

meetings, and special meetings may be called from time to time by the mayor or two aldermen. All meetings of the board, whether regular or special, at which any person not a city officer is admitted, shall be open to the public. The mayor shall report to the board for its action all matters requiring attention in any department of the city.

SEC. 287. Every ordinance or resolution appropriating money or ordering any street improvement or sewer, or making or authorizing the making of any contract or granting any franchise or right to occupy or use the streets, highways, bridges or public places in the city for any purpose, shall be complete in the form in which it is finally passed, and remain on file with the city register for public inspection at least one week before the final passage or adoption thereof. No franchise or right to occupy or use the streets, highways, bridges or public places in the city shall be granted, renewed or extended, except by ordinance, and every franchise or grant for interurban or street railways, steam railroad, gas or water works, electric light or power plants, heating plants, telegraph or telephone systems, or other public service utilities within said city, must be authorized or approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a general or special election as provided in the charter of the city.

SEC. 288. No officer or employee elected or appointed shall be interested, directly or indirectly in any contract or job for work or materials, or the profits thereof, or services to be furnished or performed for the city. No such officer or employee shall accept or receive, directly or indirectly, from any person, firm or corporation operating within the territorial limits of said city any interurban railway, street railway, gas works, water works, electric light or power plant, heating plant, telegraph line or telephone exchange, or other business using or operating under a public franchise, any frank, free ticket, or free service, or accept or receive, directly or indirectly, from any such firm or corporation, any other service upon terms more favorable than is granted to the public generally, nor to be surety of any person having any contract work or business with the city for the performance of which security may be required, nor be the surety on the official bond of any other officer of the city. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor, and every such contract or agreement shall be void. Such prohibition of free transportation shall not apply to policemen or firemen in uniform; nor shall any free service to city officials heretofore provided by any franchise or ordinance be affected by this section. Any