

State of Minnesota,)
County of Olmsted,)
City of Rochester,) ss.

I, William B. Richardson, Mayor and chief executive officer of the City of Rochester, in the County of Olmsted and State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the Board of Freeholders in and for the said City of Rochester heretofore appointed by Honorable Arthur H. Snow, Judge of the Third Judicial District in the State of Minnesota, pursuant to the laws in such case made and provided, did, on January 29, A. D. 1915, deliver to me as chief executive officer of said City four proposed amendments to the Charter of said City adopted and ratified by the qualified voters thereof on the 22nd day of August, A. D. 1904, which said amendments are herein set forth as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 1.

Amend sections 262,,263, 268 and 269 of the Charter of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, so as to read as follows:

Section 262. Prior to entering into any contract for, or the authorizing of, the sprinkling of any streets, highways, or public places, the expense of any part of which is to be assessed upon abutting lands, the Common Council shall cause the City Clerk to give at least ten (10) days notice by one publication in the official paper of a notice to the effect that at a certain time and place it will meet and take action in relation to the doing of the proposed work, and that at said time and place opportunity will be given to any and all interested parties to be heard for or against the doing of such proposed work. After hearing such interested parties as desire to be heard the Common Council shall determine whether to abandon said proposed work or to provide for having it done.

Contracts for sprinkling may be let in the manner provided in Chapter XV. for letting contracts, or the Common Council may purchase the necessary equipment and material and employ the necessary teams and labor, do such sprinkling as it shall order done, and assess the cost and expense thereof to the property benefitted as herein provided.

Section 263. At its first regular meeting in October in each year, or as soon thereafter as practical, the Common Council, or a committee appointed by it for that purpose, shall determine what part of the cost of such improvement shall be borne by each lot or parcel of land, and make

an assessment thereof in writing according to benefits, giving a description of each lot or parcel so assessed, and the amount so assessed against each lot or tract and shall present the same to the Common Council at its next meeting.

Section 268. Upon receipt of such warrant, the City Treasurer shall forthwith give notice, by one publication in the official paper of the City, that such warrant is in his hands for collection, requiring the respective owners of all lots and parcels of land mentioned in the assessment to pay the amount so assessed to the City Treasurer within twenty (20) days from the date of the first publication of such notice. If not paid within twenty (20) days, a penalty of ten (10) per cent shall be added by the Treasurer.

Section 269. On or before the 15th of November next following the assessment the City Treasurer shall return to the City Clerk a list duly certified by him of the assessments remaining unpaid, giving in such list a description of the several lots or parcels on which the assessments have not been paid and the several amounts assessed thereto, with penalties added.

AMENDMENT No. 2.

Amend sections 86 and 293 of the Charter of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, so as to read as follows:

Section 86. One regular meeting of the Common Council shall be held Monday in each on the first calendar month at 2 o'clock P. M. at the place where the Council usually convenes, unless any such first Monday shall be a legal holiday, in which event it shall be held at the same hour and place on the day following. The Mayor, Alderman at Large, or any two (2) Aldermen may call a special meeting at any time by serving, or causing to be served, upon the several members, a written notice thereof, in which the particular object of such special meeting shall be stated. Such notice shall be served at any time before the hour stated in the call, in the manner prescribed by statute for the service of a District Court summons.

Section 293. The following officers of the City shall receive each year salaries as follows:

The Mayor four hundred (400) Dollars, Aldermen, each, three hundred (300) Dollars, Chairman of the Street and Alley Committee one hundred (100) Dollars additional and Chairman of the Finance Committee and Chairman of the Sewer Committee, each, fifty (50) Dollars additional to their respective salaries, to be paid quarterly; provided that if, for any cause except his own sickness, an Alderman shall be absent from any regular or adjourned meeting of the Common Council there shall be deducted from his said salary the sum of five (5) Dollars for each such absence. No further sum shall be paid to said officer, or any of them, for any services which they may perform as such officers.

AMENDMENT No. 3.

