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ORDINANCE NO. 103

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS THERETO, THE ORGANIZATION OF SAID COMMISSION, AND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SAID COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS:

Section One: There is hereby created and established a commission consisting of five (5) members, to be known as the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Section Two: The members of said parks and recreation commission shall be appointed by the mayor and approved by majority vote of the city council.

Section Three: The original five (5) members of said parks and recreation commission shall be appointed to terms of one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), and five (5) years so that one commissioner's term will expire each year. Terms of office thereafter shall be for five (5) years. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms of the member whose office is vacant in the same manner as such member received the original appointment.

Section Four: After a member of the commission fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings, unless excused by the vote of said commission, his membership shall automatically terminate, and his successor shall be appointed in the same manner as his predecessor. A member of the commission may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the city council.

Section Five: All of the members of said commission shall serve without compensation. Members may be reimbursed for their actual expenses, including travel, lodging, and meal expenses incurred while on official business of the commission, which has had prior approval by the city council.

Section Six: Immediately after appointment and qualification, or until their successors qualify, the commission shall organize by election a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary who shall serve for one (1) year.

Section Seven: Meetings shall be held as needed as called by the chairman. Any three (3) members of the commission may call a meeting after giving seven (7) or more days notice of such meeting to all members.

The minutes of the commission shall be filed with the city clerk and the mayor.

Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section Eight:

The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) Act in an advisory capacity to the city council in promoting, aiding, encouraging and conducting public recreation, including the development of recreation and park facilities and programs.
- (b) At the request of the city council, recommend to the council the names of candidates who are qualified in the administration of public recreation and park services for appointment by the council to the position of director of recreation and parks.
- (c) Act in an advisory capacity to the city council and to the director of recreation and parks in the planning, maintenance, development and operation of all recreation areas and facilities owned, controlled or leased by the city.
- (d) Formulate, and recommend to the council, general policies related to the purposes of the commission; and adopt by-laws, rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the council, as the commission may require to facilitate the operation of a recreation and parks system.
- (e) At the request of the mayor, cause a budget to be prepared and submitted to the council annually, on or before December 1, providing for the costs of maintenance and operation of the recreation and park facilities and programs for the ensuing year. The budget shall contain estimates and recommendations for such long term capital outlay projects as may be necessary to provide for an orderly development of recreation and park areas and facilities.
- (f) Study and make recommendations on the acquisition and development of recreation areas and facilities, such as playgrounds, parks, pools, campsites, concessions, and other centers of recreation.
- (g) Interpret the function and operation of recreation and park services to public officials and to the general public to the end that the services receive adequate financial support from public and private sources.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of December, 1973.

  
Jerry Barling, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Walter L. St. John, Recorder