

Parking lot proposal returned to board

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A proposal for the city to lease the old Dodge Town used car lot at Fifth and Kansas City in addition to the lot at Fifth and St. Joe has been sent back to the newly formed Public Parking

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Board. The board had recommended the city lease the second lot and pave both lots.

The council's public works committee was informed Tuesday the owner, United Corp., is asking for an increase in rent, and a three-year lease with a 90-day cancellation clause. Bill Abernathy, public works director, also advised the cost to pave both lots has increased although he would give no estimate.

The lot presently being leased by the city, at Fifth and St. Joe, is on an annual lease at \$350 per month. Under the

proposed lease for both lots, the rent would come to \$1,000 per month.

The committee felt this was a little steep and referred the offer back to the parking board for review and recommendation.

A request by Budget Car Rental for a parking space and sign at Rapid City Regional Airport was referred to City Atty. Ray Woodsend for an opinion as to whether the request would conform to the contract terms for other car rental firms with desks at the airport.

Larry Patnoe of Budget is not asking for desk space at the airport, just a parking space for clients who have reserved Budget cars at Rapid City through a reservation service in other cities.

Abernathy advised the committee that the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) has okayed an extension of time on the Park Drive-Falls Drive street project to cover the work done after July 10, which Abernathy had thought was the deadline. A review of the application for the extension showed that OEP had approved an Aug. 10 deadline on both the Park Drive and Western Avenue spur projects.

The council had approved a waiver of liquidated damages covering the 16 extra days it took to complete the project at the same time it approved a change order amounting to a reduction in the contract price by more than \$5,000.

The committee will recommend council approval for the purchase of a hand-held two-way radio and charger for the water department. Estimated cost of the units is \$461.

The committee also will ask the council to set Oct. 21 for a hearing on a use on review for a library of mystic arts at 1024 Quincy but will recommend denial.

Oct. 7 will be recommended for the hearing date on two other petitions for use on review because of non-conformity to city codes. They are the Owen Mann Mobile Home Park on West Chicago near Sturgis Road and another proposed mobile home park in the Oldfield Subdivision north of Interstate 90 and west of Lakota Homes.

Both were recommended for approval by the city planning commission and the public works committee concurred.