

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
Thursday, September 5, 2024 6:00pm
East Conference Room #337
651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, IL**

In Attendance:

Chairman Dan Transier
Alderman Seaver Tarulis
Alderman Craig Soling

Absent: Alderman Chris Funkhouser

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: May 2, 2024

The minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

1. PS 2024-12 Monthly Reports Review for April – July 2024

Chief Jensen presented the reports for each month. Starting with April he reported on staffing, training, community policing initiatives, crashes, directed patrols, speed studies, citations and warnings. He noted that in a post, Yorkville was recognized as being in the top 20 safest cities in Illinois. He also reported the criminal and non-criminal stats and the number of calls for service.

For May, June and July, in addition to the stats, the Chief also noted specific officer training and graduation that has been completed, new hires and recognition of the civilian staff. He said the CSO program has been a great recruitment tool. He noted a problem area at Walsh and Greenbriar with drivers ignoring the stop sign. In July Yorkville took part in a detail with the Illinois State Police and Kendall County Sheriff regarding human trafficking which resulted in 3 arrests. He also reported on meeting a therapy dog and the handler who will be available if needed. There was a Facebook post about Detective Sergeant Matt Nelson being the law enforcement officer of the year as a result of his investigation of an incident at the water park. He said his department is working with IDOT on the intersection of Routes 126 and 47 due to the high incidence of crashes there. He reported on speed studies at Galena & Rosenwinkel and said speeding issues continue on Routes 34, 71, 47 and Fox Rd. He also reported on vehicle usage.

Chief Jensen said background checks have greatly increased since they are done for all city employees, coaches, etc. Overall, he said the crime is down for the year. Crisis calls have also

decreased over last year. He said most of the department is trained in Crisis Intervention and these types of calls must be reported to the state.

2. PS 2024-13 Adjudication Reports for May – August 2024

The types of cases that went to Hearing included vehicle towing, possession of cannabis/vaping at the high school, expired registration, weeds and disorderly conduct. Alderman Soling noted ongoing violations of commercial vehicle parking in Bristol Bay.

3. PS 2024-14 Resolution Declaring Certain Disposal Property Surplus and Directing Disposition of Same

Chief Jensen said 3 new vehicles were purchased this year and 3 will eventually be disposed of and one in particular at this time. Certain benchmarks are used when determining disposal. The other 2 vehicles are Impalas and will be used for training purposes. The training is a request by the insurance carrier following an auto insurance audit. Eventually those cars may be donated to the school district. This will move forward to City Council for final approval.

Old Business: None

Additional Business: None

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by
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