

CHAPTER CCII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WINONA TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

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

SECTION 1. The city of Winona is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, operate and maintain a wagon bridge across the Mississippi river, commencing at any point within the corporate limits of said city.

SEC. 2. That the portion of said bridge that shall cross the western channel of said river from the westerly bank of said river to the island situated in section one, township eighteen north, of range eleven west of the fourth principal meridian of Wisconsin, shall be constructed as a pontoon bridge, and shall be constructed so as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels and rafts through the same.

SEC. 3. That the said city of Winona, through its common council, may by ordinance determine and decide that such bridge shall be used, operated and maintained with or without cost to the traveling public, or to persons crossing the same, or for property conveyed across the same; and should they decide to charge toll therefor, they may by ordinance control, fix and regulate the rates or charges for toll upon said bridge.

SEC. 4. The common council of said city of Winona are hereby authorized by ordinance to provide regulations for the general management of said bridge.

SEC. 5. The net cost and expense to said city of building, keeping, operating and maintaining said bridge, shall be paid out of the general fund of said city.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 26, 1879.