

been made or notice has been given of proposed changes the Council shall have authority to increase or diminish any assessment as may seem right to them. And the Council shall have power to administer oaths to any person or persons coming before them in relation to the assessment of property or to any other witness produced before them, said oath to be administered by any one of the Councilmen; and in case of disagreement among the Councilmen the concurrence of the majority of them shall be necessary for the passage or adoption of an assessment or any other matter, and in the matter of assessment of property and changing assessments or revaluing the same as well as in the matter of passing bills against the town for its current expenses, the action of the Council shall be valid without the approval of the Mayor. And the Mayor and Council may provide for an entire new assessment of the taxable property of the town once in ten years, but not oftener. Service of any sort required by this Act to be made on any firm may be made on any member thereof, and on any corporation or association or any director or other officer thereof.

1908, ch. 733. 1920 Code, sec. 35.

**36.** The Mayor, by and with the consent and approval of a majority of the Council, may remove from or discharge from employment the secretary, the treasurer, the tax collector, the policeman or the night watchman or any other officer or employee that may be elected or appointed under any ordinance or order of the Mayor and Council, whatever may be the term of service under which he holds said office or employment, for neglect of duty, for incompetence or for any misconduct which, in the judgment of the Mayor and Council, constitutes reasonable and sufficient grounds for removing him from office or depriving him of employment. In all cases where the official or employee has any fixed or definite term of service a charge or complaint in writing shall be presented to him and evidence as to the facts alleged in such charge or complaint shall be taken before the Mayor and Council if he denies the truth of the facts alleged against him; but where such officer or employee holds his employment at the will of the Mayor and Council they may discharge him with or without formal charge or hearing if they consider it just, right and expedient thus to do.

1908, ch. 733. 1920 Code, sec. 36.

**37.** The Mayor and Council shall publish annually by printed handbills posted in at least five conspicuous places in said town, or by publication in some newspaper published in said Worcester County, or both, a full and complete statement in tabulated form of their receipts and disbursements, said publication to be made at least once each year prior to the first Monday in May; and the secretary to the Council shall be charged with the duty of making and attending to the publication of said statement.\*

\*Secs. 37 and 38 of 1920 Code (1908, ch. 733), authorized \$25,000 of water and light bonds. Ch. 521, 1910 (secs. 42-46 of 1920 Code), authorized \$15,000 for streets and water and light plant. Ch. 181, 1924, authorized \$10,000 of bonds for extending light plant, subject to referendum.