

Section 17. - Appointive officers.

The City Council shall appoint a competent person to be City Secretary, who may also be Treasurer and Assessor and Collector of Taxes of the City and may perform such other duties as the City Council may prescribe. He shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give a good and sufficient bond of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), the amount thereof to be fixed by the City Council, and said bond to be improved by said City Council and filed and recorded in the minutes thereof. Said City Secretary shall be invested and charged with, and shall exercise all the powers, rights, and duties conferred upon the imposed by the General Laws of Texas, upon the Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor and Collector of Taxes of cities and towns, except such powers, rights and duties as the City Council may by ordinance delegate to another and shall exercise such other power and rights and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance of the City Council.

The City Council shall also have the power and authority by ordinance to create such boards, commissions, agencies and offices, in addition to those specially provided for by this Charter, or by the laws of the State of Texas, and to provide for the expense and operation of same and the compensation to be paid such members, officers, and/or employees, as it may deem advisable. The Mayor shall have the exclusive power to appoint members for boards, commissions and agencies of the City, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Such boards, commissions, agencies, and officers shall have all the powers and privileges and perform the duties that may be prescribed by ordinance, and the City Council may abolish, at any time it may see fit, any board, commission, agency or office which it creates, and may discharge any appointed officer, member, or employee; provided the offices of City Secretary may not be abolished under the terms of this section.

Section 19. - General powers of the ~~mayor and~~ city council.

~~A. City Council~~—The City Council shall be the only entity that has the power to adopt the budget, adopt ordinances which levy fines for violations thereof, and approve contracts requiring competitive bidding or for which another required procurement method is provided, when such bidding or procurement method is required by State law, as such laws may hereafter be amended. The City Council shall delineate the general policy and programs that the City will adopt to serve the public. The City Council shall nominate and appoint the office of City Attorney, City Secretary and the Municipal Judges.

~~B. Mayor~~—~~The Mayor shall appoint the officers for boards, commissions and agencies provided for in this Charter, subject to being confirmed by City Council.~~