

CHAPTER LVIII.

An Act to incorporate the Town of Manhattan.

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 2 Corporate authorities a President and Town Council.
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 4 Common Council to deed lots to rightful owners.
 5 Plat and Survey to be recorded.
 6 Christopher Davis to be first President of said Town.

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

SECTION 1. That so much land as is contained in the east half of the north-west quarter and the east half of the south-west quarter of section eighteen, in township one hundred and twenty-one, range twenty-four west, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate by the name of Manhattan, with all the powers, privileges and responsibilities usually enjoyed by municipal corporations.

Boundaries

SEC. 2. That the corporate authorities of said town shall be a President, and Common Council, which shall be known as the "President and Common Council of Manhattan." That for the good order and government of said Town it shall be lawful for the President thereof on or before the first day of September A. D. 1857, to appoint not less than three discreet persons as the Common Council, who shall serve until their successors be chosen and qualified; and who, with the consent of the President, shall have full power and authority to make and establish all needful rules and regulations for the government of the said Town corporate.

Corporate
authorities

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the President, with the consent of the Council of said Town corporate to enter so much land within the corporate limits of said town, as can be entered under the provisions of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act for the relief of citizens of towns upon the lands of the United States under certain circumstances," approved May 23, 1854."

Enter town site

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Common Council, as soon as the title to said lands shall be obtained, pursuant to the third section of this act to ascertain the number of persons entitled legally or equitably to lots, or squares within said Town and to deed under the hand of the President and seal of the corporation, to every such person entitled as aforesaid; *Provided*, That any person or persons to

Deed lots

whom lots or squares shall be so deeded, shall previously have paid the sum of one dollar for each deed and acknowledgment, so required to be made.

Survey to be recorded SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the President and Common Council to cause a plat of the survey of said Town to be recorded in the office of the Register of the County wherein said Town is located, in conformity with the provisions of the statutes authorizing the record of town plats in this Territory.

First President and election of successors SEC. 6. That Christopher Davis shall be the first President of said Town corporate, and shall serve from and after the date of this act, until his successors shall be chosen and qualified, under such rules and regulations as the Common Council, with the consent of the President, shall establish; and in the event of any vacancy of the President, the Common Council may fill the same; and if in the Common Council, the same shall be filled by the President of the said town corporate.

J. W. FURBER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,
President of the Council.

APPROVED—May twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
SAINT PAUL, July 22, 1857. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

CHAS. L. CHASE,
Secretary of Minnesota Territory.