

voters, as the case may be; and the person elected shall serve until a new election; and if a vacancy shall occur in the office of mayor, from any cause, the chairman of the council shall act as mayor for the unexpired term.

Oath. SEC. 46. All officers of said town except the mayor, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, shall qualify by taking an oath before the mayor of said town, that they will act faithfully, without favor, partiality or prejudice in all things appertaining to their respective offices; the mayor shall qualify as directed by section 6 of article 70 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Official Oaths;" and a failure to qualify within two weeks after his election shall be deemed a refusal on the part of the person so failing to qualify to accept the office to which he has been elected.

Judge of their own qualifications. SEC. 47. The council shall be judges of the qualifications of the mayor and of their own members.

Meetings of council. SEC. 48. The Mayor and Council shall meet on the first Monday of each month, at such place and hour as shall be fixed by the mayor, and at such other times as they shall adjourn to; at the joint meeting after their election and qualification, the council shall elect one of their number chairman, who, in the absence or sickness of the mayor, shall be clothed with all his power and authority.

May pass by-laws. SEC. 49. The council shall pass rules and by-laws for their own government while in session, and four members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Neglect or non-user. SEC. 50. Neglect or non-user shall not work a forfeiture of this sub-title of this article.

Clerk to be appointed. SEC. 51. The mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, at the first meeting after their election and qualification, or as soon thereafter as may be, each year, shall appoint a clerk of said town from among the qualified voters thereof, who shall keep accurate minutes of their proceedings, and shall record all laws and ordinances passed by them, in a well-bound book, which shall be kept open to public inspection, and all laws and ordinances when recorded in said book shall be therein signed by the mayor and attested by the clerk, and said book shall be evidence of said ordinances in any court of law in this State; and said clerk shall attest all ordinances passed by said mayor and council, and cause copies of the