

Appointment of
Committees.

XL. It shall be lawful for the said Council to name from among its Members so many Committees, composed of a greater or less number of persons, as it shall think proper, to facilitate the despatch of the business before the said Council, and for the discharge of all the duties within its competence, and which shall be prescribed by the said Council, but subject in all respects to the approbation, authority and control of the said Council. 5

Appointment and
duty of Assessors

XLI. The said Town Council shall have power to appoint, at the commencement of each period of three years, three Assessors; and it shall be the duty of the said Assessors to value the assessable property of the said City according to its real value, and within the periods which shall be fixed by the said Town Council; Provided always, that such valuation of property shall be made once in every three years; Provided also that the Assessors so appointed shall be owners of real property to the value of at least two hundred and fifty pounds currency. 10 15

Oath of Assessors.

XLII. Every person so appointed Assessor shall be bound, before proceeding to value any property in the said City, to take the following oath before any Justice of the Peace residing in the said City, that is to say:—

“ I, having been appointed one of the Assessors for the City of St. Hyacinthe do solemnly swear, that I will honestly and diligently discharge the duties of that office, to the best of my judgment and ability. So help me God.” 20

Appointment and
Oath of Auditors,

XLIII. At the first meeting after each Annual Municipal Election, the Town Council shall appoint two persons to be Auditors of the accounts of the said Council; and such Auditors shall take the following oath before a Justice of the Peace residing in the said City, that is to say:— 25

“ I, having been appointed to the office of Auditor for the City of Saint Hyacinthe, do swear, that I will discharge the duties thereof to the best of my judgment and ability, and I declare that I have not, either directly or indirectly, any share of interest whatever in any contract or employment with or under the Town Council of Saint Hyacinthe. So help me God.” 30

Qualification of
Auditors.

XLIV. The Auditors who shall be appointed for the said City shall be owners of real estate therein, of the value of at least one hundred and twenty-five pounds currency; Provided always, that neither the Mayor nor the Councillors, nor the Secretary-Treasurer of the said City, nor any person receiving a salary from the said Council, either on account of an office held under its authority, or on account of any contract whatever made with it, shall be capable of holding the office of Auditors of the said City. 40

Duty of Auditors.

XLV. It shall be the duty of the Auditors to examine, and to approve or disapprove or report upon, all accounts which may appear in the books of the said Council or concern it, and which may relate to any matter or thing under the control and jurisdiction of the said Town Council, and may then remain unpaid; and to publish a detailed statement of the re- 45