

mayor shall preside; and in the event of the mayor's absence from any meeting, the common council may, from their own number, select a presiding officer *pro tempore*; and the mayor, with the advice of the common council, shall give directions to the clerk and bailiff, and superintend such improvements of the town as the mayor and common council may order.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 12, sec. 79. 1886, ch. 201.

137. They may appoint a clerk, being one of the common council or otherwise, and prescribe his duties; he shall keep a book of record of the proceedings and ordinances of said corporation, which shall be open at all times for the inspection of any person interested; and said clerk shall make out and furnish the collector once in each year a list of taxes for collection, and he shall post up in at least three public places in said town, copies of all ordinances passed by said mayor and common council previous to their going into effect.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 12, sec. 80. 1886, ch. 201. 1888, ch. 7.

138. The mayor and common council may provide by ordinance to preserve the health of the town; to prevent and remove nuisances; to prevent, restrain and regulate the running at large of horses, cattle, swine and geese within the limits of said town; to prohibit and disperse the tumultuous or disorderly meetings of idle, dissolute or drunken persons; to provide for working and mending the public streets and alleys of said town; to provide for the making and repairing of sidewalks and gutters; and generally to provide for the regulation, good government and improvement of said town, and may enforce the observance thereof under such penalties, fines and forfeitures as they shall deem proper, not exceeding ten dollars for any one offence; and all fines, penalties and forfeitures may be recovered before a justice of the peace by warrant and judgment; and in case of failure or refusal to pay the same, the party so fined shall be committed for a period not exceeding ten days, to the jail of Garrett county, in the same manner that commitments are made for fines imposed by the circuit courts of this State on conviction of misdemeanor; provided, that all the expenses of such commitment and imprisonment shall be paid by the mayor and common council of Deer Park; but said mayor and common council, or a majority of them, shall have power, at all times, to remit or release the fines, penalties and forfeitures, or any part thereof, at their discretion; but any party fined, or subject to any fine or forfeiture may, within five days after the same shall be imposed and judgment recovered, supersede and stay the same for thirty days by giving ample personal security to the justice of the peace; and the fines and forfeitures imposed and collected by any of the provisions of this sub-title of this article may be paid by the mayor and common council to the bailiff as compensation for his services, or the said mayor and common council may make such other disposition of said fines and forfeitures as they may deem best.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 12, sec. 81. 1886, ch. 201. 1888, ch. 7. 1890, ch. 621, sec. 81.

139. The mayor and common council of Deer Park shall have power, upon the application of any three or more taxpayers within the limits of