

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 one and two years respectively. 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 the Council of said town who shall serve for the term of two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. The qualifications for voters, 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. 5. 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 authority 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.

Place of
meeting.

SEC. 6. The Council shall meet in some convenient place in said town on or before the first Monday of June next succeeding their election, and as often thereafter as may be necessary in the discharge of the duties of their office, not less, however, than once in every month. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Judges of
election.

SEC. 7. They shall annually, on or before the first Monday in April, appoint three judges of election, who shall appoint a clerk, and the said judges shall conduct an election by ballot, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of this Act; the polls to be opened at one o'clock, P. M. and closed at six