

ness; and in each action taken the aye or nay vote of each councilman shall be recorded opposite his name. Any action taken by less than a two-thirds vote of all the councilmen require the approval of the Mayor in order to be effective. The Council shall pass rules consistent with the provisions of this act for their own government while in session. A *councilman's* absence from three consecutive meetings without *excuse* shall constitute a vacancy. All vacancies occurring six months or more before the regular annual election shall be filled by a special election called by the remaining members by giving ten days' notice; all vacancies occurring less than six months before the regular annual election shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council by appointment from the ward in which the vacancy occurs. The Mayor shall preside at meeting of the Council, and shall call such meetings from time to time as he may deem necessary, but in *no* case of his absence from any meeting the councilmen present shall elect one of their number to preside who shall have for the time all the authority of Mayor.

SEC. 7. Annually on or before the first Monday in April the Council shall appoint three judges who shall appoint a clerk and conduct an election by ballot on the first Monday in May, for the election of officers specified in section 5 of this act, the polls to be opened at one o'clock P. M. and closed at six o'clock P. M. The judges and clerk shall receive no compensation for their services, not more than two of the judges shall be of the same political party. The Council shall receive all returns of election and determine all questions arising thereunder, but any person interested may appeal therefrom to the Circuit Court for the county who shall determine such appeal.

SEC. 8. The Mayor with the approval of the majority of the Council shall appoint a marshal, a health officer, a clerk and a treasurer, to hold office for one year or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Council shall fix the compensation of each and of all subordinates under them, and shall prescribe their duties except as herein provided. The marshal and the health officer shall each with the approval of the Mayor appoint such assistant or assistants as the Council may allow, and shall be held responsible under the Mayor for the enforcement of such ordinances as the Council may prescribe. They shall attend the meetings of the Council and perform such duties as they may be directed. The clerk shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Council in a well-bound book to be provided by the Council, which shall be open to inspection of all persons interested therein. He shall