have power to establish markets, to regulate the hours and limits thereof, and to regulate the mode of dealings thereat; they shall have the same power over the public grounds as over other parts of the city, but shall not interfere with the title thereof; they shall have power to ordain all such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for the protection and preservation of the health of the city and its inhabitants; they shall have power to establish and regulate a city prison for the confinement of offenders against the laws and ordinances of said city; they may from time to time cause an assessment to be made of all property in the city real and personal, by a person or persons appointed by them, and may levy thereon a tax not exceeding in any one year fifty cents in every hundred dollars worth of assessable property; they shall have power to prevent all nuisances and annoyances in said city, and may impose such reasonable fines, forfeitures or imprisonments as to them may appear necessary for the violation of any ordinance of the said city; they may pass ordinances to prohibit or restrain the keeping of bawdy houses, or houses of ill-fame within the limits of the city; to restrain and prohibit all loose and suspected persons from resorting to, frequenting or living in any such bawdy house or house of ill-fame, and to provide for punishing all persons who shall keep, authorize, or suffer to be kept any such bawdy house or house of ill-fame, and all loose and suspected persons who shall live, reside in or resort to any such bawdy house or house of ill-fame, by fine and imprisonment, such fine not to exceed fifty dollars and imprisonment not to exceed twenty days, and may pass all such other ordinances as they may deem proper for the welfare of said city; provided, that they shall not have power to close or alienate any public street or alley, or pledge the credit and faith of said city for any sum exceeding ten thousand dollars, without first submitting the question to the voters of said city, after twenty days public notice, and a majority of the legal voters assenting thereto.

7. For the purpose of introducing a supply of good soft water into the said city, the mayor and councilmen are hereby authorized to issue bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding sixty thousand dollars to be denominated Cumberland Water