

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE  
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING  
Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:00pm  
City Hall Conference Room**

The Public Safety meeting was held in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Executive 2020-07, allowing remote attendance due to the current Covid-19 pandemic.

**Committee Members Attending:**

Chairman Seaver Tarulis, in-person	Alderman Joel Frieders, remote
Alderman Jackie Milschewski, remote	Alderman Dan Transier, remote

**Other City Officials Attending:**

City Administrator Bart Olson, remote	Assistant City Admin. Erin Willrett, remote
Police Chief Jim Jensen, in-person	Deputy Chief Behr Pfizenmaier, in-person
Deputy Chief Ray Mikolasek, in-person	Alderman Ken Koch, remote
Alderman Chris Funkhouser, remote	

**Others in Attendance:**

Katie Finlon, *Kendall County Record*, remote

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:** March 5, 2020

The minutes were approved as presented.

**New Business:**

***1. PS 2020-11 Monthly Report Review for February and March 2020***

Chief Jensen gave an overview of the reports. He noted that Detective Nelson was nominated for Detective of the Year following 2019 investigations. He recapped the Covid virus reports in March and said the department focused on community policing, safety and supporting the local businesses during the pandemic. The department has also participated in celebratory parades. Officer Borowski was also given an award for his lifesaving efforts. In general, the calls were down in March.

## **2. PS 2020-12 Adjudication Reports for February - April 2019**

Chief Jensen gave a brief report of the violations and said the adjudications ceased on March 9<sup>th</sup> due to the pandemic. The hearings are expected to start up May 11<sup>th</sup> with safety measures in place in regards to Covid. Mr. Olson said that he and the City Attorney are working on guidelines.

## **3. PS 2020-13 Purchasing Report**

Administrator Olson said this is an update on police related items including disposal of two vehicles. The update also included the status of bids, RFQ's and RFP's.

## **4. PS 2020-14 Neighbors by Ring Doorbell Program**

Deputy Chief Pfizenmaier said some local police agencies are already participating in this program. He showed a short video illustrating the features of the system and said there is zero cost for this program. A ring doorbell is not needed and an app can be downloaded on a smart phone to use the system. Police can also put out alerts in specific areas. When police canvas residents about a specific event/crime, they can request the video from the ring doorbell. Privacy concerns were discussed and providing info from the program is voluntary.

Alderman Transier questioned potential evidence provided by Ring and said it could be sent to police anonymously. He asked how citizens could remain anonymous if their Ring is requested for evidence. Mr. Transier said he wants citizens to realize they may be requested to testify. Alderman Frieders said that "assumed involvement" is addressed in the "terms of service" for Ring. No further action at this time.

## **5. PS 2020-15 E-Citation Implementation**

Chief Jensen noted this is a budgetary item that could be on the "cut" list in view of the pandemic. Deputy Chief Mikolasek presented the information and said the e-citation is a city goal for automation technology improvements and would eliminate paper. This would be part of the records management system that currently runs through the sheriff's office program and would be billed through KenCom. Completion of citations would be electronic and a paper ticket could be printed inside the squad. Information is electronically downloaded into the police department and Circuit Clerk's record systems. He also calculated the time savings per document. The Deputy Chief said the Kendall County Sheriff is already using this and Oswego is implementing it now. It is hoped to have the Clerk's office pay for a portion of the cost. He has spoken with Ms. Noble and Mr. Ratos from Community Development about using this system also. There was no committee discussion and Mr. Tarulis commented he hoped this program could become a reality.

## **6. PS 2020-16 Strategic National Stockpile**

Chief Jensen discussed a stockpile program which would encompass mass distribution of equipment, medicines, etc. to first responders and residents. He said Deputy Chief Mikolasek is working on a plan with the Sheriff's office and Health Department using the

high school as the distribution location. Staffing, traffic control, maps, parking and many other aspects are being planned. It is expected to be complete by the end of May or early June.

**Old Business:** None

**Additional Business:**

Chairman Tarulis asked about the Police Department Covid-19 response. Staff has been given special instructions for handling traffic and the public. Changes to internal routines and procedures have also been made to keep officers safe. Communications with other police departments are done weekly for best practices, ideas, etc. Chairman Tarulis expressed his appreciation for staff especially during the pandemic and Chief Jensen also praised his staff. Alderman Milschewski asked if any complaints were received regarding people congregating in violation of state rules. The majority of calls have been for people not wearing masks, but overall most citizens are following orders.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm on a motion by Ms. Milschewski.

Minutes transcribed by  
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