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No. 6 of 1944.

An Act to amend the Wetaskiwin City Charter.

WHEREAS a petition has been presented by the Council of the City of Wetaskiwin for the amendment of *The Wetaskiwin Charter*; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

The Wetaskiwin Charter, being chapter 66 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1930, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 8 is hereby amended by adding the following words to the said section:

“Provided that after the end of the term of the incumbent of the office of mayor for the year 1944 the mayor shall hold office for a term of two years.”

2. Section 15 is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (a) thereof the following words:

“and when the name of any person has been placed on the list of electors in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph such name shall be continued on such list by the registrar of electors from year to year so long as such residence continues.”

3. Section 114 is hereby repealed and the following new section substituted therefor:

“**114.** The Council may pass a by-law to authorize payment to the mayor of the City of a salary not to exceed \$600.00 per annum and to authorize payment to the aldermen of a sum not to exceed \$5.00 per meeting provided that the number of meetings for which each alderman shall be paid during any year shall not exceed twenty-five.”

4. By inserting immediately after section 126 the following new sections:

“**126a.** The Council of the City of Wetaskiwin by by-law may appoint one or more commissioners (in which case the mayor shall be a commissioner *ex officio*) and may by by-law delegate to the commissioners all or any of the powers, rights and authorities in this Act vested in the corporation other than legislative powers.

"126b. No commissioner shall be appointed except by by-law passed by a vote of at least two thirds of all the members of the Council. Appointed commissioners shall hold office during the pleasure of the Council but shall not be dismissed except by by-law passed by a vote of at least two thirds of all the members thereof.

"126c. The Council shall fix the annual salary to be paid to each of the commissioners other than the mayor and the salaries so fixed shall not be decreased during the tenure of office of such commissioner.

"126d. Every commissioner shall before taking office give such security for the performance of his duties as the Council shall require.

"126e. No commissioner shall personally have or hold any contract in connection with works within the City or be directly or indirectly interested in the same or any of them.

"126f. The commissioner or commissioners shall also from time to time furnish such information as may be required by the Council.

"126g. The commissioner or commissioners shall be sworn before a Justice of the Peace or Police Magistrate for the faithful performance of their duties and shall keep a book for the purpose of recording the whole of their official proceedings."

5. Section 146 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs at the end thereof:

"(rrr). Establishing a system for the collection, removal or disposal of ashes, garbage or other waste matter either as a municipal undertaking or by contract, and establishing rates to be charged for such removal, and providing a penalty for refusing or failure to pay such rates for the removal of such material, and providing that such rates may be charged as taxes against any land where the said ashes, garbage or other waste matter originated.

"(sss). To authorize the police of the City of Wetaskiwin to impound the bicycles of any and all minors operating a bicycle in contravention to any provisions of the by-laws of the City and to retain the same impounded for a first offence for a period of seven days, and for a second offence for a period of fifteen days, provided a parent of such minor does not serve the Chief of Police or other official of the City with a notice in writing objecting to such impounding. If a parent does serve such notice then in case such minor is convicted of an offence under the provisions of any by-law of the City with respect to the use of a bicycle within the City the Magistrate or Justice of the Peace so convicting may in addition to any penalty imposed with respect to any such offence order and direct the impounding by the police of the bicycle concerned in the commission of such offence for a period not exceeding thirty days."

6. By inserting immediately after section 146 the following new section:

"146a. The Council of the City of Wetaskiwin may by by-law grant to any officer or employee who has been in the service of the City for at least twenty years and who while in such service has become incapable through age or illness of efficiently discharging the duties of his office, an annual pension or retiring allowance."

7. By inserting immediately after section 157 the following new section:

"157a.—(1) The value of any assistance given by the City of Wetaskiwin to any person who is a resident thereof, whether indigent or not, for food, fuel, clothing, shelter, medical advice or attention, surgical treatment, hospitalization or for any other assistance, together with the amounts of all moneys expended by the City for such assistance, shall be a charge on the lands of any person for whose benefit it was given or paid, and shall constitute a debt due to the City from the person for whose benefit it was given or paid, and from any other person who was legally responsible for the maintenance of the person aforesaid for whom it was given or paid, and may be recovered from him or from his estate or from the persons responsible for his maintenance by action or by distraint upon any of his or their goods found within the Province.

"(2) The Council shall have a charge upon the lands owned by any such person situate within the Province for the expenses incurred under this section and may lodge a caveat for the protection of such charge in the proper land titles office."

8. Section 173 is hereby repealed and the following new section substituted therefor:

"173. Except in the case of gross negligence the City shall not be liable for injury to property or person caused by snow or ice on any sidewalks, streets, highways or lanes in the City of Wetaskiwin, or for want of repair to any sidewalk."

9. Section 194 is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (i) of a new paragraph (i) as follows:

"(i) The lands not exceeding one acre and the buildings thereon owned and used by any school division, and the lands not exceeding two acres and the buildings thereon owned and used by any municipal district."

And by the addition of a new paragraph (j) as follows:

"(j) The buildings and grounds exempt under paragraphs (b), (f), (g) and (i) hereof shall nevertheless be liable to be assessed for local improvements."

10. By inserting immediately after section 230 the following new section:

“230a. The Clerk may from time to time by writing under his hand appoint any person to make and execute any levy which the clerk is authorized to make under the Charter of the City of Wetaskiwin; and any person so appointed shall have the same powers to make and execute the levy as are conferred upon the clerk.”

11. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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