

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
Thursday, November 21, 2024 6:00pm
West Conference Room #335
651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, IL**

In Attendance:

Chairman Dan Transier
Alderman Seaver Tarulis

Alderman Chris Funkhouser

Absent: Alderman Craig Soling

Other City Officials in Attendance:

Police Chief Jim Jensen

Deputy Chief Ray Mikolasek

Others in Attendance: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chairman Dan Transier.

Citizen Comments: None

Minutes for Correction/Approval: September 5, 2024

The minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

1. PS 2024-15 Monthly Report Review for August and September 2024

Chief Jensen presented details of the activities from both monthly reports. Those activities included training hours, overtime hours, crash statistics, directed patrols, citations/warnings, crime statistics, overall calls for service, background checks and others. He also said a new officer had been hired. The officers received "EVOC" training (Emergency Vehicle Operator Course) as a result of a visit from the insurance company which suggested all officers and CSO's should be trained in emergency vehicle driving. Two officers are certified and can offer the training to other PD's. He also reported on school statistics regarding the SRO. The Chief said that the department focus in 2025 is to solve specific problems. His department has also been looking at a speed reduction on Countryside Parkway and portable speed signs have been used in problem areas. These reports are informational.

2. PS 2024-16 Adjudication Reports for September and October 2024

Tickets were issued for dirt bike complaints and a nuisance citation was issued for a business in September. There were also vehicle tows, expired registrations and junked vehicles. Citations were issued for semi truck parking violations and no other violations have been noted since. Informational.

3. PS 2024-17 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two Ford Interceptor Sports Utility Vehicles from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$154,452

Chief Jensen said Sutton Ford in Matteson, Illinois has the state bid, however, the police department has been working with Morrow Brothers since they are less expensive. Sutton Ford

orders have to be in by September. This would obligate the department to purchase those vehicles and the Chief said he cannot authorize those funds yet. In addition, Sutton has not fulfilled other orders. Also, Yorkville can be added to the Morrow list and removed with no penalty. The total squad car cost is \$77,226 which includes all equipment except the radio. Two new vehicles will be requested in next year's budget. Chief Jensen asked for committee approval and to move it forward to the full Council.

4. PS 2024-18 Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Yorkville Community Unit School District 115 and the United City of Yorkville (School Resource Officer)

Chief Jensen said the school district was approached this year about the costs of a School Resource Officer such as salary, insurance, coverage at football games, etc., which the city now absorbs. He said the SRO is headquartered at the high school, however, they will go to any Yorkville school within the city limits. He spoke with the high school superintendent about drafting an agreement with the city. In the agreement, the city is asking the school to cover all overtime costs incurred by the SRO or other officers. Also, basic SRO training will be paid by the city, however, other training for SRO's will be requested to be paid at 50% by the school. The committee discussed other scenarios of overtime being paid. If another SRO is added, salary reimbursement will be requested. Chief Jensen also spelled out other components of the agreement which would be valid for 4 years. He requested a recommendation to move this forward to the regular agenda of the City Council. He said the school board is expected to sign this agreement by December 16th.

5. PS 2024-19 Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) Update - Discussion

Deputy Chief Ray Mikolasek gave an overview of this accreditation program through the state. The department is looking at minimizing risks which affects insurance policies. The department has been working on this program for 2 years and it is nearly finished. There are 2 choices/ tiers for the accreditation process--Tier 1 has 69 standards and Tier 2 has 181 standards. Tier 2 was chosen and it covers Administration, Operations, Personnel and Training. Many of the standards have already been completed and policies were created for others.

An initial assessment was recently done and the reviewers were impressed with the progress so far. An on-line review will be done in January and assessors will come in February. He informed the committee what will occur when the assessors come to the PD. After the on-site visit, the assessors will submit a report to the ILEAP Committee Chairman and then to the ILEAP Council. If accreditation is granted, it is for 4 years and an awards ceremony would be held at a City Council meeting. Alderman Tarulis commended the work that has been done. Alderman Funkhouser suggested someone should shadow the process and train for the renewal process. A future position for an Accreditation Manager is being considered for 2027 since it is not usual that a sworn officer undertakes this type of project. This is informational.

6. PS 2024-20 Meeting Schedule for 2025

The committee was OK with the schedule as presented.

Old Business: None

Additional Business:

Alderman Tarulis said a constituent asked why stop signs are not erected on bike paths and what the law says. Chief Jensen said in order for the PD to enforce stop signs, they must be on a public roadway and must be a specific size. Some bike trails are public property while others may be controlled by HOA's, IDOT or private. The Chief will consult with City Attorney Orr and will email his findings to committee members.

Alderman Funkhouser asked about downtown traffic. The Chief said the PD is focusing their efforts on the downtown area. Sgt. Stroup is putting together a plan and will coordinate efforts with the county and state police to address the speed problem. They will run specific enforcement details to help, however, it is believed the enforcement would slow traffic only temporarily. Any reduction of the legal speed limit downtown would need IDOT approval. It was noted that Plainfield has raised medians which could help diminish speed. The Chief will forward results of Sgt. Stroup's report and will also add this topic as an agenda item each month.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marlys Young, Minute Taker