

CHAPTER CLXXIV.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF RED WING TO SUBSCRIBE FOR SHARES OF THE CAPITAL STOCK OF, AND TO BECOME A STOCKHOLDER IN, THE RED WING AND TRENTON TRANSIT COMPANY, OR ANY OTHER CORPORATION OR COMPANY THAT NOW IS OR HEREAFTER MAY BE ORGANIZED, TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A CONTINUOUS LINE OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE TRAVELING PUBLIC, BETWEEN SAID RED WING AND THE TOWN OF TRENTON, IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE AND STATE OF WISCONSIN, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH SHARES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. That the city of Red Wing, in the county of Goodhue, be and it hereby is authorized, by and through its city council, to subscribe for shares of the capital stock, and to become a stockholder in the Red Wing and Trenton Transit Company, or any other corporation, company or association that now is or hereafter may be created, organized or formed for the purpose of constructing and operating a continuous line of communication for the use of the traveling public, by means of a turnpike or plank road, with all necessary bridges and ferries between said city of Red Wing and the town of Trenton, in the county of Pierce and state of Wisconsin; *Provided*, That said city shall not become the subscriber for nor owner of more than fifty thousand dollars at its par value of any such shares or capital stock.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of paying for such stock, the said city is hereby authorized to issue its bonds, with interest coupons attached, in any sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, which bonds shall be in sums of not less than one hundred dollars each, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding eight per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually; and the principal of such bonds shall be payable at such times, not exceeding twenty years from the date thereof, as said city council may direct. Such bonds, and the interest coupons thereto attached, shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the city recorder of said city; and no such bonds shall be negotiated, sold or disposed of by said city at less than their par value.

SEC. 3. Before any such stock shall be subscribed for, or bonds issued, the city council of said city shall by resolution determine the number of such shares and the amount thereof, for which said city will subscribe and become the owner, the rate of interest which the bonds issued in payment therefor shall bear, and the time or times when the principal thereof shall become payable, which resolution, together with a notice that the question of subscribing for such num-

ber of shares and amount of such capital stock, and issuing of bonds as in such resolution provided, will be submitted to the legal voters of such city for their approval or rejection, at a general or special election to be held upon a day in said notice named, shall be published in the regular issue of each of the newspapers published in the English language in said city, at least ten days prior to the time of holding such election. If such question is submitted at a special election, the city council shall give thirty days' notice thereof previous to the day fixed for such election, which notice shall particularly specify the object for which such election is ordered. The voters at any such general or special election casting their ballots in favor of the subscribing by said city for such stock, and issuing bonds as provided for in such resolution, shall use ballots having distinctly printed or written, or partly written and partly printed thereon, the words "for subscription to the stock of the Red Wing and Trenton Transit Company, yes;" and those casting their ballots against such subscription and issuing of bonds, shall use ballots having distinctly printed or written, or partly printed and partly written thereon, the words "for subscription to the stock of the Red Wing and Trenton Transit Company, no;" If a majority of the votes cast at any such election shall be in favor of making such subscription and issuing such bonds, then said city council shall for said city subscribe for the number of shares and amount of capital stock in such resolution designated, and thereupon said city shall become the owner of such stock. If a majority of such votes shall be against such subscription, then said council shall not subscribe for any such stock; *Provided*, That if the majority of such votes shall be against such subscription, said city council may again submit at any time or times thereafter, the same or any other proposition for the subscription by said city to any such capital stock to the legal voters of said city for their approval or rejection.

SEC. 4. For the purpose of paying the principal and interest of such bonds, if issued, said city council is hereby authorized, and it is hereby made its duty, on or before the first day of September next after the date of such bonds, and each and every year thereafter, on or before the first day of September, until the payment of said bonds, both principal and interest, is fully provided for, to levy, and in due form of law certify to the county auditor of Goodhue county, a tax upon the taxable property of said city equal to the amount of interest and principal maturing next after such levy, and, in the discretion of said council such further sum as it shall deem expedient, not exceeding fifteen per cent. of such maturing bonds and interest, which taxes shall constitute a fund for the payment of such bonds, and the interest thereon shall not be applied or appropriated to any other purpose whatever, until said bonds and interest are fully paid.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and to be in force from and after its passage.

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