

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
Thursday, January 4, 2024 6:00pm
East Conference Room #337
651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, IL**

In Attendance:

Chairman Dan Transier
Alderman Chris Funkhouser
Alderman Craig Soling

Absent: Alderman Seaver Tarulis

Other City Officials in Attendance:

Police Chief Jim Jensen

Others in Attendance: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Dan Transier

Citizen Comments: None

Minutes for Correction/Approval: November 2, 2023

The minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

1. PS 2024-01 Monthly Report Review for October and November 2023

For October, Chief Jensen informed the committee of community initiatives such as coffee with a cop, community roll calls, a CSO did a “find the Fox”, Biz Boo was a success and Battle of the Badge softball tournament. There were 574 training hours for the month. He said there were 10 crashes in October at Rt. 126 and 47 and none in November. The Chief also gave traffic enforcement info for the major roadways. The investigation numbers are increasing and there were fewer calls for service compared to last year.

For November, the Chief said the PD hosted pies at the senior center and an award was given to a 12-year old following a house fire. There were 202 training hours. There were several traffic stops on the major roadways and he said traffic study information will be provided to the Aldermen for their respective wards. He gave information from speed sign results and said there is a speeding problem in these areas—Kendall Drive and Center Parkway, and they have done directed patrols there. A fatal accident also occurred there recently. A possible 4-way stop is recommended for Countryside Parkway and Center Parkway and EEI is also doing a study there. The Chief noted that at one time a roundabout was considered for this location. Though it did not come to fruition, Alderman Funkhouser noted that road improvements were made.

Alderman Transier noted there is a park located near that intersection now and he said even if EEI does not recommend a 4-way stop there, he felt it would be beneficial for safety. Alderman Funkhouser also recommended a 4-way stop and he suggested a conversation with Public Works

after EEI's study is available. Chief Jensen added that this area is used a shortcut off Rt. 47 & 34. Alderman Soling also noted that the area is poorly lit. The Chief also noted other areas where speed studies have been done.

Continuing the November report, Chief Jensen said the Detective squad has seen increased cases from 2022 to 2023 for November. He also noted that 9-1-1 cell phone cases have increased partly due to the fact that all of these calls are dispatched. Stats for other crimes were given and the Chief also reported on monthly mileage and gas expense. He noted that the crashes at Rt. 126 and 47 are rear-end crashes rather than disobeying stop signs.

2. PS 2024-02 Adjudication Reports for October 30, 2023 - December 2023

There was a fight in October where 2 offenders were cited and there was a second fight in November. Chief Jensen noted numerous issues at the middle school. There were other adjudications for cannabis, vehicle tows, etc.

The middle school problems were discussed further. There has been preliminary conversations with the school district. When a second middle school is built, a second School Resource Officer would be needed and the Chief suggested a second one should be largely funded by the school. (The current SRO is funded by the city). He also said that the school security team resolves many of the problems and they do not involve the police.

3. PS 2024-03 Memorandum of Understanding for the Yorkville Police Department Information Center - Discussion

Chief Jensen said this is informational. The City Attorney drafted the MOU and other agencies will all sign. Those agencies have all seen the draft and had no issues with it. It states that Yorkville will own and maintain the center and it is hoped there is funding for 3 years. The committee was OK with this document.

Some of the equipment for the center has come in and other items are ordered. The county will have a full time person in this center and in March or April a full time Yorkville officer will be positioned in the center.

Old Business: None

Additional Business: None

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Marlys Young, Minute Taker