

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.

7. COUNCIL TO BE JUDGE OF QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS MEMBERS

The council shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members.

8. PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF 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.

9. 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.

10. VACANCIES IN COUNCIL

Vacancies in the council shall be filled as provided in Paragraph 41 of this charter.

11. PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES ; PUBLICATION ; EFFECTIVE DATE

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 municipality. An emergency ordinance shall become effective on the date specified in the ordinance, but no ordinance shall become effective until approved by the mayor or passed over his veto by the council.

12. VETO

All ordinances passed by the council shall be promptly delivered by the clerk-treasurer to the mayor for his approval or disapproval. If the mayor approves any ordinance, he shall sign it. If the mayor disapproves any ordinance, he shall not sign it. The mayor shall return all ordinances to the clerk-treasurer within six days after delivery to him (including the days of delivery and return and excluding Sunday) with his approval or disapproval. Any ordinance approved by the mayor shall be law. Any