

administer such oath, on the first Monday in February in each year, or as soon thereafter as they shall or can attend in Common Council, and that the oath or affirmation to be so administered shall be as follows, viz:—

I —— do swear (or solemnly affirm, as the case may be,) that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of Alderman, or Common Councilman, (as the case may be) of this City, to the best of my ability.

First Monday in February.

Form of oath.

XXXIX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in the Court of Common Council a majority of Aldermen and a majority of Common Councilmen shall together be a quorum for the despatch of business: *Provided always,* that a smaller number may adjourn from time to time, and may be authorised to compel the attendance of absent Members in such manner and under such penalties as may be provided by Act of Common Council.

Majority of Aldermen &c. to form a quorum.

Smaller number competent to adjourn, And compel attendance of absent members.

XL. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Mayor, or in his absence from sickness or otherwise, a Member, being an Alderman, elected by the majority of the said Common Council, shall preside at the meetings of the Common Council, and that the said Mayor, or President pro tempore, shall in all cases, when the votes are equal, be entitled to a casting vote.

Mayor, or Alderman elected in his absence &c. to preside at meetings of Common Council.

Casting vote.

XLI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Common Council shall determine the rules of its proceedings, and judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of its Members.

Common Council to make rules, and judge of qualifications &c.

XLII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Council shall keep a Journal of its proceedings, and its doors shall be kept open, except when the public welfare shall require secrecy: *Provided nevertheless,* that upon all proposals, discussions, debates, resolutions or other proceedings of the said Court of Common Council, of or concerning the raising, levying or imposing, any rates, taxes or assessments, or requiring the performance of any duty or service by the Inhabitants of the said City and Liberties thereof, or of any of them, the same shall be proposed, discussed, debated and resolved on and determined in open Court, accessible to the Citizens of the said City, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Journal of proceedings.

All discussions relating to imposing taxes, &c. to be public.

XLIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all Resolutions and Reports of Committees which shall recommend any specific improvement involving the appropriation of any public money,

Resolutions, &c. as to improvement, appropriations of public money, &c. to be printed and published eight days before adoption.