

the Mayor or before any other 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. 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 recorded by the Town Clerk and Treasurer, and every resolution or ordinance shall be reduced to writing and read before passage, and after passage shall be recorded by the Town Clerk and Treasurer in an ordinance book to be provided by the town, and a copy of any order, resolution or ordinance over the signature of the Town Clerk and Treasurer, and bearing the seal of the town, shall be evidence in any court of the State of Maryland of the existence and contents of such order, resolution or ordinance. The style of all ordinances shall be "be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of Mount Rainier."

The Mayor and Common Council shall have full power to pass such ordinances as they may deem necessary or proper for the good government, health, safety, morals and improvement of the town, and for the preservation of peace and good order therein. They may annually employ such persons as they may deem necessary or proper for the purposes of said town, at such compensation as they may think proper. Any bailiffs or other officers of the peace appointed by them shall be charged with the duty of preserving the peace and order of the said town, and authorized to make the necessary arrests in so doing. Health officers appointed by them shall be charged with the duty of preserving the public health and shall have full power and authority to quarantine and enforce such other preventive measures as are reasonable and necessary. They may provide by ordinance for the opening and closing of