

and the said councilmen shall, before they enter upon the duties of their office, make oath before the mayor, that they will diligently and faithfully, to the best of their judgment, perform the duties of councilmen of said city, without favor, partiality, or prejudice; the mayor shall take the oath prescribed by the Constitution, as directed by section six of article sixty-eight of the code.

30. They shall meet at the council chamber, or some other convenient place, as often as they may think necessary, and the mayor shall preside at all meetings of the council, and have the same power of voting and taking part in all acts and deliberations of the council as any member thereof.

31. The mayor and councilmen shall appoint and qualify a clerk, who shall keep minutes of their proceedings, which shall be subject to the inspection of all persons interested therein.

32. They shall annually, in the month of July, appoint a bailiff for said city, who, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall make oath before the mayor and councilmen that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff, according to the best of his skill and judgment, without favor, affection, or prejudice.

33. They may allow their clerk and bailiff such reasonable compensation for their services as they may think proper.

34*. The mayor and councilmen may pass such ordinances, not contrary to law, as they may deem beneficial to the city; they shall have power to remove nuisances and obstructions from the streets, lanes, and alleys, and from any lots adjoining thereto, and also any houses or other buildings that may become dangerous to the neighborhood on any account, and to prevent all nuisances and annoyances in said city, and may impose such reasonable fines, forfeitures, or imprisonments, as to them may appear necessary, for the violation of any ordinance of the said city.

35. They may from time to time cause an assessment to be made of all the property, real and personal, in the city, by a person appointed by them, and may levy thereon a tax not exceeding in any one year fifty cents in every hundred dollars' worth of assessable property.