

follows: Section 8. The common council of the city of Rice Lake shall have power to annually levy and collect a school tax, to meet the expenses of erecting and repairing of school houses, purchasing and hiring of sites for school houses, and supporting and maintaining the schools; but no such tax so levied shall exceed one and three-fourths per cent. of the assessed valuation of all the taxable property in the city for that year.

SECTION 20. There is hereby added to chapter 2, of said chapter 257, a new section to be designated as "Section 1a," which shall read as follows: Section 1a. The provisions of sections 21, 22, 23 and 24, of chapter 5, of the revised statutes, are hereby made applicable to charter elections in the city of Rice Lake, and no person shall be entitled to vote at any charter election under this act unless his name appears upon the registry list.

New section added to chapter 257.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication. Approved March 2, 1889.

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## CHAPTER 48.

AN ACT to amend chapter 76, laws of 1885, entitled, "an act to incorporate the city of Alma."

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, of chapter 2, of chapter 76, of the laws of 1885, is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 2. The officers to be elected by the people shall be a mayor, a city clerk, city treasurer, and an assessor from the city at large, three aldermen, one constable and one justice of the peace from each ward. A marshal and one or more street commissioners, and all other necessary officers shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by a majority of the common council. All elective officers, excepting aldermen and justices of the peace, shall, unless elected to fill a vacancy,

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Elective officers.

hold their respective offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified; provided, however, the council shall have power, for due cause, satisfactory to them, to expel any of their own number, and to remove by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the common council, from office any officer or agent of the city, except justices of the peace, due notice and an opportunity for a hearing having been first given to the officer proposed to be removed. The term of every officer elected under this act shall commence on the second Tuesday of April in the year in which such officer is elected, and the term of all appointed officers shall be one year. All aldermen shall be elected for the term of three years except in cases of vacancies. Justices of the peace shall hold their offices for two years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Amending section 3, chapter 2, chapter 76.

Vacancies, how filled.

SECTION 2. Section 3, of chapter 2, of chapter 76, of the laws of 1885, is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 3. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of mayor or alderman, more than sixty days prior to the next charter election, it shall be the duty of the city clerk to give notice of a special election to be held to fill such vacancy. Notice of such election shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in said city, or by posting up notices in three or more public places in said city or ward where such election is to be held, ten days before the day of election. Such election to be conducted in all respects as charter elections, and the person elected to fill such vacancy shall hold the office for the unexpired term of the former incumbent. All other vacancies shall be filled by the council, the appointees holding office until the next succeeding charter election.

Amending section 2, chapter 3, chapter 76, duties of mayor, etc.

SECTION 3. Section 2, of chapter 3, of chapter 76, of the laws of 1885, is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 2. The mayor shall be the chief executive officer, the head of the fire department and chief of police of the city; he shall take care that the laws of the state and the ordinances of the city are observed and enforced; and that all of the officers of the city discharge their respective duties; he shall, from time to time, give the common council such information and recommend such measures as he may deem advantage-

ous to the city. When present he shall preside at meetings of the common council, he shall sign all agreements, contracts, licenses and permits granted by such common council; and approve or otherwise act upon all claims allowed by such council; he shall appoint all policemen, and may in case of a riot or other disturbance, appoint as many special policemen as may be necessary. He shall have and possess the veto power. Should he refuse to approve any ordinance, rule, regulation, claim or resolution appropriating money or creating a debt or liability, he shall communicate his objections in writing to the common council within six days after such ordinance, rule, regulation, claim or resolution is submitted to him for his approval. If, upon the return of such veto message, three-fourths of all the members of the common council vote for the passage of such ordinance, regulation, claim or resolution, the same shall be considered legally passed, notwithstanding the objections of the mayor.

SECTION 4. Section 24, of chapter 7, of chapter 76, of the laws of 1885, is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 24. The common council shall levy a tax for school purposes on the taxable property of said city, of not less than three nor more than five mills on the dollar, in each year. The amount derived from such tax to be apportioned by the city clerk among the districts or parts of districts in said city, in conformity with the provisions of section 558, of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 275, of the laws of 1887. The common council may also, when occasion shall require it, levy a special tax not to exceed three mills on the dollar, of the taxable property of the city, for the purpose of building or repairing of bridges; such taxes to be levied in the same manner and collected in the same way and at the same time as the general city taxes are collected.

Powers of council to levy tax.

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

Approved March 2, 1889.