00
New Century Press	minutes publications	\$175.89
Peoples Banks	ACH Fee	\$25.00
Peter Van Wyhe	snow removal	\$350.00
Robert Leuthold	clean gravel & haul concrete	\$730.00
Robert Leuthold	Wage (W \$280.80 & S \$280.80)	\$561.60
Wall Street Printers	envelopes and checks	\$402.00

Expenditures

General	\$4,464.75
Road Use	\$1,648.34
Water	\$1,805.71
Sewer	\$2,561.53
Garbage	\$1,837.50
Total	\$12,317.83

Revenues

General	\$115,056.48
Road Use	\$6,078.81
Water	\$3,137.59
Sewer	\$4,347.19
Garbage	\$1,957.60
Total	\$130,577.67

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. Dumpster location will be on the west end of the Community Center parking lot. Council is cleaning out storage room at community center and will be getting rid of old table and chairs, if interested please stop in at the Community Center. First come first serve.

Discussion was held regarding past due water and sewer accounts.

Discussion was held regarding the restoration of the old fire station building in the City Park, work needs to be completed by middle of July to qualify for the grant money awarded to this project. Pam Hawf made a motion to accept the lowest bid, Van Beek Construction. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding Building Permit 2021-141 Pete & Mychal Van Wyhe to move a house onto the vacant lot located on the west end of Depot Street. Ladell Kellenberger made a motion to approve the building permit. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion, motion passed 3-1.

Discussion was held regarding Building Permit 2021-142 Alberto Francisco to pour concrete driveway, sidewalk and new driveway curb on the property located at 605 Thomas Street. Lance Boote made a motion to approve the building permit. Pam Hawf seconded the motion with all members voting in favor pending variance request approval.

Discussion was held regarding the water rate increase from Lyon-Sioux Rural Water goes into effect May 1, 2021, the council chooses to absorb the cost at this time.

Discussion was held regarding the current park equipment, the Council are accepting sealed bids for demolition and removal of the entire Rainbow play system currently located in the City Park, if interested, get your sealed bids to a council member prior to the June council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding options to update the softball field, concession stand and batting cages. The Council approved repairs within the confines of the current budget.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, June 7, 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