

of 1881, the same being an act to amend the charter of the said city of La Crosse, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 31, 1883.

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CHAPTER 246.

AN ACT to empower the common council of the city of Racine to grant franchises to private water companies, and contract for the use of water therefrom, and amendatory of chapter 313, of the laws of 1876, and the several acts amendatory thereof.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 11, of chapter 313, of the laws of 1876, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said title a new section which shall read as follows: Section 10. The common council shall have power to authorize and empower any person, company or corporation to establish water works for supplying water to said city and the inhabitants thereof, and to lay pipes in the streets of said city, and erect and construct stand pipes, reservoirs, fire plugs, hydrants and fountains for the distribution of water, and to maintain the same for such length of time and under such restrictions and regulations as to the manner of laying pipes, size and kind of pipes and prices to be charged to consumers, as the council may, by ordinance or contract prescribe. Said council shall have power to contract with such person, company or corporation for a term not exceeding twenty-five years, for the erection of fire plugs or hydrants in said city, and the furnishing of water therefrom for extinguishing fires, but the annual expense of such supply shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), and such sum may be raised by general tax as a part of the fire fund, and in addition to the amount authorized to be raised for a fire fund, by title 13, of said chapter 313. It is, however, hereby expressly provided, that prior to the granting of any franchises or rights under this act, and prior to the making of any contract hereunder, the common council shall ascertain the best and most favorable offer for the

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construction of works and the furnishing of water, which, in their judgment is obtainable from any person, company or corporation, and shall submit the question as to whether such franchises shall be granted and said contract made, to the vote of the qualified electors of said city, at a special election to be called by the mayor, under the direction of the common council; the form of the ballot and the manner of conducting and canvassing said election shall be under the direction of the common council. The common council shall have no power to grant such franchises or make such contract unless a majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be in favor thereof, nor unless three-fourths of all members of the common council shall, after such election and the canvassing thereof, vote in favor thereof.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved March 31, 1883.

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CHAPTER 247.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the city of Ahnapee.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Amended.

SECTION 1. Section 6, of chapter 120, of the laws of 1879, as amended by section 1, of chapter 182, of the laws of 1881, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 6. The elective officers of said city shall be a mayor, a treasurer, one assessor, a clerk, a city marshal, two constables, a police justice, and three justices of the peace to be elected by the city at large, and two aldermen from each ward, and one supervisor from each ward; the said supervisors to represent said city in the county board of supervisors of the county of Kewaunee. The mayor, treasurer, assessor, marshal, clerk, police justice, justices of the peace and constables shall be qualified voters and residents of the city of Ahnapee, and the aldermen and supervisors shall be qualified voters and freeholders in the ward in which they reside. All other officers necessary for the proper management of the affairs of said city shall be appointed by the common council.