

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
Thursday, September 7, 2023 6:00pm
City Hall East Conference Room #337
651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, IL**

In Attendance:

Chairman Dan Transier
Alderman Seaver Tarulis

Other City Officials in Attendance:

Police Chief Jim Jensen

Others in Attendance: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chairman Dan Transier, absent a quorum.

Citizen Comments: None

Minutes for Correction/Approval: July 13, 2023

The minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

1. PS 2023-14 Monthly Report Review for June 2023 – July 2023

For June, Chief Jensen reported on overtime hours, neighborhood roll calls, postings for police officer applications and YMCA youth program. He said a crossing guard was hired and they are now fully staffed. The Chief is working on transitioning the guard duty back to the school district. He said police retirees were also given a tour of the new city hall. In addition, he reported on the training hours, number of accidents, traffic details for the month, crime stats and squad information.

The Chief also reported on July activities. He said there was enhanced security for the 4th of July and Hometown Days festivities and he said people were glad to see the extra efforts. He reported on several car burglaries and apprehensions were made. He also discussed Special Olympics participation, traffic details including Baseline Rd. and the increase in the number of tickets issued. He shared information about an exposure incident at the waterpark and a subsequent apprehension. The Chief also provided stats regarding criminal cases and crisis intervention incidents. For information.

2. PS 2023-15 Adjudication Reports for July 2023 – August 2023

Chief Jensen said, in addition to the usual violations, they ticketed a car with expired registration which had been parked on the side of the road for an extended time. They also ticketed a solicitor. For information.

3. PS 2023-16 Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) Update - Discussion

Deputy Chief Mikolasek is in charge of the accreditation process which is now 42% complete. The administration portion is finished and the operational component is being done now. Chief Jensen said they are expecting to have a mock assessment in early 2024 with completion and accreditation by the end of 2024. ILEAP provides new law changes, best procedures and Safety Act standards updates.

Old Business: None

Additional Business:

Chief Jensen gave an update on issues occurring at Yorkville Christian School. Residents of Prestwick and Ashley Point Subdivisions have complained about the students' driving near the school. There are 2 entrances—one at the back and one in the front of the school off Ashley Rd. which is gravel and in poor condition. Bart Olson has spoken with John Stewart about finishing the road, however, the city cannot force Mr. Stewart to complete it. The cost would be several hundreds of thousands of dollars based on an estimate from EEI and there would be some cost to the city. Chief Jensen said the main problem is actually in the back where there is a 4-way stop. After the stop sign, it becomes private property and residents there have complaints about the manner in which students and parents are driving. The Chief met with school officials and they discussed ways to educate the drivers and he presented them with traffic-calming devices. The police are also running details before and after school and they will begin running the details with unmarked cars.

In another matter, Alderman Tarulis asked if electric bikes are motorized vehicles, since they can also be pedaled. They are considered motorized vehicles.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Marlys Young, Minute Taker