

APPROVED 1/7/21

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
Thursday, November 5, 2020 6:00pm
City Hall Conference Room
800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL**

Note: This meeting was held in accordance with Public Act 101-0640 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued by Governor Pritzker pursuant to the powers vested in the Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, The United City of Yorkville is encouraging social distancing by allowing remote attendance at the Public Safety Committee meeting.

In Attendance:

Chairman Seaver Tarulis, in-person
Alderman Jackie Milschewski, remote

Alderman Daniel Transier, remote

Absent: Joel Frieders

Other City Officials in Attendance:

City Administrator Bart Olson, remote
Police Chief Jim Jensen, in-person

Alderman Chris Funkhouser, remote
Purchasing Manager Carri Parker, remote

Others in Attendance: none

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: September 3, 2020

The minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

1. PS 2020-25 Monthly Report Review for August and September 2020

Chief Jensen reported on overtime hours (part of which was reimbursed), training hours, traffic crash data and in particular, the location of many crashes at Schoolhouse Rd. and Rt. 47. Chief Jensen and Eric Dhuse are collaborating on this issue. Also reported were citations/warnings issued, Part I and II data, calls for service and traffic details. He noted that overall, gas usage and mileage were down.

2. PS 2020-26 Adjudication Reports for September and October 2020

The Chief reported on multiple tickets issued for Cozy Spa and two dog incidents. No further discussion.

3. PS 2020-27 Accreditation Discussion

This topic was brought forward for discussion and feedback. Chief Jensen was involved in the accreditation of the Oswego Police Department and said less than 6% of police agencies in the U.S. have this honor and only 4% have accreditation with distinction. One of his goals is accreditation for the Yorkville Police Department. He said the process is long and expensive and there are accreditations both through the state and nationally. National accreditation standards are inspected every 3 years, while the state is on a 4-year cycle. If issues are found, the department is allowed to correct them. These programs require a department to meet many standards. He said only 42 agencies in the state are accredited. He added that the new city hall/police facility will help meet the standards, but it could take 1-3 years to obtain initial accreditation.

Alderman Transier asked about the benefits of state vs. national accreditation. A memo in the packet lists the various advantages and also the standards for being accredited. The budget already includes funding, but Chief Jensen said it would be best to wait for the transition to the new building.

4. PS 2020-28 Surplus Request for Disposal of Police Vehicles

In March, the Council authorized the purchase of a new squad. It will be received in a couple weeks and will be designated for patrol. Ms. Parker said it is recommended to send an old vehicle, a 2014 Caprice, to auction. The committee was OK with this and the item moves forward to the City Council.

Old Business:

1. PS 2020-15 E-Citation Implementation

- a. Intergovernmental Agreement with Kendall County Circuit Clerk
- b. Agreement with KenCom for Purchase of Additional Tyler/New World Products – Brazos Electronic Citation Software Program

The Chief said this item was tabled earlier due to Covid and budget concerns. It is being brought forward now for approval. Automation and Technology had been identified as a 2020 Council goal. Currently CAD and a records management system are housed in KenCom and the new E-Citation/Brazos will combine both of these systems. He gave an example how it would work for officers in the field and said the system will print a warning/citation in the squad car and the citation will also be uploaded into the Circuit Clerk's office. The Chief cited the number of hours of saved time and paper with this system.

He said the cost is \$48,230 for 15 printers and 2 handheld devices and the Clerk's office will reimburse the police \$21,900 of that amount. The total cost to the city is \$26,330 which is budgeted. There is also an annual maintenance cost of \$1,366 which will be shared with the Clerk's office. KenCom also holds the contract for the New World software and because of this partnership, an IGA was drafted by the Chief and City

Attorney Orr. Alderman Transier asked if part of the cost will be transferred to offenders or if the Clerk's office will add a fee on the offender. Chief Jensen will research, though he knows the state has limited the fines and fees based on citations. The committee recommended approval of this purchase and it moves to City Council.

Additional Business

Chairman Tarulis asked about police officers' reactions to the new building being purchased for city hall and the police department. The Chief said many officers have a very favorable opinion of this purchase and took tours of the building the day after the purchase.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.

Minutes transcribed by
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