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Meeting to Consider the Purchase of the Cemetery.

At the request of the city council the citizens of Olathe met at the Odd Fellows Hall, on Friday evening, May 16th, 1879. The meeting was organized by the election of Prof. A. Carroll, president, and J. P. Hindman, secretary. Mayor Burch stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the citizens of Olathe in regard to the proposed purchase of the cemetery from Mr. Beckwith city; that the mayor and council had appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Beckwith on the subject, but as it was a matter in which the people of Olathe were deeply interested they did not wish to take any final action until they knew the feeling of the people on the subject. Mr. Bushong, chairman of the committee, then reported that Mr. Beckwith had made a proposition to sell all his interest in the present cemetery, and, in addition, five acres on the south and west (at least four acres of this being on the south side of the cemetery) for \$3000.

At the request of the meeting, Mr. Beckwith made a detailed statement of the present condition of the cemetery, illustrating by diagrams the relative situations of the occupied and unoccupied portions and of the proposed additions.

After the general discussion of the subject the following resolution was offered by Mr. Ogg and adopted by the meeting:

Resolved, That the city council be instructed to purchase the cemetery and the five additional acres offered by Mr. Beckwith, with a right of way twenty feet off of the south side of the quarter section, from the north end of Chestnut street east to the county road, at a price not exceeding \$3000.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. CARROLL,
President.
J. P. HINDMAN,
Secretary.