



City of Lester
May 5th, 2025
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

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

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

Expenses:

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone	\$40.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$104.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer #342.....	\$224.02
Alliant Energy	Community Center #596.....	\$496.78
Alliant Energy	Streetlights #856.....	\$745.82
Alliant Energy	Ball Park #470.....	\$40.81
Alliant Energy	Siren #199.....	\$42.76
Darcy Gerber	Cleaning wages	\$185.03
Denny's	Residential Garbage service	\$1,998.00
Denny's	Comm Center Garbage service	\$200.00
Foundation	Water testing	\$16.50
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Water service excise tax - Mar & Apr	\$373.86
IPERS	Contributions	\$254.04
Jeff Hoogeveen	Reimbursement for Weed Eaters	\$242.19
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	763,000 gallons	\$2,060.10
New Century Press	Minutes publication	\$214.52
Peoples Bank	May Sewage Loan Payment	\$6,889.00
Peoples Bank	May Water Loan Payment	\$6,429.00
Rapid Graphics	State Championship Signage	\$825.00
Robert Leuthold	Wages and April Services	\$937.42
Seed Plus	Grass Seed	\$289.00
3D Security	Annual Security Access	\$168.00
Todd Boote	Wages	\$602.42
Todd Boote	Reimbursement for Microsoft 360	\$300.00

Expenditures

General	\$2,927.65
Road Use	\$1,770.82
Water	\$9,421.62
Sewer	\$7,560.18
Garbage	\$1,998.00
Total	\$23,678.27

Revenues

General	\$71,571.04
Road Use	\$2,665.15
Water	\$3,293.28
Sewer	\$4,528.17
Garbage	\$2,120.00
Total	\$84,177.64

Motion was made by Lance Boote to approve a building permit submitted by Josh and Cali Metzger for constructing a home. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Curtis Doorneweerd to approve a building permit submitted by Stephen Michaels for building a fence. Lance Boote seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

City Clerk reported that the 2025-2026 Budget was approved and signed by County Auditor.

Annual Gym Membership Renewals will be mailed out this month.

Curtis Doorneweerd introduced Resolution 2025-3 to close an easement in the Meadowview Addition. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

A motion was made to set a Public Hearing at 6:00PM on Monday, June 9th, at the Lester Community Center for public discussion on Resolution 2025-3 by Erika Kellenberger. Kurtis Myrlyie seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Curtis Doorneweerd to contract with the same vendor for mosquito control as last year; pricing remained the same as 2024. Lance Boote seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

Kurtis Myrlyie motioned to accept the bid for city street resurfacing. Asphalt Surfacing Company will complete 9,000 square yards to be paid for in the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Additionally, Asphalt Surfacing Company will complete 9,000 square yards to be paid for in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Lance Boote seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

Lester Development Committee shared an update that they have received a few serious inquiries about commercial property. LDC continues to explore the best options for the new development, other potential land within the city limits, and for the city overall.

Lester Visioning provided an update that softball diamond updates continue to progress.

Peoples Bank will be hosting its 80th Anniversary celebration in the City Park on May 20th.

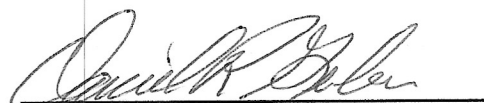
Lester Days has been scheduled for August 16th, 2025.

The Parks Department shared that tree service should be here next week for agreed upon tree trimming services. Picnic tables donated by Peoples Bank will be arriving soon. It was reported that some parks' play equipment may be broken. Jeff Hooegeveen will look at the equipment. Robert Leuthold will be overseeding the previously flooded grass area South of left field outside of the ball diamond fence.


The Community Center Department shared that a cancellation policy will be added to the Rental Information page on the website; if cancelling a rental agreement of community center space within 10 days of the date, the deposit will be retained by the city. Erika Kellenberger will be using funds from a Lyon County Riverboat Foundation grant to purchase a new treadmill for the fitness center. The exterior doors of the community center are being upgraded; this work should be completed by the end of the week.

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Monday, June 9th, 6:15PM at the Lester City Council Chambers, following the Public Hearing for the city easement discussion – Resolution 2025-3.

Kurtis Myrlyie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.



Dan Gerber, Mayor


Attest: Todd Boote, City Clerk