

New building to rise from building rubble

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From the rubble and bulldozed ruins of three Main Street buildings will spring a new asphalt and concrete parking lot in downtown Rapid City. Bob Short and Sons of Sturgis are tearing down the structures on the north side of the 500 block after bidding the demolition contract at \$14,710.

Final designs haven't been approved, but Sharon Johnson, city traffic engineer, said preliminary plans are to

replace the structures with about 130 parking spaces. The new parking lot, estimated to cost about \$500,000, will include the old Sears parking lot and property north of the alley that once housed a bus depot.

The parking lot probably will be similar to Patton Parking Lot which was recently completed at 8th and Main, Ms. Johnson said, and designed to be compatible with downtown beautification efforts. Construction is planned for this summer.

The city purchased the property with parking district funds and will use the same money for the construction, city officials said.