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previous to his election, and the Councilmen shall have been residents of said town one year prior to their election.

Vacancies.

Section 138 E. That if any vacancy shall occur by death, resignation, removal or failure to act of the Mayor or one or more of the Councilmen elected as aforesaid, the remaining Councilmen or a majority of them shall elect a proper person to fill said vacancy.

Oath to be taken.

Section 138 F. That every Mayor and Councilman before he proceeds to act as such shall make oath before some justice of the peace for Garrett county, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his skill and judgment, perform the duties of Mayor or Councilman, as the case may be, without favor, partiality or prejudice; and a certificate of such qualification shall be returned by the said justice of the peace to the said Council, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

Time and place of meeting, etc.

Section 138 G. That the said Council shall meet at such place as they may appoint, within said term, on the first Monday of every month ensuing their election, and as much oftener by adjournment as they may deem necessary; that the said Council shall elect a president of the Council and appoint a clerk, a bailiff, a treasurer, an attorney, a tax collector, and one or more assessors of taxes, and fix their salary for compensation. All the officers appointed by said Council shall hold their respective office for one year from the date of their appointment or until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Duties of clerk.

Section 138 H. The clerk before entering upon his duties shall take the oath herein prescribed for the members of the Council; he shall countersign all orders for the payment of money, and keep a full and accurate set of accounts of the town records and papers; he shall keep a journal of the proceedings of the Council, which shall be open at all times for the inspection of any citizen.

Duties of treasurer.

Section 138 I. The treasurer before he enters upon his duties shall take the oath prescribed for members of the Council, and execute a bond of such condition and in such amount as may be prescribed by the ordinances of the corporation, with security to be approved by the said Council; he shall have the custody of all corporation funds, shall keep a full and accurate set of accounts of the said town in