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CHAPTER 230.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "an act to consolidate and amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Madison and the several acts amendatory thereof," approved March 16, 1880.

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

Costs of surveying and opening streets, etc.

SECTION 1. Section ten of chapter six of said act, is hereby amended so as to read as follows : Section 10. The cost and expense of surveying streets, alleys, sewers and gutters, and of estimating work thereon in the execution of any public improvement, shall be chargeable to and payable by the city. The cost and expense of opening, grading, graveling, planking, paving or repairing streets and alleys, shall be chargeable to and payable wholly or in part by the lots or land fronting on such street or alley, so that each lot or parcel of land shall pay for work between the front of each lot or parcel of land and the center of such street or alley, or such proportion thereof as the common council shall determine, or out of the general fund ; sewers and gutters may be ordered by the common council, and built at the expense of the lots or parts of lots benefited thereby, and fronting upon the side of the street along which said sewer or gutter shall be constructed : provided, however, that when sewers or gutters are constructed through alleys, no lots shall be assessed therefor except those situated in the block through which such sewers or gutters may be constructed : and provided further, that in all cases when improvements or work of any kind are chargeable by virtue of this section, upon lots benefited, all such improvements across streets, alleys, and public grounds, shall be made and paid for by the city, in proportion to the width of the street, alley, or public ground.

Fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Section six of chapter seven of said act, is hereby amended so as to read as follows : Section 6. The fiscal year of the city of Madison, shall commence on the first day of September, on which day or as soon thereafter as the certificate of the county clerk, stating the amount of state and county taxes apportioned to the city of Madison shall be received, the clerk shall notify the mayor, who shall call a special meeting of the council as soon as practicable, at which meeting or within five days thereafter the council shall, by resolution, determine what amount of money, including the estimated revenues of the city not derived from direct taxation, for the current fiscal year, will be

required for all city purposes during that year; and the council shall thereupon, by resolution, levy a tax, which, together with the tax required to be levied for state, county and county school purposes, and for delinquent taxes of the preceding year, shall not exceed in amount one and seven-tenths per cent. of the assessed value of the real and personal property of the city for that year. Of the amount so levied, a sum equal to three-tenths of one per cent. of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property of the city shall be set apart and used for the payment of interest and principal on the bonded debt of the city, so long as any such debt shall remain unpaid, and a further sum, equal to four-tenths of one per cent. of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property of the city or such less sum as the board of education may, by resolution, determine to be sufficient, shall be set apart and used for the payment of the current and contingent expenses of the city schools, and for no other purpose whatever. And such sum as shall be included in the estimates, made in pursuance of this section, for Forest Hill cemetery, shall be set apart and used for the payment of the expenses of maintenance of said cemetery, and for no other purpose. And the remainder of the tax levied under the provisions of this section shall constitute the general fund of the city. All resolutions for the purpose of levying taxes shall require for their passage an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the common council, and the common council may, for the year 1881, transfer by resolution duly adopted, not to exceed three thousand dollars, now in the sinking fund, to the credit of the general fund, for the purpose of purchasing a stone crusher or lowering the lakes, or both, and it shall be the duty of the common council during the year 1882, to transfer from the general fund to the sinking fund, the sum of three thousand dollars.

SECTION 3. The common council is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, at its pleasure, bonds of the city of Madison, at the best attainable rate.

SECTION 4. All licenses hereafter granted for the sale of strong, spirituous, malt, ardent or intoxicating liquors in said city, shall be granted to expire on the first day of September next following in each year.

SECTION 5. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 29, 1881.

Tax levy.

Payment of interest on public debt.

School fund.

Cemetery fund.

General fund.

Sinking fund.

Purchase of city bonds.

Expiration of liquor license.

Repealed.