

own number to preside during his absence, who shall, for the time being, be clothed with all the powers and authorities of said Mayor. The council shall pass rules and by-laws for their own government while in session. All vacancies in the council caused by absence from its sessions for more than three consecutive months without satisfactory excuse, or otherwise, shall be filled by an election held after ten days' notice, given by the remaining members of the same.

1898 ch. 453, sec. 5.

248. 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 often thereafter as may be necessary, in the discharge of the duties of their office, not less, however, than once every month. A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

1906, ch. 383, sec. 6.

249. They shall annually, on or before the first Monday in April, appoint three judges of election, who shall appoint a clerk; and the said judges shall conduct an election by ballot, in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of this act—the polls to be opened at two o'clock P. M. and closed at seven o'clock P. M. The judges and clerk shall make their return to the council, but said judges and clerk shall receive no compensation for their services. Not more than two of said judges of election shall be of the same political party.

1898, ch. 453, sec. 7.

250. The Mayor shall appoint one person to be town marshal, one to be health officer, one to be clerk and treasurer, to hold office until their successors are elected and qualified, and the council shall fix the compensation of each of said officers and all subordinates under them, and shall prescribe their duties except as herein provided. The town marshal shall have power to appoint, with the approval of the Mayor, such deputy marshal or marshals as the council may allow, and shall be held responsible under the Mayor for the enforcement of all ordinances of the town relating to public safety and order, and shall perform such other duties as the council may prescribe. The health officer shall have power to appoint, with the approval of the Mayor, such assistants and officers under him as the council may allow, and shall be held responsible under the Mayor for the enforcement of all ordinances of the town relating to the public health and sanitary condition of the town. The clerk shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the council in a well-bound book, which shall be open to the inspec-