



Double headed parking meters removed from city lot next to Stockgrowers building. (Staff photo by Don Polovich)

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City workers begin removing downtown parking meters

City crews started removing parking meter heads in downtown Rapid City Tuesday but the "free" parking doesn't start until Thursday morning.

City Attorney Ray Woodsend said that because it will take two days to remove the some 1,000 meters from Main and St. Joseph streets and the two city-owned parking lots, crews started ahead of time.

Actually, the ordinance which permits the removal of the meter heads will not become effective until 5 p. m. Wednesday, provided a referendum petition is not filed.

In the meantime, parking meters still on the poles are in force. Meter maids will be checking not only those meters remaining but also enforcing the two-hour limit.

Even after meters have been remov-

ed from the downtown core area (they will remain on Kansas City and other streets south and west of the downtown core), a two-hour limit will be enforced and a violation will cost \$2. The ordinance prohibits parking longer than two hours "in any block."

The city lot at Sixth and St. Joseph will remain a "shoppers' lot" with a two-hour limit even though the meters have been removed.

The city-owned lot on St. Joseph next to the Stockgrowers building, will be an all-day free area for employee parking.

The leased lot at Fifth and St. Joseph streets is to continue under the present terms since the city hasn't given notice to cancel the lease. This lot has a 50 cent fee for each entry and a \$10 monthly parking rate.