



Secs. 2-92–2-101. Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Sec. 2-102. Created; appointments; terms; vacancies.

The park and recreation commission shall be composed of thirteen (13) members to be appointed by the mayor and board of aldermen and to serve without pay. The mayor and superintendent of parks and recreation will serve as ex-officio members of the commission. The members shall hold office as follows: Three (3) members shall be designated to hold office for a term of one year from the date of appointment; three (3) members shall be designated to hold office for a term of two (2) years from the date of appointment; three (3) members shall hold office for a term of three (3) years from date of appointment; two (2) members shall hold office for a term of four (4) years; and two (2) members shall hold office for a term of five (5) years, such appointments to be made at the first regular meeting in December of the board of aldermen and such appointments to become effective the following January 1. In the event a vacancy occurs otherwise than by expiration of term, it shall be filled by appointment by the mayor with the consent of the board of aldermen for the unexpired term only.

(Ord. No. 9, § 1, 11-14-72; Ord. No. 4, § 1, 4-9-74; Ord. No. 10, 12-11-90)

Sec. 2-103. Membership vacated for seeking public office; using position to further personal interests; removal.

Any appointed member of the commission who announces as a candidate for any elective office shall ipso facto vacate his membership in the commission, and the mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall appoint his successor for the unexpired term.

No member appointed on the commission shall use his position on said body to further his own political or financial ambitions in any manner.

An appointed member of the commission may be removed at any time, for cause, by the mayor with the approval of the city council.

If one member is absent from park commission meetings on three (3) successive occasions, that member will be terminated. (Ord. No. 9, § 2, 11-14-72; Ord. No. 4, § 2, 4-9-74)

Sec. 2-104. Officers; rules governing proceedings.

The commission, at its first meeting, shall elect from its members a chairman, first vice-chairman and a second vice-chairman, who shall serve for one year and shall thereafter be elected annually in September and shall take office in January first of each year. The recreation and park commission shall have the power to adopt bylaws, and rules and regulations for the proper conduct of the same, subject to the approval of the city council. The superintendent of the commission shall be the secretary.

(Ord. No. 9, § 3, 11-14-72)

Sec. 2-105. Functions; duties.

(a) The park and recreation commission shall function as an advisory committee to adopt bylaws and rules and regulations for the proper conduct of same, subject to the approval of the city council.

(b) Opelousas Park and Recreation Commission shall be vested with the following duties:

- (1) It shall be empowered to consider the lay out of all public parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, recreation centers, golf courses, athletic fields, and other recreational facilities and activities on any of the properties belonging to the city and make recommendation to the governing authority for final approval.
- (2) It shall be empowered to consider any form of recreation or cultural activity that will employ the leisure time of people in a constructive and wholesome manner and make recommendations to the governing authority for final approval.
- (3) It shall be empowered to consider reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of public parks, recreation centers, playgrounds, swimming pools, athletic fields, golf courses and other recreation facilities and make recommendations to the governing authority. It shall recommend to the governing authority such charges or fees for the use of the swimming pools, special activities or other places of public recreation as shall be reasonable and necessary in order to defray or help defray expenses of maintaining and operating the equipment, buildings and grounds of such places.
- (4) It shall recommend to the governing authority for final approval the planting of shrubs, trees and other ornamental plants in any of the parks or recreational facilities and recommend rules and regulations for the protection and care of shrubs, trees and flowers situated in such places; recommend programs to establish and beautify such public parks, recreation areas and facilities; and to recommend erection, construction, repair and maintenance of such buildings in the parks and recreation areas of the city as may be deemed necessary by the commission.
- (5) It shall recommend to the governing authority for final approval the establishment, maintenance and conducting of such supervised playgrounds, recreational systems, pools, recreation centers, etc., as in their judgment may be deemed proper or advisable.

(Ord. No. 9, § 3, 11-14-72; Ord. No. 10, §§ 1, 2, 8-10-93)

Sec. 2-106. City responsibility for obligations.

The city shall not be responsible for any contracts or obligations made or incurred by the commission created hereunder until such contracts or obligations shall have been approved by the board of aldermen of the city.

(Ord. No. 9, § 4, 11-14-72)

Sec. 2-107. Budget.

The recreation and park commission shall submit an anticipated budget to the board of aldermen based on the millage and anticipated revenues for the succeeding fiscal year, not later than August fifteenth of each year.

(Ord. No. 9, § 5, 11-14-72)

Sec. 2-108. Reports.

The commission shall make full and complete monthly reports to the governing body of the city and other reports from time to time as required.

(Ord. No. 9, § 6, 11-14-72)

Sec. 2-109. Quorum.

Eight (8) members present will constitute a quorum for a meeting.

(Ord. No. 4, § 2, 4-9-74)

Secs. 2-110—2-120. Reserved.