



City of Lester

March 6, 2023
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Mayor Dan Gerber called the council meeting to order with council member Ladell Kellenberger, Lance Boote, Erika Kellenberger and Curt Doorneweerd present. Also, Cathi Senior, Brian Mogler, Kurtis Myrllie and Jon Gerber present.

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

Expenses:

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone	\$42.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$104.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer	\$249.91
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$438.12
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$687.65
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$49.78
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$39.04
Ageson Trucking	snow removal	\$1,880.00
Cole Papers	supplies	\$49.80
Darcy Gerber	cleaning hours	\$100.44
Denny's	Garbage (106 x 18.50)	\$1,961.00
Denny's	Comm Center Garbage service	\$187.50
Foundation	water testing	\$33.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue	February Tax (W \$247.66 S \$86.35)	\$334.01
Iowa Auditors Office	periodic exam fee	\$800.00
IPERS	Feb Contributions (W 52.08 S 59.52 G 126.90)	\$238.50
Leutholds	snow removal	\$1,312.50
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	705,000 gallons	\$1,797.75
Lyon County Sheriffs	contract work	\$3,848.00
Miller Loaders	snow blade edges/maintenance	\$544.00
New Century Press	minute publication	\$186.62
Peoples Banks	ACH Fee	\$25.00
Popkes Inc	722 gallons propane	\$1,263.83
RB Electric	siren fuse replacement	\$95.00
Robert Leuthold	Wage (W \$302.40 & S \$302.40)/snow removal	\$2,304.80
Cathi Senior	Wages (\$604.80) send hub \$15.98	\$620.78

Expenditures

001 GENERAL	\$12,715.91
110 ROAD USE TAX	\$687.65
600 WATER	\$2,501.09
610 SEWER	\$1,327.38
670 LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$1,961.00
Total	\$19,193.03

Revenues

General	\$7,398.33
Road Use	\$2,604.44
Water	\$3,812.41
Sewer	\$5,066.98
Garbage	\$2,116.27
Total	\$20,998.43

Public Hearing was held regarding adoption of the 2023-2024 Budget Hearing Proposal. A resolution 2023.03 approving the 2023-2024 Budget as presented to the council. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the resolution. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

At the meeting of the City Council of Lester, Iowa, held on the 6th day of March 2023, Council member Erika Kellenberger introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF LESTER, IOWA, FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN LESTER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF LESTER, IOWA" and moved that the same be adopted. Council member Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was passed with all members voting in favor.

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.04

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF LESTER, IOWA, FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN LESTER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF LESTER, IOWA WHEREAS, the City is desirous of entering into a 28E Agreement which establishes the goals and joint efforts of the City of Lester, Iowa, and Lester Development Corporation for purposes of economic development of the City of Lester, Iowa.

WHEREAS, an instrument entitled 28E Agreement Between Lester Development Corporation and the City of Lester, Iowa has been presented to the City Council; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LESTER, IOWA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the terms and conditions of the proposed 28E Agreement Between Lester Development Corporation and the City of Lester, Iowa has been presented and considered and the same is hereby approved.

2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and ordered to execute said 28E Agreement as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of March 2023.

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Senior, City Clerk

Discussion was held regarding covenants running with the land compromising Meadowview 2nd addition to the City of Lester, Lyon County Iowa. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the preliminary covenant. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Lester Development updated the city with updates of the LDC and notified members that the subdivision bid letting will be opening at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, and a report will be available at next council meeting for review and take-action by the council.

Mowing applications for the 2023 lawn mowing season was reviewed. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve hiring Jeff Hoogeveen. Ladell Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the Soup Supper donations received to assist in the funding of a new floor project in the Community Center, Lester Development is willing to fund a portion of the expense, however the city does not have the necessary funds available in the current budget to cover the remaining expense to complete the project. The community center roof needs to be repaired as it currently has a leaking issue and needs to be resolved before making an investment to replace the floors.

Discussion was held on the appointment of the council members to spear head different projects within the city; cemetery, parks, streets, water/sewer and community center projects. The appointed members of each group will address the council with upcoming projects, presenting bids as needed, so a decision can be made to prioritize each project based on the needs of the city.

Discussion was held regarding options to trade-in the current John Deere lawn mower, Curtis Doorneweerd presented options for trade-in allowance on the current mower for another John Deere. Curtis will collect bids from local dealers for other brands to compare and present to the council next meeting.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, April 3rd, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

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

Dan Gerber, Mayor

Attest: Cathi Senior, City Clerk