

## CHAPTER LXI.

*An Act to Incorporate Union City.*

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*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:*

**Incorporation** SECTION 1. That so much land in the county of Waseca, Territory of Minnesota, as is contained in the town site of Union City, not exceeding three hundred and twenty (320) acres, be and the same is hereby created a town corporate by the name of Union City.

**Elect Officers** SECTION 2. That for the good order and government of said town it shall be lawful for the inhabitants thereof, having the qualifications of electors of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, to meet at the house occupied by Alfred Holstein in the town of Union City, on the first Monday in May next, and at the same time and place, or at such time and place as the Town Council may appoint, annually thereafter, and then and there proceed by ballot to elect one President, one Recorder, and three Trustees, being householders of said town, and having the qualifications as aforesaid, who shall hold their offices one year, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified, and such President, Recorder and Trustees, being so elected and qualified, shall constitute the Town Council of said town; any three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business pertaining to their duties.

**Election** SECTION 3. At the first election to be holden under this act, there shall be chosen viva voce, by the electors present at the time for opening the polls, on the day for holding said first election, two Judges and a Clerk of said election, who shall take an oath or affirmation faithfully to discharge the duties required of them by this act, and at all subsequent elections, the Trustees or any two of them, shall be

judges, and the Recorder, or in his absence, some person to be appointed by the Judges, shall be Clerk. The polls shall be opened between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and close at four in the afternoon of said day, and at the close of the polls the votes shall be counted, and a true statement, thereof proclaimed to the voters present by one of the Judges, and the Clerk shall make a true record thereof, and within five days thereafter he shall give notice to the persons so elected, of their election; and it shall be the duty of the said Town Council, at least ten days before each and every election to give notice of the same by setting up advertisements at three of the most public places in said town.

Judges, &amp;c

Sec. 4. Each member of said Town Council shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States, and also an oath of office.

Oath

Sec. 5. The President, Recorder and Trustees of said town shall be and are hereby created a body corporate and politic, with perpetual succession, to be known and designated by the name and style of the town of Union City, and shall be capable in law, by their corporate name aforesaid, to acquire property, real, personal and mixed, for the use of said town, and may sell and convey the same at pleasure. They may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended in all manner of actions in all courts of law and equity; and when any suit shall be commenced against said corporation, the first process shall be served by an attested copy thereof left with the Recorder, or at his usual place of residence, at least six days previous to the return day of such process.

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Sec. 6. The President, and in his absence the Recorder shall preside at all meetings of the Town Council; and the Recorder shall attend all meetings of the Town Council, and make a fair and accurate record of all their proceedings, and of all the by-laws, rules and ordinances made or passed by the *Common Council aforesaid, and the same shall at all times* be open for the inspection of the electors of said town; but in case of the absence or inability of the Recorder to Act, the Trustees may appoint one of their body Clerk pro tempore.

Town council;

Sec. 7. The Town Council shall have power to fill all vacancies which may happen in said board, from the householders who are qualified voters of said town, who shall hold their appointments until the next annual election, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified, and in the absence of the President and Recorder from any meeting of the Town Council, the Trustees shall have power to appoint any two of their number to perform the duties of President and Recorder for the time being.

Vacancies

Sec. 8. The said Town Council shall have power to make, ordain and establish by-laws, ordinances, rules and regula-

By-Laws

tions for the government of said town, and the same to alter, amend and repeal at pleasure; to provide for the appointment or election of a Treasurer, Town Marshal and all subordinate officers, which they may think necessary for the good government and well being of said town, to prescribe their duties and determine the period of their appointment, and the fees they shall be entitled to receive for their services, when the same is not otherwise provided for in this act, and to require of them to take an oath of office previous to entering upon the respective duties of their offices, and may require of them a bond with security, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties while in office. The Town Council shall also have power to fix to the violation of the by-laws and ordinances of this corporation reasonable fines and penalties; *Provided*, That such by-laws and ordinances be not inconsistent with the laws of the United States and of this Territory. *And provided also*, That no by-laws or ordinances of said corporation shall take effect or be in force until the same shall have been posted at least ten days in one of the most public places within said town, and the certificate of the Recorder entered upon the record of the Town Council, shall be deemed and taken to be sufficient evidence of such publication.

Provide

Receipts and expenditures

SEC. 9. The Town Council shall, at the expiration of each and every year, cause to be made out and posted up as aforesaid, the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year.

Improve levees streets &c

SEC. 10. The Town Council shall have power to regulate and improve the levees, streets and alleys, and determine the width of side walks in said town, to regulate the public grounds and erect market houses and regulate the markets; to remove all nuisances and obstructions from the streets and commons of said town; and do all things which similar corporations have power to do, in order to provide for and secure health, cleanliness and good order in said town.

