

were cast for the candidates and all records of said election; and the said clerk, upon receipt thereof, shall file the same, together with the certificate of the oath taken by the judges, and shall immediately notify the persons chosen of their election, in accordance with the return of the judges. The necessary expenses incurred in connection with said election shall be regulated and paid by the Mayor and Common Council.

#### COUNCIL.

1900, ch. 206, sec. 174.

**452.** The Common Council shall meet at some convenient place in the said town at least once in every two months, or oftener, if the Mayor shall deem it necessary, and the Mayor shall preside at said meetings; and the said Council shall elect from their own number a chairman, who shall preside at their meetings in the absence of the Mayor, and have the same power of voting and taking part in all acts and deliberations of the said Council as any other member thereof.

1900, ch. 206, sec. 175.

**453.** The Mayor of the town, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of the office to which he has been elected, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation before the clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, or one of his sworn deputies: "I, . . . . ., do hereby swear (or affirm) that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of Mayor in accordance with the best of my ability and understanding," which said oath shall be filed with the clerk of the Mayor and Council. All other officers of the town shall similarly qualify before the Mayor. If any person elected or appointed to any office shall fail to take the oath or affirmation required within ten days from the date of his election or appointment, the office shall be declared vacant.

1900, ch. 206, sec. 176.

**454.** The Mayor and three Councilmen, or the chairman and two Councilmen, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but no ordinance shall be enforced unless the same shall have been passed by three affirmatives and be signed by the Mayor; and if the Mayor shall refuse to sign any ordinance or other paper requiring his signature, he shall, within three days, return the same to them with his reasons in writing for so refusing, and the same may be passed by the Common Council by four affirmative votes, and thereby become a law, and be in force the same as if it had been signed by the Mayor.

#### CLERK.

1900, ch. 206, sec. 177.

**455.** The Mayor shall appoint, subject to the approval of the majority of the Common Council, and properly qualify him, a clerk, who shall