

and decided according to the provisions of the municipal code, except in so far as the same is provided for, in and by the following section.

15. In case it shall at any time happen that an annual municipal election shall not be held for any reason whatever, on the day when, in pursuance of this act, it ought to have been held, the said City Council shall not, for that cause, be deemed to be dissolved, and it shall be lawful for such members of the said council, as shall not have retired from office, to meet again, for the purpose of fixing as early as possible a day for the holding of such annual municipal election; and in such case, the notices and publications required by this act, shall be published and posted up, not less than eight clear days before the election, and if, within fifteen days after the day in which such election ought to have been held, the members of the said council shall have neglected to appoint a day for such election, they shall be liable to a fine of twenty dollars each.

Failure of annual election.

Penalty.

16. The mayor of the said city if he be present, shall preside at the meetings of the council, 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 any regular or special meeting of the said City Council, the councillors present shall choose one of their number to fill the place of the mayor during the sitting.

Duties of the mayor.

Casting vote.

Absence of mayor.

17. The council, at its first general session, or at a special session held within the fifteen days which shall follow the first day of such general session, shall appoint an officer who shall be called the "Secretary-Treasurer."

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2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the custodian of all the books, registers, valuation rolls, collection rolls, reports, *procès-verbaux*, plans, maps, records, documents and papers kept or filed in the office or archives of the council; he shall attend all sessions, and shall enter, in a re-

His duties in general.