

changed during the period for which that council was elected. The ordinance making any change in the salary paid to the several councilmen, either by way of increase or decrease, shall be finally ordained prior to the municipal election for the members of the next succeeding council and shall take effect only as to the members of the next succeeding council.

8. (*Meetings of the Council.*) The newly elected council shall meet at 8.00 P. M. on the second Monday following its election for the purpose of organization, after which the council shall meet regularly at such times as may be prescribed by its rules but not less frequently than once each month. Special meetings shall be called by the clerk-treasurer upon the request of the mayor or a majority of the members of the council. All meetings of the council shall be open to the public, and the rules of the council shall provide that residents of the town shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meeting in regard to any municipal question.

9. (*Council To Be Judge of Qualifications of its Members.*) The council shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members.

10. (*President of the Council.*) The Mayor shall serve as president of the council. The mayor may take part in all discussions, but he shall have no vote. The council shall elect a vice-president of the council from among its members who shall act as president of the council in the absence of the president of the council.

11. (*Quorum.*) A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but no ordinance shall be approved nor any other action taken without the favorable votes of a majority of the whole number of members elected to the council.

12. (*Procedure of Council.*) The council shall determine its own rules and order of business. It shall keep a journal of its proceedings and enter therein the yeas and nays upon final action on any question, resolution, or ordinance, or at any other time if required by any one member. The journal shall be open to public inspection.

13. (*Vacancies in Council.*) Vacancies in the council shall be filled as provided in Section 41 of this charter.

14. (*Ordinances.*) No ordinance shall be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced. At any regular or special meeting of the council held not less than six nor more than sixty days after the meeting at which an ordinance was introduced, it shall be passed, or passed as amended, or rejected, or its consideration deferred to some specified future date. In cases of emergency the above requirement may be suspended by the affirmative votes of four members of the council. Every ordinance, unless it be passed as an emergency ordinance, shall become effective at the expiration of twenty calendar days following approval by the mayor or passage by the council over his veto. **EACH ORDINANCE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AT LEAST TWICE IN A NEWSPAPER OR NEWSPAPERS HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE MUNICI-**