

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: April 1, 2021

Administration

City offices are closed on Friday, April 2 in observance of Good Friday.

Work on an upgrade to the existing fire alarm system at City Hall began this week. The upgraded alarm system will bring the building into full compliance with all applicable fire codes. Special thanks to Deputy Fire Chief, Harold Gregory, for his guidance throughout the development of the project.

Tuesday evening, the CIC met to review project submissions for the Loveland Heights Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program. The meeting was very helpful in setting the parameters for eligible projects.

Wednesday morning, a meeting with downtown business owners was held at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming parking meter pilot program. The input received from the business owners was very valuable.

Finance

With 2020 tax filing deadlines being extended, the Finance Department has received a high volume of calls seeking clarification. The State of Ohio has extended the date to file from April 15, 2021 to May 17, 2021. The Ohio Revised Code states that the deadline to file for municipalities shall follow the State and can only be adjusted by the State of Ohio Tax Commissioner. Deadlines related to 2021 earnings are not affected by this action.

Building and Zoning

Building and Zoning staff continues to work with Accela in customizing the new Building and Zoning software. The most recent update includes creating the framework and template for the property maintenance, permitting, planning, and business licensing components. GIS integration will be the next step.

Public Works

Wednesday evening, the Recreation Board met to review evaluation of various park needs. Included were park evaluations from Loveland High School Students (Tiger Inc.). The students continue to be a valuable resource, as they are also participating in the Nisbet Park mini plan.

On Thursday, bids were opened for two important infrastructure projects, the Miami Drive Culvert Replacement and the Butterworth Sewer Main extension.

LSFD

Wednesday, Fire Chief, Otto Huber, Deputy Chief, Mark Rose, and I, drove to the Sutphen chassis plant in Springfield, Ohio, to view the progress on the new chassis for LSFDFD Rescue Unit 61. Following some minor modifications to the lighting, the unit will be shipped to Colorado where the existing body of Unit 61

will be re-mounted onto the new chassis. Chief Huber reports that once the truck is delivered to Colorado the completion will take another 90 days. As mentioned during City Council's action on this project, the remounting of the existing body onto a new chassis, represented a savings of approximately \$500,000.



Police

Last weekend, Loveland Officers assisted Hamilton Township Officers in a vehicle pursuit of a stolen car. LPD Officers used stop sticks to disable the vehicle, which was dumped at Loveland Landing. Loveland Officers arrested the driver and recovered a firearm and drugs.

Also, Chief Rahe received his Ohio Crime Prevention Association Board certification as a Crime Preventions Specialist this week.

Public Relations

This week, Marketing and Communications Manager, Krista Rose, completed a press release regarding upcoming infrastructure projects. To view the release, [Click Here](#)

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Wednesday, April 7, Finance Commission, 5:00 P.M., City Hall

Thursday, April 8, Tree and Environment Committee, 7:30 P.M., City Hall