Assess tax

SEC. 11. For the purpose of more effectually enabling the said Town Council to carry into effect the provisions of this act, they are hereby authorized and empowered to assess a tax for corporation purposes, within the limits of said Corporation, made taxable by the laws of this Territory, so that said tax shall not exceed in any one year five mills on the dollar of valuation, as the same may be found on the books of the County Commissioners of the county within which said town may be located at the time of assessing said tax. The Town Council shall also have power, if authorized to do so by a majority of all the electors of said town, at any meeting called for that purpose, to levy an additional tax as above specified, sufficient to organize and establish a fire company,

Fire company

and to purchase an engine, hose, and other necessary apparatus for the extinguishment of fires in said town, public notice of which meeting, and the object thereof, shall be given by posting up a written or printed notice thereof in at least

three of the most public places in said town, ten days before the time of such meeting.

Sec. 12. When any tax is levied, it shall be the duty of the Recorder to make out a duplicate of the taxes, charging each individual owning property in said Corporation with the amount assessed on each item of property, as found on the books of the County Commissions of said county, which duplicate shall be certified by the President and Recorder, and one copy thereof shall be placed in the hands of the Marshal, or such other person as may be appointed collector, whose duty it shall be to collect said tax, in the same manner and under the same regulations as other county taxes are collected; and said Marshal, or such other person as may be appointed collector, shall immediately after collecting said tax, pay the same over to the Treasurer of said Corporation, taking his receipt therefor; and the said Marshal or other collector shall have the same power to sell both real or personal property for the non-payment of the Corporation taxes as is given to the county collector, and when necessary the Recorder shall have power to make deeds in the same manner that sheriffs do, and the Marshal or other collectors shall receive for his fees such sum as the Town Council may direct, not exceeding six per centum on all moneys so by him collected, to be paid by the Treasurer on the order of the Recorder.

Sec. 13. The President, Recorder, or other officers of the Corporation, shall on demand, deliver to their successors in office all such books and other property as appertaining in any wise to said Corporation.

Sec. 14. It shall be the duty of the Town Council of said Union City, under the provision of the act of Congress, entitled "An Act for the relief of the citizens of towns upon the lands of the United States, under certain circumstances," approved May 23d, 1844.

Sec. 15. It shall be the duty of said Town Council, as soon as practicable after the application shall have been made as aforesaid for pre-emption, to cause the land within the corporate limits of said town to be surveyed and laid out into squares or blocks and lots, streets and alleys, in such manner as said Town Council may deem proper, and to authorize such improvement to be made on said streets and alleys, or any of them, as said Council may deem necessary.

Sec. 16. It shall be the duty of said Town Council, as soon as the title to said lands shall be obtained, to ascertain the number of persons entitled to lots, squares or blocks within the said town, who have a valid right, either by an original claim to said lands, or by transfer from any person or persons having made an original claim to said lands, and to deed under the hand of the President, attested by the Recorder, and sealed with the seal of the said Corporation, to every such person entitled as aforesaid, the lots, blocks or squares

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of land to which any such person may be entitled as aforesaid: *Provided*, That no street or alley shall be so deeded: *And provided also*, That any person or persons to whom lots, blocks or squares shall be deeded as aforesaid, shall previously have paid to the Treasurer or Recorder of said town, at the rate of two dollars per acre for all lots, blocks or squares so deeded, together with a reasonable amount to be paid to the attorney, or other person who shall prepare said deeds as aforesaid.

Town Council  
to assess tax

SEC. 17. The Town Council of said town are authorized to assess a tax not exceeding one dollar on each lot in said town, immediately after said survey as aforesaid, to defray the expense of said survey, and of any improvement on any of the streets, alleys or levees in said town which the said Council ordain to be made, and said tax shall be collected by the Treasurer or Recorder of said town, or as the said Council may ordain, and all lots on which may not be paid within three months from the date of said assessment, shall be deemed to be the property of the said town, and shall not be deeded by said council until the said tax, with interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum, shall have been paid: *Provided*, That after the expiration of three years the said Council may ordain such lot or lots to be sold to the highest bidder, and in no case shall such lots be subject to redemption.

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SEC. 18. It shall be the duty of the said Town Council to cause a plot of said survey as aforesaid to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county wherein said town shall be located, in conformity to the provisions of the statute authorizing the record of town plats in this Territory.

Record plat

Take effect

SEC. 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—March fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }  
Saint Paul, March 10, 1857. }

I certify the above to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

J. J. McCULLOUGH,  
Acting Secretary