

**Bowie City Council
Meeting Results
October 4, 2021**

Consent Agenda:

All items approved.

Old Business:

- A. Adoption of Ordinance O-5-21 Amending Bowie City Code Chapter 2, "Administration", Article II, "Personnel System", Division 7, "Benefits – Leave, Insurance, Retirement, etc.", Section 2-55, "Holidays" to add Juneteenth National Independence Day to the List of Holidays for City Employees - Public Hearing held. Councilmember Esteve made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-5-21. Mayor Pro Tem Bofo second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Gardner did not vote) This ordinance will become effective November 3, 2021.
- B. Bowie Golf Course – Councilmember Woolfley made a four part motion: 1) To direct staff to allow Emerald Golf Management until October 8 to accept the City's terms; 2) Move forward with negotiations with Indigo; 3) In parallel, make all practical efforts to open the facility for use, using the 1099/contractors and staff to the extent possible; 4) Should negotiations not prove fruitful, move forward with operating the golf course with City staff. Councilmember Gardner second the motion. Councilmember Harrison asked if Councilmember Woolfley would consider amending his motion by striking step number four. Councilmember Woolfley agreed to remove step number four in the motion at this point, but it could be addressed later if need be. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

New Business:

- A. Police Department Update – Chief Nesky briefed Council on the department's activities from the last six months. The department is currently staffed at 51 officers, they are short 16 officers from what the department is authorized. They are making all efforts to recruit new officers. The crime trends continue to be theft from autos and robberies. The department continues to encourage residents to lock their vehicles at night and not leave any valuables in them that are visible. Community outreach has been going well, the department continues the Coffee with a Cop sessions and have seen an increase in attendance from residents. They also have attended several HOA meetings to answer any questions they might have. Overall, the department is doing well.