

BOWIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE!



Minutes of the February 24, 2021 Virtual Meeting

Meeting called to order: 7:34 pm by the Chair

Attendance:

Del Billings, Chair
Ron Gill, Member
Bill Healy, Member
Jeffrey Cooper, Member
Bill Grayson, **Member**
Monica Best-James, Esq. Member
Jackie Rhone, Member

Ad Hoc Members

Dwayne Preston, Deputy Chief, BPD

Ingrid Harrison, Council Member
Jonathan Howard, Chief, BVFD

Guests:

Tamika Washington

Excused:

Jill Hochman, Vice Chair
Earl Braxton, Member

Approval of January Minutes: Motion by Bill Grayson, seconded by Bill Healy to accept revised minutes. Approved.

Reports:

City Council – Council Member Harrison

- City Council is reviewing the proposed budget for the upcoming year.
- Offered to assist in reviewing proposals to be presented to the Council.

Bowie Volunteer Fire Department Update – Chief Jonathan Howard

- Number of members who have contracted COVID has gone down
- Discussed the VOVID decontamination apparatus
- He would like to purchase more for all the stations, pending ability to get funding

Police Department Report – Deputy Chief Preston

- Chief Nesky provided a Department update to the City Council. Theft from auto is down approximately 30%.
- Two new SUV's have been purchased and the color scheme is changed to black. Cruisers will be replaced with SUV's as new vehicles are purchased.

- Departmental Awards Ceremony will be held on March 4.

Bowie Public Safety Committee

- Members discussed issues involving vacant properties and the possibility of foreclosed properties to be officially reported to the City. Member Cooper presented a College Park Ordinance for review.

Motion: A motion was made for Mr. Cooper to draft language to be discussed and presented for review by appropriate staff and presentation to the City Council. Passed.

- Member Grayson discussed issues involving senior citizens, especially difficulties in scheduling for COVID vaccinations. Also discussed difficulties contacting senior citizens within Bowie on various issues. Member Grayson was authorized to discuss issues with Laurie Cunningham, City of Bowie.

Next meeting: March 24, 2021, 7:30 pm (virtual meeting is anticipated)

Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting –Unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.