

Mayor; and C. M. Rathbun, George P. White, William W. Sweet, Robert E. Burley, Abram L. Spiker and Benjamin F. Crane shall be and are hereby constituted councilmen; and Chas. A. Combs shall be and is hereby constituted chief bailiff; and Brison Welch shall be and is hereby constituted clerk; and Charles A. Ashby shall be and is hereby constituted treasurer; that at the first election on the first Monday of May, 1896, there shall be elected two councilmen for the term of one year, two for the term of two years and two for the term of three years; and there shall be two councilmen elected annually thereafter for the term of three years.

Judges and
clerks of
election.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Mayor and Council shall have the power to appoint judges and clerks of election, and such appointees shall conduct an election by ballot on the first Monday of May in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and annually thereafter, on the first Monday of May, at such place as shall have been designated by them, between one o'clock P. M. and six o'clock P. M., for the election of all officers whose term expire on that date. They shall give at least ten days' notice of the time and place of holding such election, by posting written or printed notices in at least six public and conspicuous places in said town, one of which places shall be the outer door of the room in which the regular meetings of the council are held.

Mayor to pre-
side at
meetings.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the Mayor shall provide at all meetings of the council, and shall call such meetings, as he shall, from time to time, deem necessary, but shall have no vote upon any pending question, except in case of tie, when he shall have the deciding vote; but, in the event of the absence of the Mayor for any reason, the members of the council present shall elect one of their own number to preside during his absence, who shall, for the time being, be clothed with all the powers and authority of said Mayor. The council shall pass rules and regulations for their government while in session. All vacancies in the office of Mayor and Councilmen shall be filled by a special election called by the remaining number of said council, and held within thirty days after such vacancy shall occur, after giving a similar notice to the one required for a general election; vacancies in any other office shall be filled, until the next general or annual election, by appointment by said council.

Meeting of
council.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the council shall meet in some convenient place in said town on or before the first Monday in June next succeeding their election, and as