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**WATER FOR CEMETERY
THE CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO FURNISH WATER TO THE CEMETERY
THE LADIES FEEL GRATEFUL
OUR CITY FATHERS HOLD A REGULAR MEETING AND TRANSACT IMPORTANT
BUSINESS**

The city council held an important meeting Wednesday evening, at which all of the members were present. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and approved, the council was awaited upon a committee composed of Mesdames G. A. Whitney, W. R. Baumbach and C. C. Eastman, who represented the ladies auxiliary connected with the Wadena Cemetery association, and they asked that the council cause a water pipe to be laid to the cemetery for the purpose of furnishing water for the lawn, trees and flowers at that place. This committee was appointed at a meeting of the association a month ago, and in the meantime have been busy cultivating a sentiment in favor of the project among the different members of the council. No one on the council objected to the project except upon the grounds of economy, all agreeing that it would be an excellent idea to run the pipes to the cemetery, as it certainly could not be beautified and properly kept up without water.

In order to convince the council that the prominent tax payers and citizens generally were interested in the movement the ladies circulated a petition for signers this week, with the result that a very strong petition was secured and armed with this the ladies introduced the subject to the council. There was considerable discussion of the subject, and it was finally moved that the matter be referred to the committee on water works for investigation and a report be made at the next meeting. This procedure was strenuously objected to by the ladies, insomuch as the season was already well advanced and water was needed without delay. They were particularly anxious, they said, that the matter be settled one way or the other at this meeting.

At this critical stage in the proceedings Mayor McKinnon earned the gratitude of the ladies by making a few pertinent remarks, in which he presented his position and advocated that the matter be settled at once. He said he realized how every member of the council felt, that it was a good thing, that the city could afford it, but the fact is that the citizens wanted it, as was evidenced by the strong petition presented, was sufficient reason for favoring it. Mr. Schaff then made a motion that the city lay the pipes to the cemetery, with a second by C. E. Miller and the motion was unanimously carried. The ladies thanked the council very heartily for their action, and assured them that with the aid of water the cemetery would soon be a credit to the city.

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**WILL MEET TOMORROW
IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD
TOMORROW**

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Now that the council has voted to lay the water pipes to the cemetery the ladies of the association feel greatly encouraged and are planning on commencing an active campaign which will result in greatly beautifying the cemetery this season. They have engaged John Henselin for five months and he will have charge of the improvements that will be made during the summer at the cemetery. He will work steadily there the whole summer. He will clear away some of the brush, set out shade trees, and lay out walks and drives, keep the lawns mowed and sprinkled and otherwise keep busy.

Tomorrow evening at the residence of Mrs. W. R. Baumbach will be held a meeting to which all of the ladies are especially invited to be present. Many matters of importance will come up for consideration.

The supper at the home of Mrs. G. A. Whitney last Friday evening was a grand success and over \$45 were cleared by the association. The supper served was an excellent one and it is expected that soon the ladies will give another entertainment.

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