

documents of the city in his safe custody and control; record all the financial transactions of the mayor and city council; keep an accurate account of the receipts and expenditures of the same, and give such bond and perform such other duties as the ordinances of said city may prescribe; and the records of said city clerk's office and all transactions, papers and proceedings kept therein relative to the affairs of said city shall be deemed public records, and shall be at all times subject to inspection and examination; in case of the death, resignation, removal, disqualification or inability of any city clerk, or in the event of a vacancy in said office from any cause whatsoever at any time, the city council of said city may elect a person to fill the unexpired term of his office; such person so to be elected by said city council shall possess all the qualifications hereinbefore provided for said officer, and a majority of all the members of said city council present at the time such election is held, shall be necessary to elect; and said city clerk, (whether elected by the people in accordance with this section, or by the city council to fill an unexpired term,) may be removed by the vote of a majority of all the members elected to said city council at any time, for misconduct, neglect of duty or inability to perform the functions of his office.

1878, ch. 484.

**56.** The city council shall meet at the council chamber, or some other convenient place, as often as they may think necessary, but at least once in each month, on the first Monday thereof.

Ibid.

**57.** They may allow their clerk and other officers such reasonable compensation for their services as they may think proper.

Ibid.

**58.** All vacancies in the city council shall be filled without delay from the ward or wards from which such vacancies occur, or at large, as the case may be, in such manner as has been or may be directed by ordinance; and in case of a vacancy in the office of mayor, a new election to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term shall be ordered without delay.