



**City of Lester**  
 November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Mayor Dan Gerber called the council meeting to order council members Lance Boote, Erika Kellenberger, Kurtis Myrle and Curt Doorneweerd were present. Also present were Todd Boote and Jen Smit.

A motion was made by Curtis Doorneweerd to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the Minutes of the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, Treasurer’s Report and the following bills and warrants issued through October as presented. Lance Boote 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	\$167.79
Alliant Energy	Community Center	\$513.45
Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$791.47
Alliant Energy	Ball Park	\$60.57
Alliant Energy	Siren	\$45.33
AB Excavation	Lagoon Cleanout	\$4,867.50
Cole Papers	Community Center	\$79.20
Darcy Gerber	Wages	\$211.68
Darcy Gerber	Light Bulbs	\$92.83
Denny's	Residential Garbage	\$1,998.00
Denny's	Comm Center Garbage service	\$296.00
DRG Mechanical	Winterize drinking fountain	\$106.00
Foundation	water testing	\$16.50
Gerber Insurance Agency	Bond, Work Comp Audit, Gen Liability	\$1,510.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue	water service excise	\$253.41
IPERS	Oct Contributions	\$258.76
J&B Lawn Care and Snow Removal	Flatwork - 4930 sq ft	\$29,500.00
Lyon County Sheriff	Police Protection Contract - 1st of 2 payments	\$7,844.00
Lyon & Sioux Rural Water	1,002,000 gallons	\$2,705.40
Network Solutions	webhosting	\$4.66
New Century Press	Minutes publication	\$32.17
New Century Press	TIF Hearing notice publication	\$18.23
Peoples Bank	Loan Payment - water	\$6,429.00
Peoples Bank	Loan Payment - sewer	\$6,889.00
Robert Leuthold	Wages	\$604.80
Robert Leuthold	Lagoon Cleanup / Misc. Services	\$10,700.00
SendHub	Marketing/communication – Oct.	\$15.98
Todd Boote	Wages	\$604.80
Todd Boote	SendHub Reimbursement – Sept.	\$15.98

**Expenditures**

General	\$41,540.64
Road Use	\$791.47
Water	\$9,801.99
Sewer	\$22,644.41
Garbage	\$1,998.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$76,776.51</b>

**Revenues**

General	\$78,452.06
Road Use	\$2,551.44
Water	\$4,610.79
Sewer	\$5,774.56
Garbage	\$2,177.25
Total	<b>\$93,566.10</b>

Discussion was held regarding upgrading the exterior community center doors. No action was taken at this time.

TIF Project (Resolution# 2024-15) bid was rewarded to J&B Lawn Care and Snow Removal. Work along Clinton Street is nearly complete.

A consultation session for Resolution# 2024-15, Expanded Lester Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan Amndment was held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 3:00PM.

A Public Hearing on the expansion of the Lester Urban Renewal Area was held. Dan Gerber opened the hearing at 6:30PM. There were no public comments made. The public hearing was closed by Dan G.

Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Lester Urban Renewal Area was discussed. Motion was made by Curtis Doorneweerd to approve, Erika Kellenberger seconded, all members voted in favor.

Resolution Authorizing Internal Advance for Funding of Urban Renewal Project (Street Improvements Project) was discussed. Motion was by Lance Boote to approve, Kurtis Myrlie seconded, all members voted in favor.

Kurtis Myrlie made a motion to accept a quote from Bosler Concrete to complete a street curb project on the East side of Depot Street. Lance Boote seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Lester Visioning gave a short update that a grant was awarded for a canopy and backstop project at the ball diamond.

A parks update was given to report that winterizing has been completed at the ball diamond.

A discussion was held regarding the community center rentals. Reports were shared about renting parties using the exercise room. Exercise room is not part of the rental, no food is allowed, children under 12 are not permitted without an adult and the TV is for members using the exercise equipment. Additional discussion was held about larger group gatherings leaving the building in poor condition without proper cleanup. We will be pursuing bids on community center snow removal from the parking lot and sidewalks.

A streets update was given to report that we will be receiving a bid for resurfacing city streets. Council agreed to purchase 12 weighted base cones with reflectors for various projects throughout the city.

Discussion was held regarding leaf burning within city limits. Until we receive further notice, Lyon County is in a burn ban. Additionally, we ask that in general, be mindful of neighbors and we encourage use of the tree dump for city residents.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Lester City Council Chambers.

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

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Dan Gerber, Mayor

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Attest: Todd Boote, City Clerk