

1914, ch. 239, sec. 2.

**195.** If a tie vote shall result in any election the Mayor and Councilmen shall name one of the candidates, who shall be sworn into the office in which the said tie shall result.\*

P. L. L. (1888), art. 1, sec. 138. 1870, ch. 77.

**196.** The Mayor shall *ex officio* have all the powers of a justice of the peace in cases where the town is a party, and an appeal may be taken from his judgment to the Circuit Court for Allegany County, in the same manner as from a judgment of a justice of the peace for said county.

P. L. L. (1888), art. 1, sec. 139. 1870, ch. 77.

**197.** The Mayor and Councilmen shall meet at the council chamber on the first Monday in May next succeeding their election; and the said councilmen, before they enter upon the duties of their office, shall make oath before the mayor that they will diligently and faithfully, to the best of their judgment, perform the duties of said councilmen of said town, without favor, partiality or prejudice; the mayor shall take the oath prescribed by the constitution before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany County, or before one of his sworn deputies.

P. L. L. (1888), art. 1, sec. 140. 1878, ch. 255. 1898, ch. 51.

**198.** They shall meet at the council chambers, or some other convenient place, every month at a stated time, to be fixed by ordinance, and the Mayor or any three councilmen shall have power to call special meetings at any time they may think necessary; and the Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the council, and have the same power of voting and taking part in all acts and deliberations of the council as any member thereof; and in the absence of the Mayor, the council may appoint a president, who shall have all the powers and privileges of the Mayor except to sign ordinances; provided that in case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor from any cause, the council shall select one of their number to act as president of the council, who shall be Mayor *pro tempore*, with all the powers and duties of the Mayor devolving upon him until such vacancy shall be filled at the general election of officers next ensuing; and all meetings of the council shall be public.

P. L. L. (1888), art. 1, sec. 141. 1878, ch. 255. 1894, ch. 604. 1896, ch. 353, sec. 141.

**199.** During the month of May, in the year 1897, and every year thereafter, the Mayor and Councilmen shall appoint and qualify a clerk, who shall keep minutes of their proceedings, which shall be subject to the inspection of all persons interested therein, and who shall perform all other duties pertaining to the office; the Mayor and Councilmen shall appoint a treasurer, who shall give bond, to be approved by the Mayor and Councilmen, in such penalty and with such sureties as the Mayor and

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\*Sec. 3 of ch. 239, 1914, repeals all laws inconsistent therewith.