

**APPROVED 10/4/18**

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

**In Attendance:**

Vice-Chairman Seaver Tarulis

Alderman Chris Funkhouser

Absent: Aldermen Carlo Colosimo and Joe Plocher

**Other City Officials in Attendance:**

Police Chief Rich Hart

**Others in Attendance:**

Fred DuSell, River's Edge

Jim Jensen, Blackberry Creek North

Rich Pietrzyk, River's Edge

Vice-Chairman Tarulis called the meeting to order at 6:07pm without a quorum, but for discussion.

**Citizen Comments:** (moved to end of meeting)

**Minutes for Correction/Approval:** April 5, 2018

No corrections were noted, however, the minutes will be brought back to the next meeting for action due to no quorum.

**New Business:**

***1. PS 2018-10 Police Reports for February - May 2018***

Chief Hart said there was nothing unusual in these reporting months. Alderman Funkhouser noted the reports now reflect whether the statutes are state or municipal which is part of a new software package.

***2. PS 2018-11 Adjudication Reports for April - June 2018***

Newark has now joined the adjudication process, according to Chief Hart and their hearings follow Yorkville's. If the county police issue the adjudication tickets, they will attend and if the matter is a city violation, the City Administrator will attend.

***3. PS 2018-12 Liquor Code Amendment – Employment of Minors***

Police Chief Hart said current state law states that municipalities can choose if they want restaurant servers to be 18 or 21 in order to serve liquors. At this time in Yorkville,

18-year olds can serve liquor in a restaurant, but must be 21 to sell package goods. He is suggesting that 18-year olds be allowed to also sell the package goods to standardize the rules. He said many family restaurants have family members working there who are not 21. This would also allow 18-year olds to sell package liquor in stores such as Jewel. He said Yorkville has had no problems with the current operation.

Chief Hart said part of the issue is some bars also sell package goods. If the age was pushed to 21, some employees could lose their jobs and it would be a hardship for the business. Alderman Funkhouser and Tarulis agreed the policy should be consistent. More information will also be requested of Bart Olson regarding the origin of this request.

A special Public Safety meeting may be called in order to reach a decision.

#### ***4. PS 2018-13 Request to Dispose of Vehicle***

Chief Hart said the original plan was to take the vehicle to auction, but the car has a blown engine and over 100,000 miles, so he said a sealed bid would be a better way to handle. The vehicle is also not covered by insurance. The cost to remove striping and equipment is less than \$500. Alderman Funkhouser asked for an email regarding the cost of removing a squad from service and for bid amounts. Proceeds are placed in the capital fund. No further action at this time.

#### **Citizen Comments** (out of sequence)

Mr. Pietrzyk shared a typed statement regarding trains by the River's Edge subdivision where he resides. Recently there was an occasion where the train was blocking the only exit from his subdivision for more than 40 minutes. He was very concerned about this being a safety issue and just noticed this problem this year. He said Illinois formerly had a 10-minute time limit in which trains could block a street. He said there were over 100 cars on the train and it moved very slowly. Mr. DuSell said the trains have not been this long or stopped that long before and that it is a serious issue. He said there was a second incident also.

Alderman Funkhouser said a candid conversation may be needed with the railroad regarding this serious matter. He said both Bart Olson and Mayor Golinski have a rapport with the railroad. He said White Oak also has a similar problem.

Chief Hart said the trains have an issue with the curve of the tracks in one area and he also said he would have a conversation with Mr. Olson and the Mayor. He said there has been an increase in the number of trains and can be 6 per day.

Mr. Pietrzyk of River's Edge also expressed concern for the speed limit in the subdivision as it relates to the park there. He would like to have the speed limit posted at 20mph. It was noted that the state has restrictions on speed signs since Yorkville is a non-home rule community. Mr. Funkhouser said it could be addressed by Public Works to examine other ways of reducing speed there. Chief Hart said the park area is one of their extra watch areas.

Mr. DuSell of White Oak added that there is no egress on the north side of the tracks In White Oak. He said that after a train derailment a few years ago, an ambulance was blocked by the train and the train finally had to be broken apart for the ambulance. He asked Chief Hart to check on any policy regarding ambulances and trains in similar situations.

Alderman Funkhouser asked Chief Hart to find out the number of trains per day since the railroad will not divulge the numbers.

**Old Business** None

**Additional Business**

Alderman Tarulis asked about fireworks calls that might have been received. Chief Hart said the fireworks were cancelled on the first scheduled night due to the weather and he said there was an ambulance call for a heat-related incident. He said fireworks incidents have increased over the years and it is detrimental for vets who suffer from PTSD. Mr. Tarulis said information was put out through one HOA asking for consideration for others. The Chief said they also disseminate information to be considerate, but to no avail.

Mr. Tarulis said motorized traffic on the path has decreased. It was noted that motorized pedal bikes are not allowed on the path unless they are not using their motor.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.

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