buildings that may in their judgment become dangerous; to cause the streets, lanes and alleys to be paved, graded, drained or sewered; to cause the sidewalks along the public streets and highways of said city to be graded, paved, repaired or improved, curbs to be set and gutters laid, and the Mayor and City Council, in addition to the regular taxes paid, may assess against the owner of the abutting property one-half of the cost of said curbs installed by said city, said abutting owner to pay one-tenth of the cost of installing one-half of said curb each year for a period of ten years until said abutting owner shall have paid one-half of the cost of said curb; to erect and establish houses of correction, hospitals or pest-houses without or within the city, and to provide for the government of the same: to establish and regulate a station house or lockup for the temporary confinement of violators of the laws of the State or of the ordinances of the city; to suppress vagrancy; to protect and preserve the health of the citizens and the property rights and privileges of the city: to prevent the storage of explosives or combustible matter in such quantities or places within the city as they may seem dangerous; to regulate and provide for licensing of pawnbrokers, peddlers of nostrums, notions, patents, secrets or pretended inventions and remedies on the streets, lanes or sidewalks of the city; to regulate and provide for the issuing of licenses or permits for all hawking, peddling and vending of wares and merchandise of every description on the streets, lanes, alleys or sidewalks of the city, and to issue licenses or permits to all carts, drays, wagons and other vehicles and itinerant peddlers who may go from house to house to vend or sell wares or merchandise; to levy and collect a tax on the assessable property of said city as may be necessary to pay the interest on the city bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for their redemption at maturity; for the preservation of peace and good order, securing persons and property from violence, danger or destruction; for the suppression and restraint of vice; for the assessment from time to time of all kinds of property and securities in said city on which State or county taxes are or may be levied, and for the levy and collection of a tax thereon for the general purposes of the corporation not exceeding in any one year one dollar and fifty cents to every one hundred dollars of assessable property; to fix and pay the compensation of the bailiff. clerk, treasurer and such other officers, agents or servants as may be employed by the corporation: to suppress the practice of firing and