

**Joint Meeting of Public Works and Park & Recreation Committees
April 30, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Public Works Chairman Alderman Towns. Present: Alderman Towns, Alderman Kuchinski, and Director of Public Works Payette. Absent: Alderman Brown. Also present from the Park and Recreation Committee: Alderman Lantagne, Veronica Dixon, and Ron Lawrence. Absent: Al Sonnenberg, Lois Outcalt and Robert Pultz. Also present: Administrator Novak, David Rock and Mayor Stern and Alderman Steeno.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of the River Street Parkway Project. Administrator Novak informed the Committee that the city has received the necessary permits and approval of the amendments to the project plan as well as a one-year extension of the work. This will allow the city to complete the work by June 1, 2009. The public works crew will install the embankment along the church property and an Easement is being drafted at this time. Director of Public Works Payette indicated that he expects to commence the work after Memorial Day and that it will take approximately one or two weeks to install the berm. It will be necessary to provide specifications and obtain quotes for the construction of the handicap accessible fishing pier. During discussion, Alderman Kuchinski indicated that it might be appropriate to construct a floating pier as it may be pulled out of the water during the winter to avoid damage from spring break ups. Another alternative is to provide a concrete pad along the river's bank and construct a fixed pier system. The fishing pier will be approximately 10' x 12' in area. Ron Lawrence had offered Coleman Engineering services for this project. In addition, Alderman Kuchinski will contact American Dock regarding the design and cost of the floating pier system. This information will be brought back at a future meeting for recommendation to proceed with necessary bids for construction. At this time, it appears that all other work pertaining to landscaping and erosion control can be done by the city crew. It may be necessary to contract a local contractor to haul the necessary material for riprap to prevent erosion.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Committee Member Dixon and seconded by Alderman Towns to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.