

appoint. A majority of the Common Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business ; they shall determine the rules of their proceedings, and judge of the qualification and election of all officers elected under the provisions of this Act; and shall provide, by ordinance, the method of calling special meetings of the Council ; their sittings shall be public. A journal of their proceedings shall be kept by the Clerk, under their direction, and the ayes and noes shall be taken, and entered on the journal, at the request of any member ; they shall prescribe, by ordinance, the duties of all officers whose duties are not defined in this Act ; they shall have the power to raise, by tax, not exceeding one and one-fourth per cent. for all purposes, (except for the redemption of bonds) on the assessed value of the real and personal property within the limits of said city, moneys for the establishment and support of free common schools, and to provide suitable grounds and buildings therefor ; and for the defraying the ordinary expenses of the city, as well as for paving, planking, or otherwise improving, the streets of the city ; they shall also have power to pass all proper and necessary ordinances for the regulation and sale of city property, and to give deeds therefor ; they shall have power to open, alter, establish, grade, or otherwise improve and regulate, streets, alleys and lanes, and the sidewalks upon the same ; to construct and keep in repair bridges, fences, public places, wharves, docks, ferries, piers, slips, sewers and wells, and to make the assessments therefor ; to regulate and collect tolls, wharfage, dockage and craneage upon all water crafts, and all goods landed ; to make regulations for securing the health, cleanliness, ornament, peace and good order of the city ; for preventing and extinguishing fires, and regulating firemen, policemen, and such other officers as may be necessary to appoint for the care and regulation of prisons and markets ; for licensing, taxing and regulating all such vehicles, business and employments as the public good may require, and as may not be prohibited by law ; to levy a tax license upon all dogs, or otherwise prevent the same from running at large in the streets and public grounds of the city ; to regulate and suppress all occupations, houses, places, amusements and exhibitions which are against good morals, or contrary to public order and decency ; for the regulating and location of slaughter houses, markets, stables, and gas works, and houses for the storage of gunpowder and other combustible materials ; and to pass all such other ordinances, and provide suitable buildings for the management, good government, and general welfare of said city, as may not be inconsistent with this charter, or with the Constitution or laws of this State, or the United States. They shall also have power to pass such ordinance, or ordinances, as may be necessary to prevent animals from running at large within the limits of the city ; to establish a Pound and appoint a Pound Keeper, and prescribe his duties, and to provide for the public sale, by the Pound Keeper, of such animals as may be impounded, in the same way,