

Mayor and
Councillors to
take oath.

3rd. The first session of the Council, after the first election, shall take place within eight days immediately following the said election, and at such meeting the Mayor and Councillors shall take the following oath: "I, A. B., do solemnly swear faithfully to fulfil the duties of member of the Town Council of Three Rivers to the best of my judgment and ability: 5
"So help me God." And the members then present, provided they form a majority of the Council, shall be authorized to act as the Council, and all members absent without just cause shall be held to have refused the office, and be liable to the fine hereinafter provided for in like cases, unless they be persons who are exempted from serving. 10

When Mayor
elected after
first election
shall go into
office.

4th. The Mayor and Councillors elected at the elections subsequent to the first shall enter into office on the day of their nomination, and a meeting of the Council shall take place within eight days after, in the same manner as after the first election, and the Mayor and Councillors elected shall take the same oath, and those absent without just cause shall be held 15
to have refused the office, and shall be liable to the penalty provided in like cases, unless they be persons who are exempted from serving.

Quorum.

5th. Five members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

Expenses.

6th. The expenses of every election shall be defrayed out of the funds of the Corporation. 20

In case the
Mayor or
Councillors
shall refuse to
act.

XI. 1st. In any case in which one of the persons elected shall refuse to act as Mayor or Councillor, or that his election being contested shall be declared null, the Ward for which the said Councillor shall have been elected, shall proceed to a new election, and elect a person to replace the said Councillor within one month after the said refusal shall have been made necessary, 25
that the said election shall have been declared null; and if it be the Mayor who shall refuse to accept, or whose election shall have been declared null, the electors of the Town shall proceed to a new election for such Mayor within the same delay; and in such case the Poll shall be held only at the Town Hall, and the said election shall be conducted in the same 30
manner as annual elections.

In case of the
absence, death
or incapacity
of Mayor or
Councillors.

2nd. In case of the death of the Mayor or a Councillor, or in case of his absence from the Town, or incapacity of acting as such, either from infirmity, sickness, or any other cause, during three calendar months, the other Councillors, at the first meeting of the Council which shall take place 35
after such decease, or the expiration of the said period of three months, shall appoint from amongst the inhabitants of the Town another Mayor or Councillor to replace the Mayor or Councillor so deceased, absent, or rendered incapable, as above mentioned; Provided, however, that notwithstanding the decease, absence, or inability to act, of the said Mayor, 40
or the said Councillor, the remaining Councillors shall continue to exercise the same powers and fulfil the same duties which they would have had to exercise or fulfil, had not such decease, absence, or inability to act on the part of the said Mayor or Councillor taken place.

Duration of
office.

3rd. Every Mayor or Councillor so elected or appointed to replace 45
another, shall remain in office for the remainder of the time for which his predecessor had been elected or appointed, and for no longer.

Presiding of-
ficer at elec-
tion to take
oath.

XII. Before any person shall proceed to hold an election in conformity with this Act, he shall take the following oath, which any Justice of the