

from their own body, to preside at the meetings, and to discharge the duties of Mayor whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Mayor, or the Mayor shall be absent from the city, or be unable, from sickness, or other cause, to attend to the duties of his office; and in absence of the Clerk, to appoint one of their members to act as Clerk; they shall have power, whenever they may deem it necessary to exercise the same, to establish and fix by ordinance, a salary for Mayor, in addition to the fees received by him as Justice of the Peace; but such ordinance shall not take effect unless ratified by a vote of the citizens of said city, at the next succeeding election; they shall also have power, and may set aside any amount of money belonging to the city which may at any time be in the hands of the Treasurer, after deducting the current expenses of the city, and the interest due upon the funded debts of said city, as a sinking fund, whereby the bonds issued by said city may be redeemed, or they may, at any time before said bonds shall become due, with any surplus money which may belong to the city, after paying said expenses and interest, redeem, or purchase for the city, and in its name, in the manner most advantageous to the city, any outstanding bonds, which bonds, or claims, when so purchased, shall be immediately cancelled; *provided*, this right shall not affect the rights of the holders of said bonds, or in any way prevent them from holding the same until said bonds become due and payable; they shall also have the power to determine the width of sidewalks and the material and manner of their construction, as well as the grade of the same; and shall also have the power and right to require and compel the owner, or occupant, of any lot or lots, situate upon any street of said city, to erect, construct and keep in repair, the sidewalks fronting his or her lot or lots; and, in case the owner or occupant, of any lot or lots, after due notice, refuse to build, repair or keep in repair, said sidewalks, in accordance with the general regulations, then the Council may cause the same to be built or repaired, and the costs and charges shall be a lien on said lot or lots, and may be enforced by suit at law; and said