

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
Thursday, July 13, 2023 6:00pm
City Hall East Conference Room #337
651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, IL**

In Attendance:

Chairman Dan Transier
Alderman Chris Funkhouser via Zoom
Alderman Craig Soling via Zoom (joined meeting at 6:19pm)

Absent: Alderman Seaver Tarulis

Other City Officials in Attendance:

Police Chief Jim Jensen

Others in Attendance: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Chairman Dan Transier, absent a quorum.

Citizen Comments: None

Minutes for Correction/Approval: May 4, 2023

The minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

1. PS 2023-11 Monthly Report Review for April 2023 – May 2023

Chief Jensen reported one officer will be leaving the department in August and 46 others have applied. For April he reported on the policing initiatives, the possibility of a drug takeback container at the PD, training hours, school events and crashes for which he provided a day and time. The directed patrols were on Rts. 34, 47, 71 and he provided the number of hours spent there. He reported on the Baseline speed results following citizen complaints and he added that 7,000 cars a day travel that road eastbound. He also provided stats for incidents and reported on vehicle usage and related costs.

For May, he reported on the “Cop on Top”, Memorial Day weekend police presence, school events, efforts to be at the Marketplace each day and school events. The Chief also reported on the training hours, crashes and some areas of focus. The portable speed sign was positioned on Baseline Rd. again. Criminal cases, mental health calls, arrests and vehicle maintenance were also reviewed. Two new vehicles have been received.

Alderman Funkhouser noted that drivers are still speeding on Rt. 47 despite tickets being issued etc. Chief said officers continue to patrol Rt. 47 heavily and he noted that IDOT will not allow a message board to be placed there.

2. PS 2023-12 Adjudication Reports for May 2023 – June 2023

Chief Jensen said there were several of the usual cases and also included dangerous dogs running at large, and a dog bite, for which tickets were written. There was also a disorderly conduct for a fight, an additional dog bite, impounded vehicles, retail theft and cannabis charges..

3. PS 2023-13 Selection of Committee Liaisons

Chairman Transier volunteered to be the school board liaison. Chief noted an upcoming get-acquainted meeting with the 2 new Superintendents at city hall

Old Business: None

Additional Business:

Chief Jensen said a family had previously donated \$20,000 to the PD and it was used for workout equipment for the department. The family later received a tour of the new building and said they wished to do something for the PD. The Chief informed them he was writing a \$100,000 grant for a “real time information center”. In the event of a major crime, it would allow officers to log into a designated system to gather information directly and allow them to “geo-fence” and put out posts immediately. The generous family has offered to help purchase this system. He has already contacted nearby police agencies about participating in, or who already have this system. He will compile a plan and will keep the committee updated.

On another note, Alderman Soling said he would continue as liaison with BKFD.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Marlys Young, Minute Taker