of officers; but the city council shall allow the proper officers reasonable compensation for their service herein.

SEC. 39. Any person may pay tax and obtain cost. Whenever the collector is authorized to collect the tax so levied for bridge purposes, by distress, any person may voluntarily pay said tax upon any property so assessed and taxed, and he shall be entitled to receive from said collector duplicate receipts, and by filing one of the same as [158] above provided, the person so paying the tax shall be entitled to stock in said company, in the same manner as above provided; but he shall not thereby have any lien upon the property on which he shall so voluntarily pay taxes.

SEC. 40. Present officers of city to have power. That the present mayor and aldermen of the city of Keosauqua, shall have all power and authority granted in this charter to the mayor and aldermen, and the said mayor and aldermen are hereby authorized to perform all the duties prescribed in this charter from and after its passage, until their successors in office shall be elected by the citizens of Keosauqua, and qualified to fill such office.

SEC. 41. **Public act.** 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, and under the authority of the senate and house of representatives of the state of Iowa, shall be admitted as good authority thereof, without any other proof whatsoever.

SEC. 42. **Repeal.** That all acts and parts of acts heretofore passed relative to the incorporation of said city of Keosauqua, and coming within the perview of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 43. To take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 5, 1851.

CHAPTER 63.

DES MOINES RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

AN ACT supplemental to an act providing for the more vigorous prosecution of the Des Moines river improvement etc., approved Feb. 1st 1851.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Secretary of board of public works to record deeds—fees. That the present secretary of the board of public works, be and he is hereby authorized, to make out and record all deeds for lands sold by the board of public works up to the [159] date of the taking effect of the act to which this is supplementary, and, that he be allowed the fee as provided by the 5th section of an act providing for the re-organization of the board of public works etc., approved January 15th, 1849.

SEC. 2. To be paid in lands \$2 per acre-record books. That the register of the said land office allow said secretary, to enter lands to the amount of his fees for making out and recording said deeds, at the rate of two dollars per acre, and that they be delivered to the purchasers free of charge; provided, said secretary furnish the record books for said deeds free of charge to the state.

Approved. February 5th, 1851.