

said town, who have resided within its corporate limits for twelve months next preceding the date of such election, and who are taxpayers on either real or personal property therein, a mayor and four common councilmen, to serve for two years from the date of their election, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and the services of said mayor and common councilmen shall be gratuitous and without pay.

1886, ch. 201.

75. If any person elected as mayor shall refuse to serve as such, or if his place shall become vacant by death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the common councilmen shall fill such vacancy as early as possible from among the qualified voters of said town; and the person so appointed to fill said vacancy shall hold the office until the next election; and in the event of a vacancy among the common councilmen from any cause, they shall at once proceed to fill said vacancy from among the qualified voters of the town, and the person so appointed shall hold said office until the next election.

Ibid.

76. All elections shall be held and conducted as shall be from time to time directed by the laws of the corporation, not inconsistent with the provisions of this sub-title of this article.

Ibid.

77. The mayor and each councilman, before acting as such, shall make oath before a justice of the peace in and for said county, that he will perform the duties of mayor or common councilman of said town, without favor, partiality or prejudice; and a certificate of such qualification shall be made by said justice of the peace, and shall be filed and recorded among the proceedings of said corporation.

Ibid.

78. They shall meet once in every two months, and oftener if they think proper, and a majority of said mayor and common council shall constitute a board for the transaction of business; and at all meetings the mayor shall preside; and in the event of the mayor's absence from any meeting, the common council may,