

**APPROVED 3/5/20**

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE  
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING  
Thursday, January 2, 2020 6:00pm  
City Hall Conference Room**

**In Attendance:**

Chairman Seaver Tarulis      Alderman Daniel Transier  
Alderman Joel Frieders

Absent: Alderman Jackie Milschewski

**Other City Officials in Attendance:**

Police Chief Jim Jensen      Purchasing Manager Carri Parker  
City Clerk Lisa Pickering

**Others in Attendance:**

Katie Finlon, *Kendall County Record*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Seaver Tarulis and a quorum was established.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Minutes for Correction/Approval:** November 7, 2019

The minutes were approved as presented.

**New Business:**

***1. PS 2020-01 Monthly Report Review***

The Chief presented the October and November monthly reports. He said there are now 41 employees including five additional patrol officers and overtime hours have decreased due to adequate staffing. The crashes at Rt. 126 and 47 were discussed and information has been given to Public Works Director Eric Dhuse for possible solutions to the sight line issues.

Chief Jensen reported that the Part I and Part II crimes were down compared to last year and the non-criminal calls are increasing as the population grows. He also said crisis intervention calls stats are now available. Alderman Frieders commented that residents sometimes do not call the police, but instead report incidents on social media. Chairman Tarulis thanked the Police for the high adoption rate of stray animals and Chief Jensen praised the Records staff for the adoption efforts.

## **2. PS 2020-02 Adjudication Reports for November and December 2019**

Chief Jensen said many of the cases were building and zoning issues along with some cannabis violations. Cannabis charges will continue for minors after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Alderman Transier questioned how cannabis violators cases would be handled if they were charged in December, but not heard until January when the new laws become effective. Chief Jensen will research this question.

## **3. PS 2020-03 Request to Dispose of Surplus Items**

Ms. Parker said this is a continuation of the cleanup of the sallyport and storage unit. She listed the various items for disposal which have no value and said they wish to dispose of through a recycling company. The committee approved this recommendation.

## **4. PS 2020-04 Liquor Code Amendment – Waiver of Fees for Temporary Permits**

Ms. Pickering said for special events, there are two routes that applicants can take. If the applicant currently holds a liquor license, they can apply for a special event license and the Mayor has the option to waive those fees. The second option is for temporary permits to be issued to non-profit groups, wineries and other similar organizations and they are charged \$35. The Mayor would also like the option to waive those fees. For 2019, there were only six temporary permits issued. Alderman Frieders commented that he would like the non-taxpaying groups to pay the \$35. No further discussion.

## **5. PS 2020-05 2020 Department Goals**

Chief Jensen said he has established four department goals for 2020:

1. Reduce number of accidents: Chief Jensen would like to see a 3% accident reduction. He said the department will educate and gather data prior to assigning staff to a specific area.
2. Reduction in Part I and II crimes: Supervisors will be given latitude to direct their team to achieve results. Focus will be on problem areas.
3. Increase interaction with social media footprint: a Facebook page has been developed and the department will use Snapchat and Twitter. Increased postings will be made, especially with positive items.
4. Develop crisis intervention team: Mental health training has been given to all staff members. Many officers are CIT-certified to deal with various mental disabilities and the department is developing relationships with families with autistic members.

Alderman Frieders also commented about marketing the services of the department and how to disseminate the outreach services available. The Chief said his department will attend events and work with the schools to inform the community. Mr. Frieders also noted an event on February 11<sup>th</sup> at The Den in Oswego which will include conversations on mental health. YPD will also attend, said the Chief. He also said Officer Goldsmith/SRO at the high school will begin posting on Facebook.

**Old Business:** None

### **Additional Business**

Chief Jensen gave a brief summary about the proposed vehicle lease program and the department is working with other agencies to determine their satisfaction with their programs. He said most departments are happy and there are many variables to consider. He said it's very difficult to obtain vehicles at this time and there is a 20 week lead-time. More information will be forthcoming.

The school inter-governmental agreement is still pending and waiting on review by the attorneys, said Chief Jensen.

Another officer will be hired on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The Chief is looking at a targeted patrol team and more information will come. A department policy manual will be coming.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.

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