

it shall be the duty of said judges to open the polls at some convenient place in said town, to be designated by said mayor and council, and the polls shall be kept open from ten o'clock A. M. until six o'clock P. M.; said judges shall qualify before the clerk of the circuit court of said county, or as other judges of elections qualify, and shall certify the result of the elections held by them to the clerk of the circuit court.

1878, ch. 108.

171. If any vacancy shall occur in the office of the mayor or council by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the remaining councilmen shall cause an election to be held to supply the same, and ten days' notice shall be given of such election.

Ibid.

172. If the citizens of said town at any time neglect to hold an election at the time before mentioned, the power of electing a mayor and council shall not cease, but the power of the inhabitants of said town in that respect shall continue the same as though such an election had been held, and the mayor and council for the time being shall remain in office until such election shall be held.

1886, ch 290.

173. The members of the council shall meet at their chamber on the first Monday in May in each year to organize, and before entering upon their duties, shall make oath before the mayor or a justice of the peace, that they will diligently and to the best of their judgment perform the duties devolving upon them without fear, partiality or prejudice; and the mayor shall take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the constitution before the clerk of the circuit court, or before one of his sworn deputies; a majority of the members elected shall be a quorum of the council.

Ibid.

174. The said council shall meet on the first Monday of every month, and as much oftener as they may deem necessary; in organizing they shall elect one of their number to be president of the council, whose duty it shall be to preside over their meetings, and in case of the absence of the mayor, or a vacancy in that