

and convey the same for the benefit of the town; to erect and maintain such buildings for municipal purposes as they may deem necessary and proper; to construct and maintain public works for supplying the town with artificial light, water or other purposes which they may deem necessary, proper and beneficial for said town, or to contract with any person or persons or corporation for supplying said town, and the inhabitants thereof, with water, gas or electricity, and to cause the public streets and public buildings to be lighted, supplied with water or other conveniences, as they may deem necessary and proper; to establish and regulate a fire department, and provide such means, engines, apparatus, measures or material for the prevention or extinguishment of fires as they may deem necessary; to prevent, under such restrictions as they may deem proper, the laying of railroad tracks, and the running of cars drawn by horses, steam, electricity or other power thereon, the laying of gas or water pipes in the public streets, and to construct and maintain and to permit the construction and maintenance of the telegraph, telephone and electric lines therein; and they shall impose such restrictions and conditions upon the location and maintenance of gas, electric light and water works, pipes, wires, poles and railroad tracks as shall secure the least possible public or private inconvenience; and they shall provide for the enforcement of such restrictions and conditions; to contract for lighting and supplying with water the streets and public buildings and for sprinkling the streets, but no such contract shall be for a longer period than two years, and the same shall be let only after thirty days' notice, calling for bids for such purpose or purposes has been given at least three times during that period in some newspaper of general circulation in the town or posted for three weeks in five conspicuous places in the town; and the council may, in their discretion, reject any or all bids, and such contract or contracts shall be awarded by ordinance; to license, for the purpose of regulation and revenue, all and every kind of business not now prohibited by law transacted or carried on in the town; to fix the rate of license upon the same, and provide for the collection thereof by suit or otherwise; to establish markets and regulate the hours and minutes thereof, and the mode of dealing in relation thereto; to control and protect the public grounds and property of the town and protect public buildings, churches and private buildings, trees, fences and song birds from defacement or injury; to provide, by ordinance, for condemning, laying out, opening, extending and making new streets or alleys, and for altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving or