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General
powers of
mayor and
council.

by jury trial whether any and what damages he has sustained; to provide for collecting and paying the compensation awarded to any person before any street, road, lane or alley shall be opened, closed, established or altered, and to enact all ordinances from time to time necessary and proper to the exercise of the powers granted in this section; provided, that whenever the Council proposes to open, close, alter or establish any street, road, lane or alley they shall give at least thirty days' notice by advertising or handing bills to all parties interested of their intention, and the time of consideration of such action; to provide for the codification of all ordinances that may be passed, and the printing and publishing of the same; and the printed copy of all such ordinances when approved by the Mayor and Council shall be legal evidence of the passage of such ordinances and of the contents thereof in any court of this State; to provide penalties, not exceeding thirty days, for the violation of ordinances, or both fine and imprisonment.

Powers Continued.

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Section 184 A11. The town Council shall not borrow money nor incur debts nor issue bills or other securities of a commercial character in excess, in any year, of the receipts of the annual levy, except that the said Mayor and Council of Midland shall have power to borrow a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars for the purpose of building a lockup, a building suitable for a Council chamber and a house for fire apparatus, payable within any time within seven years; and for the redemption of the principal thereof and the payment of the interest thereon they are authorized to levy upon the assessable property within the corporate limits, annually, a sufficient *pro rata* sum, to be set apart as a sinking fund for the redemption of the fund so allowed to be borrowed aforesaid, when the same shall become due, and also a sufficient *pro rata* sum to an amount not greater than six per centum interest on the said sum so authorized to be borrowed.

Power to Grant Franchises.

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Section 184 A12. The Council shall have power to grant franchises for the institution of lighting plants either of electricity or gas, with the privilege of distributing the same by proper pipes and wires, and shall also have power to grant franchises for the institution of a system of water