

**CITY OF DEADWOOD
PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

February 8, 2024

1. ROLL CALL:

The City of Deadwood Parking and Transportation Committee met Thursday, February 8, 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, Dory Hanson, Kevin Kuchenbecker, Trent Mohr, Tom Riley, Lornie Stalder, John Rystrom and Andy Goodwin. Commissioner Mike Johnson was present.

Absent were Jim Lee and Misty Trehwella.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 25, 2024.

Minutes for the meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024, were approved unanimously by a motion from Mr. Mohr and a second by Mr. Goodwin.

3. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA: Informational

- a. **Prairie Hills Transit:** Mr. Lux indicated the mayor had signed the 3-year agreement with Prairie Hills Transit on Monday and they started services on Tuesday. There was an article about it.

4. NOTICE TO CONTEST PARKING TICKETS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Iron Horse Inn Parking Lease:** Troy Gorans was present to discuss the renewal of the lease. Currently there is a month-to-month lease for 3 spaces on Deadwood Street on the north side next to the Iron Horse Inn. That parking is for 5:00 pm to 9:00 am at \$50 per month per space. This has been in place since June of 2020. The actions on this are a recommendation to the city council to approve the lease or amended lease or a recommendation to terminate the lease. Mr. Gorans asked to continue the lease similarly with opening up the 20-minute loading zone to be like the other spaces for them to manage however they need to. Much discussion. The big concern was setting a precedent where other businesses will want to change their loading zones to guest parking. The validation system was suggested as a better option. After much discussion, it was decided that it would be advantageous to look at Deadwood Street to see how many spaces there are, what is happening with the Shankar spot, the loading zone, the conveyance bus parking and get the full picture before any decisions are made as there is limited parking right now. Mr. Kuchenbecker moved to continue this issue to the next meeting, February 22, Mr. Mohr seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Gorans also asked about the traffic light at Deadwood Street and Pioneer. It was explained that it was controlled by DOT. He said it is a 4-minute light. He

indicated it is dangerous as people get sick of waiting and run it. DOT will be contacted.

- b. **Kool Deadwood Nights Traffic Flow: Wayne Morris:** Mr. Lux indicated Mr. Morris was present. Mr. Morris said there was a Kool Deadwood Nights committee formed and one of the things brought up was that they could manage the lower Main Street parking during the event after the stage is set up. They are assuming that parking is for registered classic cars only and if it isn't, which it isn't, it should be. They would like to make it one-way coming up and exiting to the 4-lane at the stage. Much discussion. This is actually two different issues. Parking and a directional flow of traffic change.

Parking: It was a concern that this is an event committee issue. Mr. Lux said he believe P&T could defer this to the event committee with a recommendation. P&T can give an opinion/recommendation but ultimately this would not be our call. The paid parking space policy is that to reserve these spaces they would need to be leased. If all those spaces were taken for registrants, then where would spectators park? It is currently enforced by the Chamber/Security. Mr. Kuchenbecker motioned to defer to the event committee for consideration parking on lower Main Street of KDN registered vehicles with regards to the safety of pedestrian traffic and other safety issues during KDN; second by Mr. Goodwin; motion carried.

Flow of Traffic: It was believed that changing the flow of traffic had been tried before and it didn't work. It has been talked about numerous times. Much discussion. We shouldn't try to increase traffic on Main Street. Changing the direction of Wall Street to exit on to the 4-lane instead of entering Wall Street from the 4-lane. The 4-lane is DOT/state highway. There are line of sight concerns. Discussion. A sign on Wall Street indicating the parking garage is full would be helpful. Mr. Lux indicated he would like to continue this until he can reach out to Kelly Fuller and/or Jim Lee to see why it was set this way and what happened when it was tried in reverse. Motion to continue to next meeting, 2/22, by Mr. Mohr, second by Mr. Stalder; motion carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA: None

8. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business for the committee to consider, Mr. Lux adjourned the meeting. Next meeting is February 22, 2024, at 9:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda McGrath, Recording Secretary

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