

**CITY OF DEADWOOD
PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

March 9, 2023

1. ROLL CALL:

The City of Deadwood Parking and Transportation Committee met Thursday, March 9, 2023, in the Century Room in City Hall. Justin Lux called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Justin Lux, Ken Mertens, Kevin Kuchenbecker, Trent Mohr, Tom Riley, Lornie Stalder, John Rystrom, Misty Trehwella and Andy Goodwin. Commissioner Mike Johnson was present.

Absent were Lee Harstad and Bill Burleson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 23, 2023

Minutes for the meetings on Thursday, February 23, 2023, were approved unanimously by a motion from Chief Mertens and a second by Mr. Kuchenbecker.

3. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA:

- a. **The Days of '76 use of the Lower Main Street Parking Lot because there are concerns the Slag Pile will not be available.** Greg Nelson was present to speak on the issue. This event keeps growing and parking has always been an issue. And parking for trailers is a big issue. With the subdivision going in above the slag pile, when the road is put through there and the planned fence it will take away most, if not all, of that parking. Last year Tuesday and Wednesday, the slag pile was completely full. The request is to allow trailers to park in the Lower Main Street lot on Tuesday and Wednesday; that's when slack comes in and it is the busiest. There would be security provided. Much discussion. The far end of the parking lot by McKinley Street would remain open and there would be some spaces left open for the Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Center use. Motion to recommend to the City Commission use of the Lower Main Street Lot by the Days of '76 for the 2023 rodeo by Mr. Kuchenbecker, second by Mr. Stalder; motion carried unanimously.

4. NOTICE TO CONTEST PARKING TICKETS:

- a. **Citations 1141315 and 1141324 from the snow removal on February 1, 2023.** Mr. Lux wanted to know if the committee would be okay with the Transportation Department to use their discretions to handle these snow removal citations. Motion to allow the Transportation Director and his employees to use their discretion to handle the snow removal parking tickets by Chief Mertens, second by Ms. Trehwella; motion carried unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **There have recently been complaints about the availability of Taxicabs in Deadwood. City of Deadwood Ordinance 5.48.040 limits licenses to five (5) companies. It allows for 20 licenses in total and each business can have a maximum of five (5) licenses. These are the only services other than the trolley allowed to provide intra-Deadwood fares. Concerns have been raised regarding ride availability and wait times.** Mr. Lux indicated there have been complaints about not being able to get a taxicab timely or at all. He indicated he thought it was time to review the ordinance and the ride share policy. Discussion. Motion to continue this issue until March 23 so that Mr. Lux can reach out to the cab companies to invite them to attend the meeting to discuss by Mr. Stalder, second by Chief Mertens; motion carried unanimously.
- b. **There has been issues with oversized vehicles in the Broadway Parking Ramp. Specifically, with hotels instructing guests to park there with vehicles that cannot maneuver in the ramp.** Mr. Goodwin indicated there have been issues with oversize vehicles parking in the ramp for years. They either park in two spots or stick out and cause pinch points. The sign has been changed to disallow vehicle bigger than F150s. He indicated the hotels need to ask their customers the size and height of their vehicles before directing them to the ramp. The suggestion was to make an info graphic the hotels can hand out on check in to help with limiting these issues. Direction was given to Mr. Goodwin to develop something for a hand-out.
- c. **Trolley staff has asked the Parking & Transportation Committee to consider putting another trolley at 652 Main Street (labeled Buffalo Bar). Riders constantly ask to be dropped off at this location. There has been a trolley stop in that location in the past. It is still listed as a stop on trolley brochures and on Trolley Tracker.** That stop is fairly redundant as there is a stop at Jacob's Gallery and one at Mustang Sally's so it was removed, partly because people stand outside of the Big Dipper and the trolley doesn't know if they want to get on the trolley. Discussion. Motion by Mr. Riley to leave the stops as is with no sign at 652 Main Street labeled the Buffalo Bar, second by Mr. Mohr; motion carried.
- d. **DHI is hosting the Western Writers of America on June 21, 2023. They are contracting with Boot Hill Tours to take conference attendees to Mount Moriah. Their schedule could interfere with the current schedule. Rose with DHI has kept the CoD up to date with this event.** Mr. Kuchenbecker indicated this has been done in the past and this just needs to be coordinated with the busses and the Sexton of the cemetery. If they are given enough notice, traditionally there has not been a problem. We would just do the same this year again.
- e. **Trolley fare for Deadwood workforce.** Some confusion as to whether the work force is no longer allowed to ride the trolley for free. It can be tricky as taking

the persons word for it that they are workforce sets up for fraud. They could show their gaming license. If we expect employees to not park in close to businesses then we are now creating an extra charge/hardship for the employee. Promoting the free trolley would help to get them to park in the farther lots like Sherman Street parking lot. A card system would be difficult to keep track of. Motion to allow free rides on the trolley with an employee name badge or gaming license by Mr. Kuchenbecker, second by Mr. Goodwin; motion carried unanimously.

f. Deadwood Alive 2023 Livery Application. The applications have not changed from last year. They have one to run now and the second is if another is needed to run. Motion to approve the application to the City Commission by Chief Mertens, second by Ms. Trehwella; motion carried unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:

Mr. Goodwin reported that after the last meeting when it was decided to reject permit renewals because of outstanding citations/tickets there have been people paying their fines and have been issued new permits. It has worked well.

Mr. Kuchenbecker indicated it was the last day for listening session and the last week of surveys. 1,286 surveys have been submitted.

Ms. Trehwella asked how long Star Plumbing was to be allowed to park up on Shine Street. No one recalled. It is an issue on the corner as it's hard to make a right-hand turn; you can't see around the truck. Discussion. This should be looked into and checked to see how much longer they will need to park there.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business for the committee to consider, Chief Mertens moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kuchenbecker; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rhonda McGrath, Recording Secretary

The next City of Deadwood Parking and Transportation Committee meeting will be held in the Century Room/Commission Room at City Hall on **Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.**

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