

oath before the mayor that he will diligently and faithfully, to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of councilman of said city, without fear, partiality or prejudice; and 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.

1878, ch. 484.

**54.** At the organization of said city council on the first Monday in June in each year, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, said city council shall elect by ballot one of their own number as president of the council, who shall preside at all meetings of the council, and shall have the right of voting on all matters coming before said body; and in case of the absence of the mayor, or in case of a vacancy in the office of mayor from any cause, the president of the council shall be mayor *pro tem.* until the same is filled, with all the powers and duties of mayor devolving upon him; and in case of the absence or inability to act, of both the mayor and the president of the council, said council shall forthwith meet and elect a mayor *pro tem.*, upon notification by the clerk of such absence or inability.

1882, ch. 860.

**55.** The inhabitants of the city of Cumberland, residents thereof for one year previous to the municipal election of said city, and qualified to vote for members of the general assembly, shall elect by ballot, on the third Monday of May in every second year, accounting from the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, a person of known integrity and capacity, to be city clerk; and such person so to be elected shall, at the time of his election, be a legal voter in said city; and it shall be the duty of said city clerk to attend all meetings of the city council, keep a correct journal of the proceedings of the same, and to enter on said journal the yeas and nays upon the passage of all ordinances or resolutions required by the charter of said city to be passed by yeas and nays, and also to enter upon said journal the yeas and nays upon all other questions upon which the vote is taken by yeas and nays, which vote shall be so taken upon any question or motion on demand of any member of said city council. It shall further be the duty of said city clerk to keep all records, papers and