

1880, ch. 434.

172. If any person elected to the office of mayor or common councilman shall refuse or neglect to qualify, or be otherwise disqualified, the mayor shall immediately order a new election to be held to fill the vacancy; and the mayor and common councilmen for the time being shall continue in office until such election shall be held and their successors are elected and qualified; provided, however, that no election shall be held to fill vacancies in the office of common councilmen so long as the mayor and three common councilmen shall remain who have been duly elected and qualified, and who shall in such case elect councilmen to fill the vacancy.

Ibid.

173. If the mayor or any member of the common council shall die, resign or remove from the said town, or from any cause shall become disqualified during the year for which he has been elected, the chairman of the common council shall act as mayor for the balance of the term; or the mayor and remaining members of the common council shall elect one or more councilmen to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the said term.

Ibid

174. The common council shall meet at some convenient place in the said town, at least once in every three months, or oftener if the mayor shall deem it necessary, and the mayor may preside at said meetings, but shall not otherwise take part in the deliberations thereof; 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.

Ibid.

175. 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, passed by the said common council, he shall, within three days, return the same to them with