

1908, ch. 310, sec. 142 (p. 1104). 1912, ch. 636, sec. 142. 1916, ch. 265, sec. 142.
1927, ch. 138, sec. 142.

271. The Council shall meet on the second Monday evening following their election for the purposes of organization, and shall hold regular meetings on each Monday thereafter, and may adjourn from time to time, and at said adjourned meetings may transact regular business as at a stated meeting, and called meetings may be called in writing by the Mayor or by a majority of the Council as often as necessary for the transaction of business. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, and a majority of those present shall decide any question unless otherwise in this Act provided. The Councilmen shall each receive a salary of Three Hundred Dollars per annum for their services. The Council shall organize by electing a permanent President of the Council and in his absence elect a President pro-tem.

1914, ch. 620, sec. 142A.

272. When any ordinance is introduced for passage by the Council it shall be read but not passed at the meeting at which it is introduced. As soon thereafter as conveniently may be, a statement of the substance of the said ordinance shall be published by posting the same at some public place, in the City of Salisbury (or by printing the same in some newspaper printed in the City of Salisbury). At any regular or special meeting of the Council held not more than sixty nor less than six days after the meeting at which such ordinance was introduced and first read, the said ordinance shall be read for a second time and passed, or amended and passed, or rejected, or its consideration deferred to some specified future date, by the said Council, provided, that no ordinance shall be passed until it has been published as required by this Section for at least five days.

Ordinances, when passed and approved by the Mayor, or when passed over his veto, shall be permanently filed by the Clerk of Salisbury in a book or books kept for that purpose.

No ordinance shall become a valid law until the provisions of this Section have been at least substantially complied with, provided, that it shall not be necessary, in any suit, proceeding or action in any Court or before any Justice of the Peace in which the passage of such ordinance or its validity shall be in issue, for the party relying on such ordinance to prove the publication thereof unless such publication is denied by written pleading, and in case of such denial, the due publication of such ordinance shall be presumed and the burden of proving failure of publication shall be upon the party relying upon such failure or the invalidity of the ordinance.

In all the Courts and before all Justices of the Peace of this State the book in which any ordinance is filed, and the ordinance filed therein shall be proof of the law, provided, that the Mayor and Council of Salisbury shall have power to provide by ordinance for the codification of the laws and ordinances of the said City, and for the adoption of a City Code, and for the payment from the general funds of the City of the expenses of