

APPROVED 11/18/21

UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
Thursday, August 12, 2021 6:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers
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.

NOTE: All attendees were in-person.

In Attendance:

Chairman Dan Transier Alderman Matt Marek
Alderman Seaver Tarulis Alderman Jackie Milschewski

Other City Officials in Attendance:

City Administrator Bart Olson Police Chief Jim Jensen

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City Consultant Lynn Dubajic LaToya Gunn/Creative Mind Events/Crafts & More

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Dan Transier and he announced those who were present.

Citizen Comments: None

Minutes for Correction/Approval: July 1, 2021

The minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

1. PS 2021-19 Monthly Report Review for June 2021

Chief Jensen reported on overtime hours and said some were reimbursed. Other highlights included the number of accidents, citations and warnings for June. He also compared the stats with June of 2020. The numbers of Part I and Part II crimes were also reviewed. Mental health calls have increased in June and total calls for service are up

this year compared to last year. He also noted the cost of fuel has increased this year. Alderman Milschewski asked about a sensor she observed on a pole at Rt. 47 and 126. It was thought it could be a traffic counter, but Administrator Olson will verify. Also, it was noted by Chief Jensen that it is legal for residents to have cameras on their house.

2. PS 2021-20 Adjudication Reports for July 2021

Chief Jensen said most infractions were for cannabis possession by underage kids. Complaints of illegal parking in a subdivision were reported after the violator did not heed warnings from HOA, neighbors or the PD and three citations have been issued as a result. There were 3 citations for illegal parking in handicapped spots on Marketplace Drive. He said it is a habitual problem there. This is informational.

3. PS 2021-21 Commander Promotion

The Commander position was not filled at the beginning of the budget year and not until staffing levels are normal, said Chief Jensen. He hopes to fill this appointed position by November 2. The appointee will come from the Sergeant's rank and a new Sergeant will need to be chosen. Testing has just been done for a new Sergeant and Matt Nelson has been selected for that position. The new Commander will be recognized at the next City Council meeting and this is informational at this time.

4. PS 2021-22 Liquor License – Gift Basket Sales

Mr. Olson said the city had a gift basket liquor license many years ago and it was later dropped. A new business owner, LaToya Gunn, is now interested in obtaining this license. It is a cheaper, more restrictive license than the city tavern license with a cost of \$250 and would allow her to include package liquors as part of gift baskets. He said city staff recommends approval. Ms. Gunn is an event planner and said she is opening a storefront at 1443 Cannonball Trail. She will also offer t-shirts, balloons, floral, gift baskets, etc., and may teach classes at a later time. The committee was in favor of approving the liquor license and this will move to the next City Council meeting on the consent agenda.

Old Business: None

Additional Business

Chief Jensen shared a few other items:

1. The Police Department will participate in a car event August 14 at the Sports Dome and they are partnering with other agencies. It is for citizens at risk.
2. Cop on Top will be held at Dunkin Donuts on August 20th.
3. Back to school safety plan in place with message boards, signs, patrol.
4. Sending 2 officers to Chicago PD wake for officer recently killed in line of duty.
5. He referenced an email sent to all Aldermen today regarding an item that was posted on social media.
6. Asked to move body camera program presentation from September to November.

In another matter, Alderman Tarulis said there is a fox that wanders in the Kylyn's Crossing subdivision and is usually seen each day. He said it approaches people and he is concerned about safety. Mr. Olson said residents could call the County or a private trapper could be hired.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.

Minutes transcribed by
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