

but in the event of the absence of the Mayor at any meetings the members of the council present shall elect any of their own number to preside during his absence, who shall, for the time being, be clothed with all the powers and authority of said Mayor. A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the council shall pass rules and by-laws for their own government while in session.

8. Neglect or non-user shall not work a forfeiture of this Neglect, etc. charter.

9. The council shall annually appoint a clerk, who shall keep minutes of its proceedings in a well bound book, which shall be open to inspection of all persons interested therein, also a treasurer, who shall receive and collect the taxes and other moneys due the town, and shall keep and disburse the same in the manner prescribed by the council, also a bailiff, and such deputy bailiffs and other officers as may be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this charter, and in their discretion may appoint the same person to perform the duties of more than one office. Clerk, treasurer, bailiff.

10. The council may allow any of the officers of the town compensation for their service as may be deemed reasonable. Compensation.

11. The council, and all other officers of the corporation, shall, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, take an oath that they will support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Maryland, and that they will diligently and faithfully discharge the duties of their offices, without favor, partiality or prejudice. Oath of officials.

12. The council may require any of its officers to give bond, in such penalty and with such sureties as they may deem necessary conditions for the faithful performance of their duties; said bond shall be deposited in the hands of the Mayor. When any officer wilfully fails to discharge any duty of his office, he may, in addition to the remedy on his bond, be fined by the Mayor, at his discretion, not exceeding ten dollars for any one offense, and for the payment of such fine his bond shall be responsible. Any officer may be dismissed by the council, at its discretion. Bond of officials.

13. The council shall receive all election returns, and within ten days after said election shall declare the result thereof. They shall determine all questions arising thereon, and any person conceiving himself aggrieved by reason of such decision may appeal to the Circuit Court of Montgomery county, Election returns.