



# City of Lester

January 8, 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 Doorneveerd present. Also present Cathi Senior and Jon Gerber

A motion was made by Jeff Hoogeveen to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of December 4th, Treasurer's Report and the following bills and warrants issued through December as presented. Curtis Doorneveerd seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

## Expenses:

Alliance Communications	Sewer Phone	\$42.00
Alliance Communications	Community Center	\$107.00
Alliant Energy	Sewer	\$220.12
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$671.44
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$723.42
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$50.60
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$37.50
Bob's Lock and Key	cc door lock replacement	\$1,314.68
Cole Papers	supplies	\$232.69
Darcy Gerber	cleaning hours	\$132.84
Denny's	Garbage	\$2,167.00
DSG	meter for Dutchland	\$810.00
Foundation	water testing	\$16.50
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Dec Tax	\$334.32
Iowa One Call	line detection	\$20.70
IPERS	Dec Contributions	\$244.40
Lester Feed & Grain	water softener	\$68.00
Lester Local	mowing	\$32.13
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	704,000 gallons	\$1,795.20
Lyon County Road	K30 Road Project	\$17,718.08
New Century Press	minutes	\$72.93
Popkes Car Care	624 gallons propane	\$904.03
Robert Leuthold	Wages	\$604.80
Cathi Senior	Wages & supplies	\$620.78
US Treasury	4th Qtr taxes	\$997.95

## Expenditures

General	\$22,921.37
Road Use	\$723.42
Water	\$3,406.65
Sewer	\$908.17
Garbage	\$1,979.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,939.11</b>

## Revenues

General	\$9,723.46
Road Use	\$2,743.44
Water	\$3,542.23
Sewer	\$4,764.30
Garbage	\$2,161.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,935.08</b>

Discussion was held regarding past city sewer and water accounts.

Reminder the **Community Center** will not be available for rent or gym use **January 22-30, 2024**. Installation of new gym flooring and the common areas will be painted during this shutdown.

Re-elected council members, Curtis Doorneweerd and Jeff Hoogeveen, re-elected mayor Dan Gerber and new council member Kurtis Myrlie took the oath of office for council position.

Discussion was held during review of the Payroll and Service Charge Schedule; increased rates were discussed. Curtis Doorneweerd made a motion to approve the following rate increases effective for the fiscal year of 2024-2025, mowing rates with the combinations of ballpark/lift station \$100, cemetery/Hastings ditch \$125, city park/community center/bus stop \$100. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Jeff Hoogeveen abstained from voting.

Lester Development Corporation updated the council, they have sold another residential lot, the installation of streetlights is the next project in the area. A meeting is being planned to determine the interest and what opportunities are available for commercial expansion and development. Anyone interested in attending the meeting can reach out to a member of the Lester Development committee.

Discussion was held regarding the final examination report of the agreed-upon procedures report on the City of Lester, Iowa for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. The agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa by Rachelle K. Thompson, CPA.

Discussion was held regarding council members to research future projects in their respective departments and get cost estimates if necessary to assist with 2024-2025 budget that will be discussed at next council meeting.

Lester Community Center Annual Soup Supper is scheduled for Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, February 5th, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

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

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Attest: Cathi Senior, City Clerk