

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: MJ Hutchison, Parks & Recreation Director &
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: January 20, 2009
Subject: Ordinance Revising Park Hours

List of committees that have reviewed: Parks & Environment approved recommendation to City Council on January 12, 2009.

Background: Last fall staff became aware that advertised park hours and ordinance park hours did not reflect the same information. The current ordinance is as follows:

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to be on, in or about the city parks from dusk until dawn from November 1 through March 31 unless such person is attending a permitted function authorized by the city.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to be on, in or about all city parks between hours of 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Mondays through Fridays from April 1 through October 31 unless such person is attending a permitted function authorized by the city.

Staff researched area parks and concluded most park closing hours were either 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. in summer and dusk to dawn November through March.

New Park Hours:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to be on in or about any city parks from dusk to dawn from November 1 – March 31 unless such person is attending a permitted function authorized by the City.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to be on, in or about Rock Springs Park, Thoman Park and Ogle's Creek Park from dusk to dawn from April 1 through October 31 unless such person is attending a permitted function authorized by the City.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to be on, in or about Community Park, Hesse Park and the Sport Parks between 11:00 p.m. and dawn from April 1 through October 31 unless such person is attending a permitted function authorized by the City.

Legal Considerations, if any: None

Budget Impact: None

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends approval