

MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

the succeeding council takes office under the provisions of this charter.

6. Qualifications for councilmen.

Councilmen shall have resided in the town for one year at least immediately preceeding their election and shall be qualified voters of the town.

7. Salary of councilmen.

Each councilman shall receive an annual salary which shall be equal for all councilmen and shall be as specified from time to time by an ordinance passed by the council in the regular course of its business; provided, however, that the salary specified at the time any council takes office shall not be 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 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 judged of qualifications of its members.

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

10. 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. The mayor shall vote only in order to