

City rents downtown lot for parking

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The city has rented additional property in downtown Rapid City for off-street parking, Mayor Don Barnett announced Wednesday.

Rental of the vacant lot at Fifth and St. Joe has been under consideration for some time by city officials. The property was formerly the used car lot for Black Hills Oldsmobile-Cadillac.

Barnett said the lot will provide 75 additional parking spaces and will be put into operation Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. Hours of operation, he said,

will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"An attendant will be on duty during this period of time each day to receive fees for parking and assist in the placement of cars," Barnett said.

Fees for the new lot will remain at the level of 25 cents per entry into the lot or on a monthly basis of \$5 for a parking place. There will be no charge for parking after 5 p.m. daily or on Sunday.

"Lights will be installed on the new parking area in the very

near future and it is anticipated the additional space will ease the downtown parking problem," Mayor Barnett said.

"This new lot, rented on a temporary basis, will be financed out of funds from the parking lot and area fund and not directly from tax dollars paid by citizens of our city," he said.

Any questions about the parking arrangement can be answered either by the parking lot attendant or at the mayor's office at city hall.