

Council raises monthly fee at city parking lot

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The monthly fee for the city parking lot on Fifth between St. Joe and Kansas City streets will go up next month.

In a special meeting Monday, the city council authorized the mayor to sign a new lease for the two lots on a 30-day cancellation basis and to increase the monthly rate to \$10. The per entry fee will remain at 50 cents.

City Finance Officer Michael Hinde informed the council that at \$10 and 50 cents, the city still would be losing approximately \$4,300 a year on the lots which are leased from United National Bank.

He said to break even, the fees would have to be raised to \$13 per month and 65 cents per entry based on the present lease agreement. Even then, he said, that probably would not cover expenses because of the anticipated loss of some monthly ticket buyers.

Although Hinde had suggested waiting until the new lease has been negotiated, the council approved the resolution raising the monthly fee. It will become effective Dec. 1.