

**CITY OF DEADWOOD  
PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

February 22, 2024

**1. ROLL CALL:**

The City of Deadwood Parking and Transportation Committee met Thursday, February 22, 2024, in the Century Room in City Hall. Justin Lux called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Justin Lux, Cory Shafer, Kevin Kuchenbecker, Trent Mohr, Tom Riley, Lornie Stalder, Jim Lee, John Rystrom, Misty Trehwella and Andy Goodwin. Commissioner Mike Johnson was present.

Absent were Dory Hanson.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 8, 2024.

Minutes for the meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024, were approved unanimously by a motion from Mr. Riley and a second by Mr. Goodwin.

**3. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA: Informational**

- a. **Whitewood Creek FEMA Update: RCS will be temporarily expanding their staging footprint to the area of the recycling bin's previous location. This is to accommodate the removal of waste material and construction of the fence:** Mr. Kuchenbecker indicated they are hoping to add the fencing material and start the lighting along the wall. They need additional room to form up the sidewalk, curb and gutter and any additional work to be done in the current staging area. They are currently waiting for the utilities to be completely from Taco Johns to the railroad bridge at the Mickelson Trail.

**4. NOTICE TO CONTEST PARKING TICKETS: None**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **478 Main Street Parking Issues: Robin Arsaga:** Background on this property is that it is a vacation rental and there is no parking in front of the residence as that is the 4-lane. They use a section behind the residence on Williams Street to park; this has caused issues. Ms. Arsaga lives across Williams Street and has had problems with the parking issues there have been on Williams Street. She indicated it has been an on-going problem for 5+ years. She claims that they often park on her private parking pad. She indicated that since their address is on Main Street that should be where their parking is. It is a legal, non-conforming property without a CUP as it is grandfathered in. Because of this there is no requirement to have parking like new rental properties are now. The committee is open to suggestions as there really isn't a way to regulate unless they are parked in a yellow or blue no parking zone. Ms. Arsaga suggested the residence owners work out a deal with the vape shop to possibly park in the open space next to the property between their stairs and the vape shop. Without a conditional use permit there is no way to enforce parking as it is a use

by right parking situation now. Much discussion. It was decided to contact the owners of the rental residence (Kevin and Justin will conference call) and improve signage along that stretch of Williams Street. After the phone call, Kevin and/or Justin will reach out to Ms. Arsaga about what may have been determined during the phone conversation.

- b. **Request from the Chamber to allow free ridership on City trolleys during Kool Deadwood Nights (Wednesday, August 21, 2024, through Sunday, August 25, 2024). Acknowledge \$20,000 of contributions (BID 8 - \$10,000 and BID 1-6 - \$10,000) to the City from sponsors to offset Trolley revenue for event:** This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year this has been done and it works. Mr. Kuchenbecker moved to approve, Ms. Trehwella seconded the motion; motion carried.
- c. **Request from the Chamber for free trolley rides for Forks, Corks and kegs passholders Friday, April 12, 2024 and Saturday, April 13, 2024 for \$400.00:** This is the same thing that was done last year. There were 1,000 regular tickets and 100 VIP tickets sold for Forks, Corks and Kegs. This was not tracked last year. \$400 was determined because that is the rate the Chamber asked for. Mostly these riders go from one end of Main Street to the other. Discussion. It was agreed to track it this year and revisit the amount next year. Mr. Kuchenbecker moved to approve, Mr. Rystrom seconded; motion carried.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Kool Deadwood Nights Traffic Flow: Wayne Morris:** Mr. Morris was not present. Mr. Morris wanted the traffic flow to be reversed so that it would go up Main Street. Mr. Lee explained that when it was tried in the past it was a mess as trailers and vehicles would get backed up and there would be no place for them to go. Two-way traffic on Wall Street does not work. Motion to deny the request to reversing the flow of traffic during Kool Deadwood Nights by Mr. Mohr, second by Mr. Shafer; motion carried.

A sign on the highway side to tell vehicle the parking ramp is full was discussed. Mr. Lee indicated we do not have the capability to do that with our signs as it would have to be physically programmed each time. Discussion. That could be a discussion for the box culvert project so that it could be hard wired in.

- b. **Iron Horse Inn Parking Lease:** Mr. Lux's recommendation would be to review what's there and make sure that we are keeping employees out of these spaces unless they are paying. Remind them that the lease says parking from 5 pm to the next morning and get rid of the guest registration spot as it is abused by employees. Discussion. Mr. Kuchenbecker indicated he didn't like leasing on-street parking; he would rather see leases in Miller Street parking and keep a loading zone spot in front of their business. Mr. Kuchenbecker made a motion to deny the request to renew the Ironhorse parking lease, second by Mr. Goodwin; motion carried.

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:**

Mr. Lux indicated in the residential parking zone on Williams Street, from Guy to Denver currently, we are going back to a visible permit. He said the license plate software system was tried and it's just too clunky. The officers do not have access to that so they can't tell who is permitted to be there. Also, as people change license plates, they do not always share that information. With the visible permit it will be easier.

Commissioner Johnson asked about parking during church. Mr. Lux said that during church hours, CSOs don't enforce and the resident are pretty cooperative and reasonable for parking on the street. If there are issues, then contact Mr. Lux. Commissioner Johnson also indicated they do have signs for the dash that say "Attending Church" and that has helped.

Mr. Stalder brought up the KDN permit that was passed at commission. The 7 parking spaces in the History and Information parking lot should be charged for as it is a private retain business. Last year we charged for those. The Chamber was not aware that the permit agreement did not charge a fee for leasing parking spots. The special event committee needs to look at those applications.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business for the committee to consider, Mr. Stalder moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Riley; motion carried. Next meeting is March 14, 2024, at 9:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda McGrath, Recording Secretary

\*\*\*\* Audio from the meeting is posted on the "S" drive.