

term, shall preside at their meetings and shall have the right to discuss and vote upon any question coming before the Council. He shall have no power to veto, but every ordinance passed by the Council must be signed either by the Mayor and two Councilmen, or by three Councilmen, before the same shall become effective and enforceable.

The Mayor shall be the executive officer of the Mayor and Common Council of Mount Rainier clothed with all the power necessary to secure the enforcement of all ordinances and resolutions passed under the provisions of this or any other act. He shall have power to call special meetings of the Common Council upon one day's notice whenever in his opinion the public good may require it. He shall appoint with the advice and consent of the Common Council all officers and employes of said town, except those whose appointment is otherwise provided for by this Act, and in times of public danger, when it is impossible to convene the Common Council, he shall have power to appoint officers of the peace for said town charged with the duty of obtaining the peace and order thereof, and authorized to make the necessary arrests in so doing.

Powers of Common Council.

Section 15. *And be it further enacted*, That the Councilmen elected hereunder shall qualify upon the next Monday night succeeding their election by taking the same oath as that required of the Mayor, before any officer of the State of Maryland duly authorized to take an affidavit.

The Common Council shall hold regular meetings at such times as they may fix, which shall be at least once a month, which meetings shall be open to the public, and they shall hold such special meetings as may be necessary to the proper performance of their official duties. In case of the absence or the inability of the Mayor to preside at any meeting, the Councilmen may elect a Chairman pro tem. Three members of the Council may at any time call a special meeting upon one day's notice. At any meeting of the Common Council, three Councilmen or two Councilmen and the Mayor shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No ordinance shall be passed by the Council except at a regular public meeting, and three affirmative votes shall be necessary for the passage of any ordinance, resolution or order.

Upon every vote upon an ordinance or upon any order for the payment of money, the yeas and nays shall be called and