



City of Lester

February 5, 2024
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

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

A motion was made by Lance Boote to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the January 8th, Treasurer’s Report and the following bills and warrants issued through January as presented. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Expenses:

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone	\$42.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$106.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer	\$271.74
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$647.79
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$728.49
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$56.35
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$42.44
Cole Papers	supplies	\$45.83
Darcy Gerber	cleaning hours	\$171.72
Denny's	Garbage	\$2,167.00
DGR Engineering	construction administration	\$770.00
DSG	water meters	\$682.51
Foundation	water testing	\$16.50
Iowa One Call	line detection	\$21.60
IPERS	Feb Contributions	\$251.48
Kiefer USA	Comm Center Floor update	\$47,370.00
Kurtis Myrlie	demo hammer rental	\$183.81
Leutholds	comm center fan repair	\$114.79
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	860,000 gallons	\$2,193.00
Lyon County Auditor	2023 school election	\$208.91
New Century Press	minutes	\$54.70
Peoples Bank	Water Loan LDC	\$6,429.00
Peoples Bank	Sewer Loan LDC	\$6,889.00
Popkes Car Care	575 gallon propane	\$833.61
RB Electric	Christmas lights labor	\$250.00
Robert Leuthold	Wage (W \$302.40 & S \$302.40)	\$604.80
Robert Leuthold	Lift Station/water dept updates	\$215.00
Cathi Senior	Wages (\$518.40 \$43.20)	\$604.80
Visa Card	Sendhub/deposit slips	\$63.33

Expenditures

General	\$50,995.06
Road Use	\$728.49
Water	\$9,895.29
Sewer	\$8,437.86
Garbage	\$1,979.50
Total	\$72,036.20

Revenues

General	\$30,102.18
Road Use	\$2,666.52
Water	\$3,716.66
Sewer	\$4,962.18
Garbage	\$2,132.56
Total	\$43,580.10

Discussion was held regarding the Community Center roof update project; Feikema Builders were awarded the bid. The mayor will speak with them regarding when the project will begin.

Discussion was held regarding the new flooring in the Community Center and fresh paint in the meeting room, kitchen, hallway, and bathroom. Project went as planned, installation of new trim will be completed in the next month.

Ordinance 1-2024

Discussion was held regarding an ordinance the City Code of Lester, Iowa by adding to Title IV Chapter 2: Streets and Alleys, Article 18 – Streets, Curb & Gutter Standards, 18.01 Curbs and Gutters, Item 5 is amended to state: The City will pay up to \$15.00 in lieu of \$12.00 per running foot for new curb with a limit of 100 feet total per property owner and maximum of 7 projects for the city total each year. Erika Kellenberger made a motion to amend the curb rate from \$12.00 to \$15.00. Kurtis Myrllie seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Senior, City Clerk

Ordinance 2-2024

Discussion was held regarding an ordinance the City Code of Lester, Iowa by adding to Title IV Chapter 3: Sidewalks, Article 19 – Sidewalk Regulations 19.06 Sidewalk Standards, Item 12 is added to state: The City will pay \$10 per foot for the replacement of sidewalks with a maximum of 100 feet total per owner and maximum of 7 projects for the city total each year. Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to add payment reimbursement for sidewalk replacement. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Senior, City Clerk

Mowing applications for the 2024 season are due by the March council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the 2024-2025 City Budget, council members collaborated on expenses needed for upcoming projects in their assigned department.

Discussion was held regarding Building Permit 2024-173 application from Irving Dominguez to install a 10' x 15' fence on the east side of their residence located at 606 Meadowview Drive. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the building permit. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Resolution 2024-1

Discussion was held regarding Resolution 2024-1 amending current wages. Mayor will receive \$150 per month in lieu of \$100; this change will be effective July 1, 2024. Custodial personnel will receive \$20 per hour in lieu of \$15; this change will be effective March 1, 2024. Jeff Hoogeveen made a motion to amend the wages as stated. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Discussion was held regarding purchase of pickle ball equipment to be used on the new floor in the community center Kurtis Myrllie made a to approve the purchase of the equipment. Curtis Doorneweerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the current trophy case in the community center, there are replacement plans for a new larger case to be built and installed.

Annual Community Center Soup Supper is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th at Lester Community Center.

The next regular city council meeting will be Tuesday, March 5, 2023, at 7:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers. Date has changed due to potential conflicts of council members.

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

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Senior, City Clerk