

but in the event of the absence of the Mayor at any meeting the members of the council present shall elect one of their own members to preside during his absence, who shall, for the time being, be clothed with all the powers and authority of said Mayor. A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the council shall pass rules and by-laws for their own government while in session.

Ibid. sec. 183.

486. Neglect or non-user shall not work a forfeiture of this charter.

Ibid. sec. 184.

487. The council shall annually appoint a clerk, who shall also be treasurer, who shall keep minutes of its proceedings in a well bound book, which shall be open to the inspection of all persons interested therein, and shall discharge such other duties as the council may require; and said council shall also annually appoint a bailiff and such under-bailiffs and other officers as may be deemed necessary. They may also, if it is deemed expedient, appoint a supervisor of streets.

Ibid. sec. 185.

488. The council shall allow their clerk and supervisor, the bailiff and other officers, such compensation for their services as may be deemed reasonable.

P. L. L. (1888), art. 16, sec. 186.

489. The council and all other officers of the corporation before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take an oath that they will diligently and faithfully discharge the duties of their office without favor, partiality or prejudice.

Ibid. sec. 187.

490. The clerk and bailiff shall give bond to the Mayor and council of Rockville in such penalty, and with such securities, as may be required, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of the office of clerk and bailiff, respectively; and said bonds shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County.

Ibid. sec. 188.

491. The council shall receive all election returns and determine all questions arising thereon, and any person conceiving himself aggrieved by reason of such decision, may appeal to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, which shall hear and determine the same, and determine who shall pay the costs of appeal. In case of a tie at any election for Mayor or members of the council, another election shall be held after ten