

Mayor to exercise powers until successor sworn in.

XXXI. The said Mayor so elected shall continue to exercise all his powers as Mayor of the said City until his Successor in the said Office shall have been elected and sworn.

Mayor and four of the Councillors to be Justices of the Peace.

XXXII. The Mayor and four of the Councillors of the said City of Saint Hyacinthe appointed by the Council as soon as possible after each annual election shall be, each during his continuance in Office, Justices of the Peace for the District of Montreal. Provided always, that they shall not be bound to take any other Oath than the Oath of Office to enable them to act as such, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

Members of Town Council may arrest and commit drunken and disorderly persons,

XXXIII. It shall be lawful for each of the Members of the Town Council, individually, to order the immediate arrest of any drunken person, or of any person acting in a disorderly or turbulent manner, whom he shall find disturbing the peace within the limits of the said City, and to cause such person to be confined in the watch-house or other place of detention, in order that such person may be safely kept until he can be brought before the Mayor or a Justice of the Peace to be dealt with according to law.

Meetings of Town Council.

XXXIV. After each annual municipal election the Members of the said Council shall, within eight days next after the election, hold a meeting, presided over by the Mayor, or in his absence by the Councillor who shall have presided over such election, for the purpose of verifying their credentials; and after the said sitting the said Town Council shall meet at least once in each month for the transaction of the affairs of the said City, and shall hold its sittings in such place as it shall please the said Council to choose. A bare majority of the Members of the said Council shall form a quorum for the despatch of business, and all questions shall be decided by the majority of the Members present; provided always, that a Member or Members who may not be sufficient in number to form a quorum, may adjourn any meeting of the Council which shall have failed for want of a quorum, and such Members, although not forming a quorum, are hereby authorized to compel the absent Members to attend the regular or adjourned meetings as aforesaid, and to inflict upon such absent Members, in case of repeated absence, any fine or penalty which the said Town Council might impose in view of such an occurrence.

Quorum of Town Council.

Mayor to preside at Meetings, and to have a casting vote, but no Salary.

XXXV. The Mayor of the said City, if he is present, shall preside at the meetings, shall maintain order thereat, and shall have a right to express his opinion, but not to vote, on all questions which shall be brought before the said Council; provided always, that when the said Councillors after having voted on any question shall be found to be equally divided, then, and in that case only, the Mayor shall decide the question by his vote, giving his reasons for it if he thinks proper; and neither the Mayor nor the Councillors shall receive any salary or emoluments from the funds of the City during the time they shall remain in Office; provided also that whenever the Mayor shall not be present at a regular special meeting of the said Town Council, the Councillors present shall choose one of their number to fill the place of the Mayor during the sitting.