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CHAPTER 6.

AN ACT to amend chapter 231, of the laws of Wisconsin, for the year 1876, entitled, "An act to amend and re-enact, as amended, chapter 333, of the laws of 1875, entitled, an act to amend chapter 16, of the private and local laws of 1872, entitled, an act to incorporate the city of Eau Claire, so as to authorize the construction of water-works, by and for said city, and of the acts amendatory thereof."

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, of chapter 231, of the laws of 1876, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows: Section 1. The city of Eau Claire is hereby authorized and empowered to construct water-works, for the purpose of supplying said city, and the inhabitants thereof, with water, and for that purpose is authorized to construct and maintain a dam, not to exceed eighteen feet in height, above low water mark, across the Chippewa river, at such place, within the limits of said city, as the common council thereof may determine; and may open and construct drains, sewers, aqueducts, mains, and may construct or purchase water-wheels, pumps, and machinery for elevating and forcing water through mains and pipes, and all other works and appendages necessary or proper to the successful construction and operation of water-works, to supply said city and the inhabitants thereof, with water, and to establish water rates, and provide for the collection thereof. And the common council of said city, in addition to the powers herein specifically granted to them, shall have the power to pass and adopt all such ordinances, resolutions and orders as may be necessary or proper to construct, maintain, operate and regulate such water-works. And it shall be the duty of said city to complete said water-works prior to the first day of June, A. D. 1888, so that the same shall be capable for operation. And for the purpose of operating the same, to apply such portion of the water power created

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by said dam as may be necessary. But this act shall not be so construed as to authorize the maintenance of said dam, at a greater height than the same has heretofore been and is now maintained. And said city may, by contract or ordinance, grant to any persons, company or corporation, the full right and privilege, and empower and authorize such persons, company or corporation, to build for themselves and own such water-works, to maintain, operate and regulate the same; and in so doing to use the dam and other necessary works herein authorized, so as to supply the said city and the inhabitants thereof with water, for such price, in such manner, and subject to such limitations, as may be fixed in such contract or ordinance; and the said city may, by such contract or ordinance, rent fire hydrants, of such person or persons, partnership or corporation, for such period, and upon such terms, conditions and limitations as its common council, in its discretion, may fix in such contract or ordinance, and in that event, a sufficient special tax, payable in money, may annually be assessed, levied and collected upon all real and personal property within the said city, except such as may be exempt by the laws of the state, to meet the payments for rent of fire hydrants, when, and as they will respectively mature during the existence of any contract for hydrant rentals, the proceeds of which tax shall be kept as a separate fund, known as, "Fire Hydrant Fund," and shall be exclusively devoted to the payment of such hydrant rentals, and shall not be otherwise employed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved February 18, 1885.