

be a party, directly or indirectly, in any contract to which the corporation is a party. The town clerk shall appoint in a period not less than thirty and not more than forty days before the General town election, three days of registration, on which days duly qualified voters shall register their names, addresses, and occupation at such time and place as the town clerk may prescribe; provided, that on at least two of those days registration may be made between the hours of six and eight P. M. Only such voters as have duly registered shall be entitled to vote at the primary and General town election; any person desiring to become a candidate for Mayor or Councilman shall, at least ten days prior to said election, file with the town clerk statement of such candidacy, accompanied by a petition signed by at least twenty duly qualified electors requesting such candidacy; provided that the candidate for Councilman from each ward shall secure a majority of such petitioners within the limits of their respective wards. Each petition shall be verified by one or more persons as to qualifications and residence of each of the signers of said petition. Immediately upon the expiration of the time of filing petitions, the town clerk shall cause to be published, in one or more newspapers published or circulated in the town, the names of all the candidates as they are to appear upon the ballots, and said clerk shall thereupon cause the ballots to be printed, authenticated with a facsimile of his signature. Upon the said ballot the names of all the candidates for Mayor, arranged alphabetically. Immediately before the words "Vote for one," shall first be placed with a square at the left of each name. Following these names shall appear the names of the candidates for Councilman in all wards. The wards must be arranged in their numerical order and the names of the candidates for Councilmen must be arranged in alphabetical order in their respective wards. Immediately following the election the town clerk shall canvass the returns thereof, and cause the result to be published in the usual manner. Said canvass by the town clerk shall be publicly made; provided, that for the first election held under this charter Ernest D. Kirkland shall act as town clerk.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Mayor and Councilmen elected hereunder shall meet on the first Monday after their election, when they shall qualify; they shall hold stated monthly meetings, which shall be open to the public, and meet as often as is