

duty imposed upon him by law, or by ordinance, or by order of the Mayor and City Council lawfully passed, the Mayor or Councilmen so failing or refusing to perform such duty may be expelled by a vote of three-fifths of all the members of the Mayor and City Council, the Mayor to be considered a member of said Council, and the vacancy thus occasioned shall be filled as herein provided for; before any action shall be taken against the Mayor or any member of the City Council upon charges of dereliction of duty, the City Council shall first cause to be served upon the said Mayor or Councilman a written statement of the charges against him, and a day shall be set by said Mayor and City Council at which such charges shall be heard, the same to be prosecuted by the City Solicitor, with the right to the accused to be represented by counsel, and if the charges are sustained and an order of dismissal passed by a three-fifths vote as aforesaid, the said Mayor or Councilman so dismissed may, within ten days thereafter, take an appeal to the Circuit Court for Allegany County, which is hereby given jurisdiction of the same, and the said Court shall thereupon, as speedily as possible, hear the said charges de novo, and pass such order in the premises as the said Court may deem proper, and the action of the said Court shall be final; and pending such appeal, the said Mayor or Councilman shall be suspended without pay; provided, however, that if the said charges shall not be sustained by said Court, then the said Mayor or Councilman charged as aforesaid shall be entitled to full pay from the time of the order of dismissal passed by the said Mayor and City Council. The Commissioner named as the head of each department shall audit all accounts or claims against it, unless he be absent or fail or refuse to do so, in which event the Mayor shall appoint another Councilman to act in his stead during his absence, or to audit such claims and accounts as the said Commissioner shall fail or refuse to act upon, but before payment all accounts shall be acted upon and approved by a majority of those present at a meeting of said Mayor and City Council.

Said Council shall require a statement to be published in January, April, July and October of each year in two newspapers of said city, showing a full, clear and complete statement of all taxes and other revenues collected and expended during the preceding quarter, indicating the respective sources from which the moneys are derived, and also indicating the disposition thereof, and it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of every department to make a report in writing at the first meeting of the Mayor and City Council each and every month of the conditions in his department during the preceding month.

1922, ch. 96, sec. 21.

21. Whenever the Mayor shall deem it necessary, in order to enforce the laws of the city, or to avert danger or protect life or property, in the case of a riot or any outbreak or calamity or public disturbance, or when he has any reason to fear any serious violation of the law or order or outbreak, or any other danger to said city or the inhabitants thereof, he shall summon into service, as a special police force, all or as many of the