ORDINANCE NO. 526

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A "CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT" FOR THE MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISION, OPERATION, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND OTHER RECREATION FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS; AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADVISORY BOARD; REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a "City Parks and Recreation Department" within and for the City of Conway, Arkansas, to be supervised and operated by the mayor and city council of the city. The mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, shall have the power to employ a parks and recreation director and such other employees as may appear to be reasonably necessary to efficiently control, manage, supervise and operate all of the public parks, parkways, recreation centers and playgrounds now or hereafter municipally owned, whether situated within or without the corporate limits of the city, and the recreational facilities now or hereafter established in them, including houses, buildings, zoos, museums, golf courses, archery ranges, swimming pools, playfields, amusement rides and devices, carnival concessions, refreshment stands, picnic shelters and facilities, and all other facilities necessary for or used in said programs, together with the power to make and collect reasonable fees or charges for admittance to such municipally owned parks and recreational areas and for the use of the facilities therein, and to operation and to rent or lease in the name of the city amusement, entertainment and refreshment facilities therein upon terms acceptable to them.

SECTION 2. All funds derived from the use of the parks and recreation facilities, together with all appropriations, gifts, grants, taxes or bequests of money received for recreational purposes shall be deposited in a separate fund to be maintained in a bank or banks authorized to receive deposits of funds of the City of Conway, under the style of "Parks and Recreation Fund of the City of Conway", or a synonymous appellation. Withdrawals of monies from said fund
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shall be made by warrant signed by the mayor and the parks and recreation director, or in the event of the absence of such director, by the chairman of the parks and recreation committee of the city council, and only for the purposes authorized by the provisions of this ordinance. There shall be maintained at all times a separate and complete account of monies deposited in and withdrawn from said fund.

SECTION 3. The mayor shall be empowered to appoint such persons as he may from time to time select to serve as an Advisory Commission on Parks and Recreation. Such members so appointed shall serve for the time designated by the mayor and such commissioner and the members thereon shall serve in an advisory capacity only.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, and particularly Ordinance No. A-396, adopted April 17-1, 1963, and Ordinance No. A-497, adopted June 1, 1970, are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 5. It is ascertained and declared that the operation of the public parks and recreational facilities owned by the City of Conway is a necessary governmental function for the promotion of the public health, safety and welfare, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED: September 28, 1971,

APPROVED __________________________ Mayor

ATTEST ____________________________ Clerk-Treasurer