

23. In filling blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

24. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Council.

25. At the stated meetings of the Council, the journal of the preceding meeting shall be read, and the unfinished business appearing thereon shall be first disposed of in order, unless otherwise directed by the Council.

26. No member is to leave his seat in council, or in committee of the whole, without leave.

27. When the Council are called, the names of the members shall be called in alphabetical order.

28. All orders or resolutions for the appropriation of money, shall require the majority of the whole board for their passage.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Cincinnati Water Company.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this General Assembly, by Samuel W. Davies, of Cincinnati, that on the 31st day of March, in the year 1817, the Town Council of the Town of Cincinnati, by a public ordinance for that purpose, granted to the Cincinnati Manufacturing Company, their successors or assigns, the exclusive privilege of conveying water from the Ohio river through the streets, lanes, alleys and commons of Cincinnati, by tubes or otherwise, for the purpose of supplying said town with water, for the term of ninety-nine years, upon certain terms and conditions in the said ordinance expressed and stipulated; and that afterwards, on the 18th day of March, in the year 1820, the said Cincinnati Manufacturing Company, in due form of law, transferred and assigned the privileges so by the said ordinance granted as aforesaid, to the said Samuel W. Davies, who hath constructed works for that purpose, and now supplies a part of said city with water under the said ordinance, but is unable from his own means, to furnish water to many parts of said Cincinnati, where it is necessary the same should be supplied:

Therefore, to enable the said Samuel W. Davies and such other persons as may be associated with him, more conveniently and effectually to extend and enlarge said Water Works, and to manage and conduct the same in a useful and efficient manner to themselves and to the inhabitants of said city, according to the intent and meaning of said ordinance,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio*, That the said Samuel W. Davies, with such persons as may be associated with him, as owning a proprietary of said water works, be and they are hereby created a body corporate and politic in perpetual succession, by the name and style of the "*Cincinnati Water Company*," and by that name are hereby invested with full power and lawful authority to acquire, hold, possess, or occupy and convey all such real and personal estate, rights and privileges, as may be necessary and proper for the construction, extension and usefulness of said water works, and for the management and good government of the same; and for such purposes, and for all others necessarily connected with the proper management of the property of said Company and the administration of its affairs, the said Cincinnati Water Company shall be competent to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all courts and places and in all matters whatsoever; and to make, have and use, a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew; and also to make, ordain and establish, and put in execution, and the same to alter and repeal, such Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations, as shall appear necessary and convenient for the good government of said Company, and the prudent and efficient management of its concerns: *Provided*, That such Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations, shall in nowise be contrary to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State: *Provided also*, That the said Company shall not apply their funds for banking or for any other purposes, except such as are expressed by this act.

SEC. 2. That the capital stock of said Company shall consist of a sum not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which said capital stock, together with such real and personal property as may belong to or be owned by said Company, shall be under the direction, management and control of Five Trustees, to be chosen annually, on the first Monday of January, by the Stockholders—each share counting one vote. The said Trustees shall have power to appoint a Clerk, Treasurer, and such other officers and agents as may be necessary and convenient for the successful prosecution of the lawful business and the exercise of the corporate powers of said Company,—which said Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer, and other officers and agents, shall perform such duties, and exercise such powers, not herein prescribed, as may from time to time be imposed upon them and directed by the Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations of said Company.

SEC. 3. That the first meeting of the stockholders of the said Company shall be held in the city of Cincinnati on the first

Monday of March next, at such place therein and at such time of day as the said Samuel W. Davies shall appoint, he giving ten days' notice thereof, by advertisement in some newspaper printed in said city; at which said meeting, or some adjournment thereof, the said Company shall elect their Board of Trustees, who shall hold their office until the first Monday of January, 1827, provide for calling, notifying and regulating future meetings of the same, and shall adopt such bye-laws, rules and regulations, as to them shall seem fit and expedient, and the necessities of said Company may then require.

SEC. 4. That this act shall be taken and received in all courts and by all judges, magistrates, and other public officers, as a public act; and all printed copies of the same, which shall be printed by, or under the authority of the General Assembly, shall be admitted as good evidence thereof, without any other proof whatever.

January 7th, 1826.

AN ACT

To provide for an adequate supply of Water for the extinguishment of Fires in the City of Cincinnati.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio,* That for the purpose of more effectually securing the city of Cincinnati from the destructive ravages of fire, and to provide an adequate supply of water for the extinguishment thereof, it shall be lawful for the city council of said city, so soon as in their opinion the revenues of said city will justify the undertaking, to cause leaders or pipes, adapted to the conveyance of an ample supply of water at all times, for that purpose, to be laid from the Miami Canal along the most convenient streets to the most eligible points in the built parts of said city; and to take from said canal such supply of water as shall be necessary for the purposes contemplated by this act.

SEC. 2. And for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, the City Council of the city of Cincinnati shall have power to cause a tax, not exceeding half a mill on the dollar, in any one year, to be levied on all the property in said city valued or appraised and subject to taxation for state and county purposes, to be certified to the county auditor, and collected and paid over by the county treasurer, in the manner provided by law for the collection and payment of the other taxes of said city; and the said city council shall also have power to contract any loan or loans of money which said city council may deem ne-

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