ing or relocating of any street or alley, or parts thereof, which in their opinion the public welfare or convenience may require; to provide for ascertaining whether any and what amount in value of damages will be caused thereby for which the owner or possessor of any property through which said

street or alley-way may pass, ought to be compensated by the appointment of Commissioners to assess the same, the number of said Commissioners to be designated by the Council, to provide for assessing and levying either generally upon the whole assessable property within the town or specially on the property of persons benefited, the whole or any part of the damages and expenses which shall be incurred in laying out, opening, extending, widening, straightening or relocating such street or alley, or parts thereof, and grading the same; to provide for collecting and paying the compensation awarded to any person before any such street or alley, or part thereof, shall be laid out, opened, extended, widened, straightened or relocated, and to enact all ordinances from time to time, necessary for the proper carrying out of the powers hereby granted: provided, that before they shall proceed to

execute any of said powers, at least thirty days' notice shall be given of any application which may be made for the passage of any such ordinance by advertisement in at least two newspapers printed in said town or by hand-bills; and provided, further, that upon the return of any assessment of damages or benefits, or both, made under any ordinance passed under this section, the Clerk of said town shall cause a copy thereof to be published once a week for four successive weeks in two newspapers printed in said town or by hand-bills; and provided, further,

that whenever said Mayor and Council open, lay out, extend, widen, straighten or relocate any street or alley, or any part or parts thereof, they shall establish, and if in their judgment proper so to do, they shall grade the same.

Streets.

Notice.