

**APPROVED 1/3/19**

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE  
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING  
Thursday, October 4, 2018 6:00pm  
City Hall Conference Room**

**In Attendance:**

Chairman Carlo Colosimo                      Alderman Seaver Tarulis  
Alderman Chris Funkhouser                      Alderman Joe Plocher

**Other City Officials in Attendance:**

Police Chief Rich Hart                      Deputy City Clerk Lisa Pickering  
Deputy Chief Terry Klingel                      Lucas Potter, Comcast  
Jim Jensen, Blackberry Creek North

**Others in Attendance:** None

Chairman Colosimo called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and a quorum was established.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Minutes for Correction/Approval:** April 5, 2018 and July 5, 2018  
Both sets of minutes were approved on a unanimous voice vote.

**New Business:**

***1. PS 2018-14 Police Reports for February – August 2018***

Chief Hart noted the staffing is down three officers and all are taking more calls as they transition through vacation time. Alderman Funkhouser said he was concerned for burnout and Chief Hart will evaluate how the upcoming holiday season affects the department. He said there were 104 applications for new police officers and he will hire 3-4 in mid-December.

***2. PS 2018-15 Adjudication Reports for April - September 2018***

No comments.

***3. PS 2018-16 Liquor Code Amendment – Employment of Minors***

Chief Hart said he is OK with this amendment which would allow employees 18 years and older to serve or sell liquor. He cited the BASSET training as a valuable tool for these employees. Deputy Clerk Pickering said she will email liquor license holders or

send a written notification about the change when approved. Alderman Plocher said Oswego is already delivering groceries and liquor. The committee agreed they do not think minors should deliver liquor to a residence. Ms. Pickering said some laws have been changed and the State allows the towns to enact laws covering delivery by businesses. She will consult the City Attorney regarding the intent of this ordinance and delivery would be reviewed as a separate item. Chairman Colosimo said Liquor Code Ordinance 3-3-14 should be clarified and a separate section should be added regarding off-site delivery of alcohol by those under 21. This will come back to committee for further discussion.

**4. PS 2018-17 Liquor Code Amendment – Waive 100 Foot Church/School Restriction**

Chairman Colosimo said this law is antiquated and Chief Hart added that some private schools are now located in business districts. Mr. Funkhouser said he preferred some separation and does not want liquor next to schools/churches. Committee members Colosimo, Plocher and Tarulis supported this amendment, while Alderman Funkhouser did not. This moves to the regular agenda for Public Safety.

**5. PS 2018-18 Code Amendment – Licensing Requirements for Resale Dealers**

City staff had recently been contacted by a local business inquiring if a resale dealer's license was required for a trade-in program they wished to start for used electronic equipment and gift cards. Chief Hart said licenses should be required to prevent stolen items from being brought to the business. He said thrift shops that do not pay when items are brought in are exempt from licensing. However, Alderman Plocher said Goodwill sometimes hands out 10% off coupons. Regarding licensing requirements, Alderman Colosimo suggested leaving the threshold at 35% of the gross sales and add language as follows: "or doing gross sales in excess of \$1 million per year". Chief Hart said many crimes have been solved with this ordinance. This item will be brought back to committee for further discussion.

**6. PS 2018-19 Code Amendment – Repeal of Licensing Requirements for Bicycles**

Chief Hart said the ordinance was repealed at one time and then reinstated. He said there is no time or manpower to handle bicycle licensing and he recommended repeal. This moves to the consent agenda.

**7. PS 2018-20 Comcast Fiber Optics Contract – KenCom Connection**

Chief Hart said it was originally thought this project would be below the spending limit and not need Council approval. KenCom is switching to the New World system (police reporting system and CAD in squads) in December. The present T-1 line will be turned off December 12<sup>th</sup>. It was thought the Comcast contract would be for 2 years, however, Comcast was not aware the building was not fiber-optic capable. The 3-year plan must be adopted to get the free hookup for fiber optics. This item must move forward to Council due to time constraints for the necessary hookups by December. Chief Hart said Metronet would not provide a quote. He said this item was not budgeted, but his department will be \$200,000 under budget, so an amendment will not be needed. The committee was OK with this. This will be on the Mayor's report for the next Council meeting.

**8. PS 2018-21 Meeting Schedule for 2019**

The committee was OK with the meeting schedule. Mr. Funkhouser asked if the police statistics could be emailed monthly to the committee members instead of reviewing three months at a time. Chief Hart will also send the adjudication reports.

**Old Business** None

**Additional Business**

Chief Hart said vehicles and personnel have both been a priority in the past budgets. Three vehicles have been purchased this year and now he will focus on hiring personnel. He would like three police officers next year and additional office staff. Discussions must also be held regarding building needs. Alderman Funkhouser said he would like to see a plan for a new building and how it would be funded. Chief Hart gave a brief history of the present building and said the economy crashed at the time new plans would have been brought forward. Chairman Colosimo asked if the city-owned bank building is an option since it was purchased to be a city hall or police department. The Chief said it would be a good location with adequate parking. A satellite office in a school was also suggested, however, Chief Hart said a satellite office was opened on Rt. 126 at one time, and citizens did not come there. He also wants to engage in community outreach. It was noted the goal-setting meeting is November 10<sup>th</sup>.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

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