

ORDINANCE NO. 842

“Amending Parks Committee Ordinance”

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS TO AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE III (BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES), DIVISION 4 (PARKS COMMITTEE), AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; A SAVINGS CLAUSE; SEVERABILITY; REPEALER; AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas (the “City”) desires to provide for, protect, and improve the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide and maintain its parks for the use and enjoyment of citizens and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, special events and activities such as Veterans celebrations, community contests and picnics, and other activities promote civic pride and serve the recreational purposes of parks; and

WHEREAS, the city recognizes the dedicated services of and contributions of all of the volunteers who serve the City as members of its Parks Committee; and

WHEREAS, from time to time amendments to the ordinance governing the City’s Park’s Committee are necessary to ensure its proper governance and effective management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS:

SECTION I. FINDINGS OF FACT

All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City of Granite Shoals and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this ordinance.

SECTION II. AMENDMENT

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Section 2-82.3 Members, organization, and meetings.

(a) The Parks Committee shall consist of no fewer than four and no more than ~~seven~~ nine property owners, residents, or volunteers, ~~and one alternate member,~~ who are appointed by the City Council. ~~No more than one member of the city council and no more than one member of the planning and zoning commission may be appointed to the parks committee. The city council may appoint one member of the City Council to the Parks Committee to serve as a liaison.~~

(b) Members appointed by the City Council shall serve ~~two (2) year terms, with no term limits, with terms beginning in January of odd numbered years~~ indefinite terms. The appointed members serve at the pleasure of the City Council and may be appointed or removed at the discretion of the City Council.

~~(c) Any member of the Parks Committee who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings, or twenty-five percent (25%) of regularly scheduled meetings during a twelve-month (12 month) period immediately preceding and including the absence in question, without explanation that is acceptable to a majority of the members of the Parks Committee, shall forfeit the person's position on the Parks Committee. For the purposes of this Section, a "regular meeting" is a meeting of the Parks Committee that has been scheduled at least six (6) days in advance.~~

~~(e) (d)~~ Members of the Parks Committee shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses with approval by the city manager.

~~(d) (e)~~ The Parks Committee will adopt rules to govern its proceedings that are consistent with this division, the City Charter, and state law.

~~(e) (f)~~ The Parks Committee will elect from the appointed members a chair, vice chair, and secretary. At the first meeting of each calendar year, the Parks Committee will select its leadership positions for the subsequent twelve-month (12 month) period until the next selection date.

~~(f) (g)~~ All Parks Committee meetings will be open to the public and shall be posted and conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Local Government Code.

~~(g) (h)~~ A quorum ~~is~~ consists of four (4) Parks Committee members.

~~(h) (i)~~ All members present including the chairman shall vote on every motion. A member who abstains from a vote, with or without cause or conflict, shall have their vote recorded as “abstained” but no vote will be counted for or against the motion as though that member were not present.

(j) The Parks Committee shall keep written minutes of its proceedings which shall be prepared and submitted to the City Secretary within ~~15~~ ten (10) business days of the meeting. The minutes will be presented to the committee members for approval at the next committee meeting and filed with the city secretary within ~~ten~~ five (5) business days of approval.

(k) The ~~group~~ Parks Committee shall schedule meetings as appropriate to accomplishing its purposes. As a general rule a meeting will be scheduled once each month.

(l) Agenda items must be submitted to the City Secretary at least six (6) business days before a scheduled Parks Committee meeting.

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SECTION III. SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal of any ordinance or part of ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the City under any section or provisions of any ordinances at the time of passage of this ordinance.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of the same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals in adopting, and of the Mayor in approving this ordinance, that no portion thereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall be come inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any portion, provision or regulation.

SECTION V. REPEALER CLAUSE

The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein, provided, however, that all prior ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent that such inconsistency is apparent. This ordinance shall not be construed to require or allow any act which is prohibited by any other ordinance.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.


SECTION VII. NOTICE AND MEETING CLAUSE

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

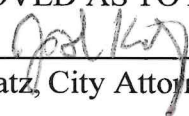
Passed and approved this 26th day of September, 2023.

APPROVED: 

Kiel Arnone, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Dawn Wright, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 

Josh Katz, City Attorney

