

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
Thursday, January 6, 2022 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 ongoing 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 Dan Transier
Alderman Craig Soling
Alderman Matt Marek/electronic attendance

Absent: Alderman Seaver Tarulis

Other City Officials in Attendance:

City Administrator Bart Olson/electronic attendance
Police Chief Jim Jensen
Deputy Chief Ray Mikolasek
Alderman Chris Funkhouser/electronic attendance

Others in Attendance: None

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: November 18, 2021

The minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Transier asked to amend the agenda by moving Old Business--Body Cameras, prior to the New Business items.

Old Business: (out of sequence)

1. PS 2021-25 Body Cameras

Chief Jensen recapped discussions from the last meeting regarding body cameras and possible funding grants. He was also trying to obtain answers for questions the committee had at that meeting.

Deputy Mikolasek provided an updated quote for 33 cameras vs. 25, which would provide a camera for each sworn officer. Each camera would have their own charger and a license is needed for each body camera as well as the in-car camera. Since the last meeting, the prices have increased for some of the equipment.

Mr. Mikolasek also discussed the amount of time staff spends on burning CD and DVD's for court. Several hours are spent for this process each year and there are additional costs for the equipment. Chairman Transier said most departments are going to on-line evidence sharing.

The Deputy Chief also shared information regarding the capabilities of flagging body camera footage for questionable incidents, FOIA requests for camera footage and redaction of information. He also answered some questions from the last meeting including equipment impact-resistance, fogging, water resistance, etc. Damaged cameras would be replaced at no charge. Off-site storage would be needed for video back-up, but cloud storage is limitless.

Deputy Chief Mikolasek's recommendation was the leasing option with a cloud-based solution for judicial sharing and he also recommended that all equipment be from the same vendor. The lease cost is \$147,970. He said Oswego PD is doing the same leasing program.

Chief Jensen offered a few additional comments. He said there is currently \$50,000 in the budget that can be used for this equipment. He also recommended the lease program and he hopes to implement it very soon. He said the first year cost would be about \$39,000 with a certain amount each year thereafter for a total of \$147,970. He said the department prefers WatchGuard since it interfaces with the car units.

Alderman Soling asked how long it would be to receive an upgrade. After the third year, all new cameras will be received with upgraded technology. If the lease is signed again after 5 years, new cameras would be received again.

Chairman Transier said he is familiar with Watchguard, saying it is user-friendly and is the way of the future for evidence. This item will move forward to the Council for discussion and a vote.

New Business:

1. PS 2022-01 Monthly Report Review for October and November 2021

Chief Jensen reported on the October overtime hours, crashes, Part I and II crimes, training and calls for service. He noted gas costs have increased.

In November, he reported on the same categories and also mentioned some community relations events and department promotions. He said gas costs increased \$2,200 over November 2021, but there was a decrease in gallons.

2. PS 2022-02 Adjudication Reports for November and December 2021

The Chief said many of the cases involved impounded vehicles, garbage complaints, cannabis violations and dog citations. This is informational.

3. PS 2022-03 2022 Annual Department Goals

Chief Jensen said the department wants to identify goals beyond the usual goals, for making the city better and safer. They will hold each other accountable for actions, focus on interacting with the public--making decisions with excellence and measure for success. They will look at complaints against the department and investigate them. They will fully analyze all “use of force” incidents and ask the question “did we do the right thing?” Social media outlets will be monitored daily to determine correctness of information being shared. Another area of focus will be resolving situations that have become stressful for officers. The department will be cognizant of the kind of legacy they wish to leave as a department and as individuals.

Additional Business

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm

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