

CHAP. 631. Council on the second Monday in May after each election to receive the returns of the same, without pay.

Returns to be opened by presiding officer, etc. SEC. 7. At such meetings of the Mayor and Common Council, the returns shall be opened by the presiding officer, and certificates of election shall forthwith be issued by the clerk to the persons appearing to be elected as Councilmen, by having received the highest number of votes, and the said certificate shall be recorded among the proceedings.

New election in case of tie vote. SEC. 8. If at any election it shall appear from the returns of the judges of election that any two or more persons voted for as Mayor or Common Councilman have received the same number of votes, so that there is no choice for the office, a new election shall be immediately proclaimed by the Mayor to fill the vacancy, which election shall be held on ten days' notice, and in all respects as aforesaid.

Treasurer to be elected. SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That on the same day on which the Mayor and Common Council are to be elected under this Act, and on every first Monday in May in each and every second year thereafter, one person, a legal voter in said town and owner of real estate of the value of at least one thousand dollars, may be chosen by the voters of said town as treasurer of said corporation to serve for two years and until his successor shall qualify; but before said treasurer shall enter upon his duties of this office he shall give bond, payable to said Mayor and Common Council, in such penalty as they may fix, with securities to be approved by them, conditioned as they may direct; and the said treasurer shall qualify and enter upon the duties of his office on or before the first Monday in June succeeding his election, and a failure to qualify within the time herein specified shall be deemed a refusal to accept the office, whereupon the Mayor and Common Council shall order a new election to fill the vacancy, and it will be the duty of the Mayor and Common Council to cause to be issued a certificate of election to the person receiving the highest number of votes for treasurer of said town, and in case of a tie vote for the office of treasurer, the Mayor and Common Council shall order a new election.

Authority to make all collections of taxes and receive money, etc. SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the treasurer shall make all collections of taxes and receive all money paid for the use and benefit of said corporation; he shall keep an account of the receipts and disbursements of the funds of the corporation in a well bound book, to be provided by the said Mayor and Common Council for that purpose, and shall render due account to the Mayor and Council when required by them, for all moneys received by him, and shall promptly disburse on the order of the Mayor and Common Council, under such regula-