

Election to
be held.

such place or places as shall be designated by the judges of election, between the hours of one o'clock P. M. and six o'clock P. M. elect by ballot one person Mayor of said town, who shall serve for a term of two years or until his successor is elected and qualified. The citizens aforesaid shall also elect, on the first Monday of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, four persons, to be members of the council of said town, who, together with the Mayor, shall constitute the council of said town; two of the said councilmen shall serve for the term of two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and two for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. At the first meeting after their election, said councilmen shall determine by lot, who of their number shall serve for two and one years, respectively. The first election shall be held by William L. Solean, Puleman H. Dorsett and R. Bernard Talcott, who are hereby appointed judges for that purpose, and if any of them shall be absent on the day appointed for said election, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the judge or judges present. The citizens aforesaid shall elect, on the first Monday of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and annually thereafter, two persons to be members of said council of said town, who shall serve for the term of two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. The qualifications of voters for Mayor and councilmen, shall be the same as prescribed for voters by the laws of this State. They must have resided within the corporate limits of said town for at least six months next preceding their election. The Mayor and councilmen must continue to reside in said town during their terms of office, and they shall receive no fees or compensation for their services, except that the Mayor shall receive the fees hereinafter allowed.

Duty of
mayor.

SEC. 4. The Mayor shall preside at meetings, and shall call such meetings, from time to time, as he may deem necessary, but in the event of the absence of the Mayor from any meeting, the members of the council present shall elect one of their own number to preside during his absence, who shall, for the time being, be clothed with all the powers and authorities of said Mayor. The council shall pass rules and by-laws for their own government while in session. All vacancies in the council caused by absence from its sessions for more than three consecutive months without satisfactory excuse, or otherwise, shall be filled by an election held after ten days' notice, given by the remaining members of the same.

SEC. 5. The Council shall meet in some convenient place in said town on or before the first Monday in June next succeed-