

**APPROVED 10/4/18**

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE  
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING  
Thursday, April 5, 2018 6:00pm  
City Hall Conference Room**

**In Attendance:**

Chairman Carlo Colosimo  
Alderman Joe Plocher

Alderman Chris Funkhouser  
Alderman Seaver Tarulis

**Other City Officials in Attendance:**

City Administrator Bart Olson      Deputy Chief Larry Hilt  
Chief Rich Hart

**Others in Attendance:**

Kathleen & Gabriel Chavez: Foote, Mielke, Chavez & O'Neil

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Colosimo and a quorum was established. He asked to move item #5 forward on the agenda.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Minutes for Correction/Approval:** January 4, 2018

The minutes were approved as presented on a unanimous voice vote.

**New Business:**

***5. PS 2018-09 Opioid Lawsuit Discussion*** (out of sequence)

Ms. Chavez said she has communicated with Chief Hart about the proposal regarding the opioid lawsuit. She said there has been national litigation and most of the cases filed have been moved into federal court. Her firm has focused their litigation on the pharmaceutical companies that have made and distributed the opioids. Two decades ago there was a push to market drugs aggressively and increase prescription rate. In the Appalachian area, there was an increase in burglaries where drugs were stolen and overdoses became the leading cause of death. Now health professionals are seeing repeat overdose calls for the same persons and they do not respond as well to the Narcan.

The purpose of this presentation is to have Yorkville join a lawsuit along with other Illinois towns that are too small to pay for lawyers on their own. Ms. Chavez sent a written proposal to the city attorney. If the case is resolved favorably, Yorkville could receive some money for training and other programs. It is possible that fire districts could also be included.

Ms. Chavez would take this case on a 20% contingency basis and she must get court approval of her fees. If the suit is not won, there is no charge to Yorkville. Alderman Tarulis asked for clarification on the end result. Ms. Chavez said part of the goal is to have the pharmaceutical companies help pay. She said the pharmacy companies and distributors misled Doctors because they knew the pills were highly addictive. She said more information is available on the Department of Justice website.

Ms. Chavez said a decision is needed in the next 2-3 weeks. All committee members said they want to review the proposal and memo prior to a decision.

***1. PS 2018-05 Police Reports for November 2017 – March 2018***

Chief Hart said some car burglaries have occurred from unlocked cars. One of the patrolmen will receive an award for apprehending the culprit. There was also an armed robbery in a restaurant parking lot. He added that some Yorkville residents were arrested in Aurora on gun violations and Chief Hart said his department is being vigilant regarding this type of activity. Chairman Colosimo commented that he likes the complimentary letters received by the Police Department.

***2. PS 2018-06 Adjudication Reports for January – March 2018***

No discussion of reports.

***3. PS 2018-07 Liquor Code Amendment - Catering***

Mr. Olson said the new restaurant Pizza Riot wishes to serve liquor at the restaurant at a music event and at a movie event. The amendment also eliminates references to Meadowhawk Lodge at Hoover Forest Preserve which was de-annexed from the city. This item moves to the Mayor's report for the next Council meeting. Mr. Olson will ask Attorney Orr to clarify the ordinance.

***4. PS 2018-08 Liquor Code Amendment – License Fee Deposit***

The fees have been codified and staff is recommending elimination of the deposit since there is a \$350 application fee. The committee was ok with the revision.

**Old Business** None

**Additional Business** None

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

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