



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: February 25, 2022

Administration

Police Chief, Sean Rahe, announced that he will be retiring in early June. Sean has served the City of Loveland for the past 24 years. It was my privilege to appoint him as Chief of Police in 2016, and it has been an honor to watch him serve the community with honesty and high integrity. The city, the police department, residents, and business owners have all benefited from Chief Rahe's experience and leadership.

Monday, I met with representatives from Patriot Engineering to discuss the progress of the city's grant application to the Ohio Department of Development, for funding to complete an environmental remediation of the Chestnut Street property. We anticipate a formal decision on the city's grant request in early March.

Tuesday, staff met to continue the coordination and planning for 2022 Homearama at Chimney Ridge. The show is scheduled for August 6-21.

Wednesday evening, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC), met to review applications for Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to permit the demolition of two vacant structures (103 East Loveland Avenue and 108 Second Street), which are located within the city's historic boundaries. The HPPC voted to approve the COA requests.

On Friday, Premier Cabling Solutions replaced the current wireless microphone system in council chambers with a new system. Configuration of the system will take place on Monday.

Public Works

Monday, the city's Storm Water Committee, along with City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein met to review multiple agenda items including, updates to the Storm Water Management Plan, Road Salt Brine Containment Policies and Soil Stabilization.

Building and Zoning

Building and Zoning Clerk, Becky Noel, Zoning and Economic Development Specialist, Eva Wisby, and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith continue working through the testing phases of the new software. The data migration and conversion from the old software to the new has been completed.

The vacant structure at 1310 West Main Street has had plans approved for interior alterations. The new addition for Rumpke continues to move forward. The project is awaiting some minor building plan revisions. Plans for the first structure (five units) of the Blossom Hill subdivision has been submitted. With spring approaching, the Building and Zoning Division is beginning to receive many applications to rent the Nisbet Park shelter. The Nisbet Park shelter received 90 rental applications last year.

Police

On Saturday, Chief Rahe attended the city council planning session. Officers Salamon, Wright, Asbury, and Johnson monitored the rally downtown to make sure everyone was safe. Late Sunday night Lieutenant Humphrey and Officer Dakota Parks mediated a dispute on Park Avenue. After reviewing the in car video, they had a sense something was not right and asked Officer Magoteaux, Officer Bibelhausen, and K9 Cruz to check the area around the dispute. The officers quickly located a significant amount of methamphetamine.

LPD is applying for "Group 4" professional standard certification through the [Ohio Collaborative Police Community Advisory Board](#). The Collaborative provides the highest professional standards for law enforcement in Ohio. The Loveland Police Department is already certified by the Collaborative in professional standards groups 1, 2, and 3.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, had been rescheduled for Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Back Our Business Week, coordinated by Tigers Inc., will run from February 28 to March 6. This event aims to celebrate the community through the support of local shops, restaurants, and non-profit organizations. Friday, March 4, will be Impact Night and businesses owners and patrons are encouraged to wear orange.