

MONEY READY FOR EXPERT

Council Appropriates \$1,100
to Scure Improvement
Plans.

WOMEN'S CLUBS
TO PROVIDE \$100

Mrs. Isaac Hillis and Mrs. W.
T. Johnson Address
Councilmen.

Charles Mulford Robinson of Rochester N. Y., will be brought to Des Moines within the next two weeks to draft a plan for generally beautifying the city.

His advent was made certain this morning when the council appropriated \$1,100 for that purpose. The other \$100 has been volunteered by the Women's club.

The action was taken after addresses had been made to the council by Mrs. Isaac Hillis and Mrs. W. T. Johnson. Mrs. Hillis entered upon a lengthy discourse by lauding the members of the council individually for the notable accomplishments of their respective departments. Then Councilman Ash presented a report in which he recommended that \$500 be taken from the park fund. He recommended that the other \$500 be taken from some other fund and as Councilman Schramm said the general fund was the only one available for that purpose, a motion was made to take it from that. Councilman Schramm showed his favoritism to the plan by offering to make the motion.

Women Cheer.

It carried unanimously and the \$1,100 appropriation was made. The council's action was greeted by handclapping and many thanks from the large number of women who were in attendance. Shortly before their departure Councilman MacVicar took occasion to deny newspaper reports that yesterday caused him to circulate a lengthy written denial. He commenced his remarks by saying: "I will say with regard to the dissension in the council and the published statement to the effect that when this matter was first presented to the council it was received with jeers, that that is not so."

"The statement to the effect that when the reporter asked me for my opinion on your plan that I stuck my handkerchief into my mouth and slammed the door is also untrue. The reporter failed to distinguish between hay fever and dissension."

"We know Mr. MacVicar is a gentleman," said Mrs. Hillis in recognition of MacVicar's apologies.

To Discredit Ash.

Mr. MacVicar also attempted to discredit Mr. Ash's censure of him through the columns of the press this morning by ironically musing that he "supposed the interview as printed was true." Mr. Ash did not deny it, but instead admitted it and took MacVicar to task for introducing a resolution, calling for bids on rip-rapping and building a concrete wall along the east river bank in the downtown district.

Mr. MacVicar said he introduced the resolution so the one mill levy could be made for flood protection. "I'm in favor of repairing the dikes for protection, but will you tell me where rip-rapping the east bank near the dam and building a concrete wall like we have in front of the library is going to be any protection against floods? We should let such improvements go until we have received the plans from the expert we hired this morning."