

Mayor, on being so demanded, and shall be held within four days next after such meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer of the City acting as poll-clerk under the direction of the Mayor; each elector shall then present himself in turn and shall give his vote by "yea" or "nay", the word "yea" signifying that he approves of the proposed loan, and the word "nay" signifying that he disapproves of the proposed loan; but no person's vote shall be received unless it appear by the Assessment Roll, that he is duly qualified to vote as Municipal Elector; provided always, that such poll shall be held on two consecutive days, not being Sundays or holidays, from ten o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon, and at the close of the Poll the Mayor shall count the "yeas" and the "nays" and shall certify for the information of the Town Council whether the majority of the electors of the City approve or disapprove of the said loan; and this certificate shall be countersigned by the Secretary-Treasurer of the City and preserved by him with the poll-list, among the archives of his office, and if the said loan is approved as aforesaid, then the said Town Council may contract it.

Execution of contracts and service of protests, &c.

LX. Every Contract or document in which the said Town Council shall be a contracting party, shall be executed and signed by the Mayor, countersigned by the Secretary-Treasurer, and sealed with the seal of the said Council; and whenever it shall be necessary to serve any protest or any rule of Court or Summons, or other thing whatever in any action or prosecution, upon the said Mayor and Town Council, such service shall be made upon the Secretary-Treasurer, at his Office; and every demand made by the Town Council for payment of taxes and assessments, or every notice for the putting in execution of any new By-Law, shall be made by a notice posted up in the Council Hall, and published in a newspaper published in the City, if there be one, during fifteen days, or read in the forenoon on the market place the two Saturdays preceding the day on which such payment shall have to be made, or such new By-Law shall have to be put in force.

Power to levy taxes.

LXI. In order to raise the necessary funds to meet the expenses of the said Town Council, and to effect the several necessary public improvements in the said City, the said Town Council shall have power to levy annually upon persons, and upon moveable and immoveable property in the said City, the taxes hereinafter set forth, that is to say:—

1. On all pieces of land, town lots, or parts of town lots, whether there be or be not buildings thereon, with all buildings and erections thereon, the sum of one penny in the pound on their full actual value, as entered in the Assessment Roll of the said City; Provided that no land under cultivation or leased as a farm within the limits of the said City shall be taxed by virtue of this Act; Provided also, that the said Town Council shall have power to cause to be added to the Assessment Roll at any time any part of such land under cultivation or leased as a farm which shall have been detached from it as a town lot, and shall thus have become liable to Assessment after the closing of the Assessment Roll, and to fix the period of time for which such tax shall be paid.