Amend section 218 of the Charter of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, so as to read as follows:

Section 218. Whenever a sewer is ordered built the Common Council is authorized to include in such order the construction therewith as far as the curb lines of all the lateral connections and private drains that may be deemed expedient or necessary.

Whenever the Common Council shall order the paving or repaving of any street in which water, gas mains and sewers, or either of them shall have been previously laid or constructed, it may also by resolution require water and gas service pipes and house drains to be first laid in such street, at the cost of the property fronting thereon, from the main sewer, water and gas mains in such street to the curb line on either side thereof, at such intervals as the Common Council shall direct along the whole length of such paved street, except at street and alley crossings, and notice shall thereupon be given to the owners or occupants of the property adjoining such street, by publication thereof for six days in the official paper, requiring them to do such work opposite their respective lots according to plans and specifications to be prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk showing the location and size and the kind and quality of material of such lateral sewers or drains and water and gas service pipes; and if such owners or occupants shall refuse or neglect to do the same within thirty days after the publication of such

notice, the Common Council may cause the same to be done and charge and assess the expense thereof to the lots or parts of lots fronting upon such work according to any of the methods specified in section 221 of this Chapter.

AMENDMENT No. 4.

Amend section 288 of the Charter of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, so as to read as follows:

Section 288. Public franchises or privileges to be exercised by any person, persons or corporation in any street, streets, or public places in the City of Rochester, may be granted or proposed by ordinance passed by a vote of four-sevenths ($4/7$) of all the members of the Common Council and approved by the Mayor. Every such ordinance granting any franchise or privilege shall contain all the terms and conditions of the franchise to be granted. It shall be a feature of every franchise so granted that the maximum price or charge for the service shall be stated in the grant thereof.

No ordinance passed by the Common Council granting a franchise or privilege shall go into effect before thirty days from the day of its last publication.

If during said thirty days a petition, signed, as hereinafter provided, by qualified electors of the city equal in number to at least twenty per cent of the total ballots cast by male voters at the last preceding general municipal election, protesting against the passage of such ordinance, be filed with the City Clerk, said ordinance shall thereupon be suspended from going into operation; and it shall be the duty of the Common Council to reconsider such ordinance and if the same be not entirely repealed, the Common Council shall submit the ordinance to a vote of the electors of the city, either at the next general municipal election, if to be held within sixty days, or at a special election called for the purpose to be held within thirty days after the filing of such petition, and such ordinance shall not become operative unless a majority of the qualified electors voting on the same shall vote in favor thereof. The


Common Council shall provide suitable ballots for the submission of such ordinance, and shall cause said ordinance to be published in full once in the official paper at least ten (10) days prior to said election. .

The signatures to the petition need not all be appended to one paper, but each signer shall state his place of residence and street number. One of the signers of each ^{such} paper shall make oath that the statements therein made are true, as he believes, and that each signature to the paper appended is the genuine signature of the person whose signature it purports to be.


The Common shall have power by ordinance to reasonably regulate and control the exercise by any person, persons or corporation of any public ~~RM~~ franchise or privilege in any of the streets or public places in the city, whether such franchise or privilege shall have been granted by the city, county, or State.

I further certify that the Common Council of the said City of Rochester submitted the above proposed amendments to the qualified voters of said City at the annual Charter Election held in said City on March 9, A. D. 1915; that more than three-fifths of the said voters voting at said election voted in favor of the adoption of each of said amendments and adopted and ratified each of said amendments; that the number of qualified voters present and voting at said election was 2063; that the number of said voters who voted in favor of the adoption of said amendment No. 1 was 1638; the number of said voters who voted in favor of the adoption of said amendment No. 2 was 1494; the number of said voters who voted in favor of the adoption of said amendment No. 3 was 1491; and the number of said voters who voted in favor of the adoption of said amendment No 4 was 1471, as shown by the return of said election canvassed by said Common Council.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in duplicate and have caused the said duplicates to be authenticated by the seal of the City of Rochester and attested by the City Clerk of said City, this 23rd day of March, A. D. 1915.


Mayor of said City of Rochester.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.