



**City of Lester**  
 June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 Regular Meeting 6:15 PM

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

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

**Expenses:**

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone & Comm Center	\$145.00
Alliant Energy	Electricity Services	\$1,509.81
Cole Papers	Paper & Cleaning Products/Supplies	\$62.84
Cooperative Farmers Elevator	Fertilizer	\$12.80
Curtis Doorneweerd	City Council	\$645.82
Dan Gerber	Mayor Wages	\$1,153.25
Darcy Gerber	Cleaning wages	\$150.61
Denny's Sanitation	Garbage Services	\$3,012.44
DRG Mechanical	Plumbing Service for fountain	\$106.00
DSG	ITRON Encoders & Water Meter Service	\$2,099.51
Deluxe	Check Order	\$437.95
Erika Kellenberger	City Council	\$516.66
Foundation	Water testing	\$16.50
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Water service excise tax - May	\$223.76
Iowa Finance Authority	Sewer Loan	\$12,270.00
IPERS	Contributions	\$1,239.53
Jeff Hoogeveen	Mowing & Park Maintenance	\$1,652.68
Jeff Hoogeveen	City Council	\$581.24
John Deere	Lawn Mower Purchase (minus trade)	\$3,975.00
Kirby Built	Picnic Tables	\$4,917.64
Kurtis Myrliie	City Council	\$968.73
Lance Boote	City Council	\$452.07
Lester Fire Department	Annual Contribution	\$6,000.00
Lester Rescue	Annual Contribution	\$6,000.00
Local ZIP	Gas	\$161.45
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	907,000 gallons	\$2,448.90
Lyon County Emergency Management	All Hazards Mitigation Plan	\$500.00
Lyon County Roads	K30 Project	\$17,718.07
Michaels Fence Co	Baseball Field Sideline Gate	\$979.45
Mid States Audio	Wireless Vocal System Ball Diamond	\$888.39
MGR Hauff	Backstop Padding Ball Diamond	\$4,625.00
New Century Press	Minutes publication	\$70.79
Northwest Iowa League of Cities	Membership Dues	\$25.00
Raman Tree Service	Tree trimming/pruning/removal at parks	\$10,000.00
Robert Leuthold	Wage (W \$301.21 & S \$301.21)	\$602.42
Robert Leuthold	Water Meter work & Certifications	\$244.96
3D Security Inc	Comm Center Door Maintenance Call	\$330.00
Todd Boote	Wages (\$516.36g, \$43.03, \$43.03)	\$602.42
Todd Boote	Purchased Stamps	\$292.00

Vogel Paint & Glass	Community Center Doors	\$18,850.00
Visa	Adobe, SendHub, Network Solutions, Webhosting	\$116.82
Wayne Van Wyhe	Mowing	\$660.00

**Expenditures**

General	\$86,243.54
Road Use	\$746.67
Water	\$5,273.22
Sewer	\$13,004.08
Garbage	\$1,998.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107,265.51</b>

**Revenues**

General	\$24,863.14
Road Use	\$2,564.61
Water	\$3,725.94
Sewer	\$4,988.51
Garbage	\$2,250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,392.20</b>

City Clerk gave an update that Annual Gym Membership invoices have been mailed. Payments are due by June 30<sup>th</sup> for the renewals.

Motion was made by Curtis Doorneweerd to vacate the utility easement (Res. 2025-3). Erika Kellenberger seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

City Council determined that the City of Lester will follow state regulations regarding firework regulations.

An addendum from Heidman Law, representing Lyon & Sioux Rural Water System, Inc. was presented to the city council declaring a rate increase on water rates. Motion was made by Jeff Hooegeveen to accept the addendum. Lance Boote seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

After discussion regarding the Lyon & Sioux Rural Water System, Inc rate increase, Curtis Doorneweerd motioned to increase the city's water rate to \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used by residents. Kurtis Myrllie seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor.

Lyon County Auditor contacted the city to inform us of the November 4<sup>th</sup> City/School Election. City candidates can find nomination papers and instructions at the DRG Office in Lester. Candidate filings begin on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and ends on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:00PM. Instructions and papers for interested candidates can also find this information at the County Auditor's Office.

A Northwest Iowa League of Cities meeting will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> in Jefferson, IA.

Lester Development Committee provided an update that they continue to pursue commercial development opportunities and have received interest from multiple parties. The city will look into potential options for water service to potential commercial development areas.

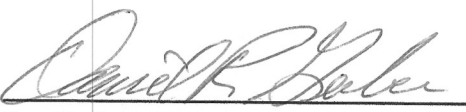
Lester Visioning gave an update that the Ball Diamond is complete. A report was given that the ball diamond has been busy over the last couple of weeks. We have received positive feedback from residents and visiting teams. Additional city trails were poured over the past weekend.

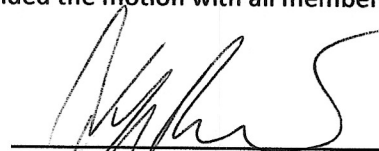
The parks update included black dirt needed to fill a few holes remaining from tree removals; an offer was made to donate the black dirt, and Jeff Hooegeveen will level and plant grass seed. Ball diamond has minor plumbing issues with leaking sinks and toilets; the city will work with Leuthold Plumbing and/or DRG to fix. Jeff Hooegeveen offered to investigate broken playground equipment.

City has purchased a new treadmill for the Fitness Center located in the Community Center. We will be replacing the oldest treadmill. It was determined that we will offer the treadmill up for sale in a closed bid auction. The instructions and opportunity to purchase will be posted on Facebook.

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM, at the Lester City Council Chambers.

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

  
 Dan Gerber, Mayor

  
 Attest: Todd Boote, City Clerk