



## City of Loveland

### City Manager's Weekly Report

December 1, 2023



The final pavement course was applied on Harrison Avenue this week.

#### Administration

Tuesday was Councilmember Kent Blair's final council meeting. Always supportive of city staff, not afraid to ask us questions, along with an incredible sense of humor made Councilmember Blair a joy to work with. Although an overused phrase, Kent challenged us to think "outside of the box", i.e. solar panels on the new public works building. On behalf of all city staff, thank you Kent, you did a great job!



City staff, MSP engineers, and Duke Energy reviewed pole relocations and lighting needs for the new downtown parking lot project. Bid documents for the project are nearing completion.



On Wednesday, each department head had the opportunity to meet with Councilmember-elect Brian Goodyear. The meetings allowed Mr. Goodyear the chance to learn about city operations, upcoming projects, and meet other city staff members. Mr. Goodyear reported back that the day was quite the learning experience.

Additional sidewalk repairs commenced at City Hall this week

#### Building and Zoning

The city's Chief Building Official, Paul Myers, met with the contractor regarding the plans for the retaining wall repairs being implemented at 912 Loveland Madeira Road. Also this week, the Mr. Myers met with a separate contractor to review plans for a retaining wall located at Caliber Collision, located at 1505 Loveland Madeira Road.

Here is a summary of Building and Zoning Department activities throughout the past week:

- The final inspection was completed for the Premier Dance's studio space in Shopper's Haven.
- Progress continues at Blossom Hill, as inspection activities continue on the final building.
- DVD Brew had their final inspection on the brewhouse building, located at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road. Work continues on the tap room building.
- The footer inspection took place for the new addition at Children's Academy of Loveland, located at 10695 Loveland Madeira Road.
- Plans came in to remove part of the loading dock behind Bond Furniture.
- Multiple residential permits were issued this week, and inspections completed on various projects.

#### Public Works

The Harrison Avenue Widening Project is nearly complete. Paving was finished on Thursday and pavement markings will be installed this Saturday. The multi-dimensional project widened and expanded Harrison Avenue, installed new sidewalks along the south side of the roadway, improved stormwater drainage within Nisbet Park, corrected the turning radius at the North Karl Brown Way intersection, and created an entranceway into the upcoming downtown parking lot.

#### Public Safety

Thanks to fundraising efforts during Cancer Awareness Month in October, at Tuesdays council meeting, Fire Chief Otto Huber presented a donation of \$15k on behalf of the Loveland-Symmes Firefighters Association to the Karen Wellington Foundation (KWF). As Chief Huber stated, "KWF brings smiles to those affected by cancer and they were an excellent selection for the donation".



This week, Chief Huber, City Manager Kennedy, and Assistant City Manager Wright met with MSA Architects to discuss next steps in the fire station 63 relocation project, including the preparation of bid documents and the bidding process and requirements for the project. In addition, staff contacted the USDA for a status update regarding the funding allocations and

process. MSA continues to develop bid documents and specifications, as these will require USDA review prior to advertising for bid. Permits were issued for the fire station as well and were picked up by the project architect.



At Tuesdays City Council Meeting, new part-time Police Department Property Room Manager, Erin Godsey was sworn into office by Mayor Kathy Bailey. Erin brings excellent experience and background to the position and is excited to have joined LPD.



### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Loveland's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival is this Saturday, December 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Jackson Street Market.

City Council will meet on Monday, December 4, at 7 p.m.

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