

**CITY OF DEADWOOD**  
**PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
December 14, 2023

**1. ROLL CALL:**

The City of Deadwood Parking and Transportation Committee met Thursday, December 14, 2023, 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, Jim Lee, Misty Trehwella and Andy Goodwin. Commissioner Mike Johnson was present.

Absent was John Rystrom.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 9, 2023.

Minutes for the meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2023, were approved unanimously by a motion from Mr. Mohr and a second by Ms. Trehwella.

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

- a. **Deadwood Taxi Cab Owners Discussion on Rate Increase:** Lacy Goeringer was present to speak on the rate increase for the taxi cabs: \$750 for the license and first vehicle and \$200 for every additional vehicle. She indicated two years ago the rates were doubled. This is a significant increase all at once and there wasn't much notice, less than a month's notice. Not knowing the increase was coming everyone's budget were greatly affected. The suggestion was to space payments on the increase (which was 340% over last time) over time. Tom Fisher, Deadwood Cab Company, indicated that's a big hit without much planning notice. The proposal was to defer this increase out over 3 years. Much discussion. Discussion also included better communication with the police department regarding parking on Main Street, possible representation on the P&T committee, signage for the taxis and the possibility of giving them time to pay the increase. There was some concern that other issues would get swept under the table so the current issue to be dealt with are the fees. Mr. Lux indicated this meeting would address the fees and in January further meetings can be set to discuss the other issues. Motion by Mr. Kuchenbecker, second by Mr. Mohr to have the finance office collect the current 2023 fee schedule by January 1 or soon thereafter and to work with the cab companies to make payments to pay the balance of the new 2024 fee schedule by end of May; motion carried.
  
- b. **WWC FEMA Update:** Mr. Kuchenbecker indicated the project is moving right along. The Sherman Street parking lot area is close to halfway done with the wall itself and they have started at the railroad bridge at the Mickelson Trail. The coordination meeting was held regarding utilities and that is still under discussion. About half of the wall is done on the Mickelson Trail side of the creek. They are starting excavation behind the houses on Charles Street. There are some archeological items found so the State Archeological Research Center is here to monitor the project. The project is going along quite well.

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

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Prairie Hills Transit Request:** Mr. Lux received a request from the executive director of Prairie Hills Transit to work together. The city has not utilized them since 2017. Fees are the same as what we charge. After crunching numbers, this would be a good service at \$3,500/year. There are benefits to our residents such as Medicaid will pay for rides for medical appointments. They will guarantee 4 days per week and will try to increase that to 5 when they can. They can also take people to appointments in Rapid City. No action at this time.
- b. **New signs for the Dead End on Van Buren Ave:** Mr. Lux indicated signs for the lower end of Van Buren that directs people to the new trail.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Alkali Ike Tour Conveyance License:** Mr. Maynard sent a letter for review. He made a payment of \$7,500 leaving a balance of \$1,288. 1<sup>st</sup> payment for the next year is due January 1 and that balance by end of May. Motion to continue this until the January meeting so that Mr. Maynard can be present by Mr. Riley, second by Mr. Goodwin; motion carried.
- b. **Parking Space in front of Tinn Lizzie:** Tinn Lizzie is asking to create a parking space in front of their building. There are some sight line issues for the porte-cochere but they don't use that very much. It would be an additional paid/leased parking space for their business and it is not impacting anyone else.
- c. **Installation of street signs at Stage Run Loop and Aspen Road:** Signs were installed. This will remain on the agenda as discussion regarding making Aspen Road part of Stage Run Loop is to be discussed with Mr. Kuchenbecker.

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

Mr. Stalder shared information regarding various price increases in the water department in the last few years and also information regarding the gaming numbers and how the City is affected by them. He shared that the City doesn't get added funds when gaming is up and so increases in fees is across the board to help keep the City running. That information starts on the recording at 1:05:01.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business for the committee to consider, Mr. Mohr moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Riley; meeting adjourned. Next meeting is January 11, 2024, at 9:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda McGrath, Recording Secretary

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