

shall severally hold their respective offices from the third Monday of May next ensuing their election, for and during two years and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

1900, ch. 341, sec. F. 1918 Code, sec. 558.

563. If notice of such election shall not be given as hereinbefore required, or if the judges of election shall not be appointed, or shall refuse to act, five or more voters of said town may call an election for said office by notices set up in the most public places in said town, not less than one week previous to such election, therein naming the time and place of holding such election, and naming three judges thereof, who, or any two of whom, may hold such election.

1900, ch. 341, sec. G. 1918 Code, sec. 559.

564. If at any election there shall be a tie between two persons voted for for said offices, or if any person elected as a member of Council die, resign, remove from the town, be disqualified, or refuse to act, a new election shall be held in two weeks after such fact shall have become known, after at least one week's notice given by the Mayor, or one or more of the Council, or five or more of the voters as directed in the preceding section, and such election shall be held by three judges, or any two of them, appointed by the Mayor, or one or more of the Council, or five or more of the qualified voters, as the case may be; and the person elected shall serve until a new election; and if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Mayor, from any cause, the chairman of the Council shall act as Mayor for the unexpired term.

1914, ch. 605. 1918 Code, secs. 560 and 562.

565. The Council and other officers of the corporation shall, before they enter upon the duties of their offices, make oath that they will diligently and faithfully, to the best of their skill and judgment, perform the duties of their office, and shall file a certificate thereof signed by the officers before whom said oath was made among the records of the corporation.

1900, ch. 341, sec. I. 1918 Code, sec. 561.

566. The Council shall be judges of the qualification of the Mayor and of their own members.

1900, ch. 341, sec. J. 1918 Code, sec. 563.

567. The five members of the Council at their first meeting after their election shall elect one of their members chairman of the Council, who shall be Mayor *pro tem* in the absence of the Mayor, and three members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Council shall pass rules and by-laws for their own rule and government while in session.