

cipal election of said city, and qualified to vote for members of the House of Delegates, shall, on the third Monday in May in each and every year, elect by ballot a person of known integrity and capacity to be the city clerk, whose duty it shall be to attend all meetings of the City Council, keep a correct journal of the proceedings of the same, keep all records, papers and 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 the Mayor and Council may prescribe.

Elect city
clerk.

33. 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.

Meetings.

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

Compensat'n

35. 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.

Vacancies—
how filled.

36. Said City Council may from time to time cause an assessment to be made of all the property, real, personal or otherwise, and securities liable to State and county taxes, by three assessors appointed by them, and levy thereon a tax not exceeding in any one year fifty cents on every one hundred dollars worth of assessable property for general purposes.

Levy tax.

37. Any person may appeal from the valuation made by said assessors, or from any assessment now in force to said City Council, and said City Council shall arrange by ordinance for the hearing of such appeals, and fix a time therefor, and may hear the same by a committee of themselves or otherwise, and

Right of ap-
peal.