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City Council Report

Meeting Date: April 5, 2021

Agenda Item: Temporary closure of alley behind Iron Horse Saloon for the 2021 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

Prepared By: Jerry Cole

Background/History

Previously during the 2020 City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally the Sturgis City Council voted to approve the temporary closure of the alley located between Lazelle St and Dudley from Junction Ave to Middle Street. As there were no issues with the public during that time, we would like to ask for the same closure for the 2021 City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Discussion

During the discussion between staff this year as well as some Councilors it was suggested to allow a temporary closing of the alley in order to enhance pedestrian safety and in conjunction to temporarily open Dudley to two-way traffic between Middle and Junction. The owners of the Iron Horse are again open to this approach and would suggested the following points to an agreement:

1. The alley between Lazelle and Dudley from Junction to 97' west of Middle shall be allowed to be closed to public access from August 3-17
2. Iron Horse may have staff available at the alley to allow guests to enter the premises
3. All garbage cans shall be placed on the exterior of the property in spaces mutually agreed upon by the Public Works Director. The cans shall not obstruct sight triangles
4. No structures (either temporary or permanent) shall be placed on the alley right of way
5. All private porta-pots shall be fully placed on private property

Recommendation

Staff recommends approving Resolution 2021-26 to enhance public safety.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Ainslie".

Daniel Ainslie, City Manager

RESOLUTION 2021-26

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE ALLEY BETWEEN LAZELLE AND DUDLEY FROM JUNCTION TO MIDDLE, TEMPORARILY CLOSING DUDLEY STREET FROM JUNCTION TO MIDDLE TO ON STREET PARKING AND OPENING DUDLEY FROM JUNCTION TO MIDDLE TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is an event that brings hundreds of thousands of tourists to the City of Sturgis and the surrounding area, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis has actively hosted, supported and promoted the City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally event for 80 years, and

WHEREAS, the City continues to advertise and encourage entertainment venues and unique experiences during the City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in order to retain visitors in the Downtown core throughout the event, and

WHEREAS, the City has previously authorized the expansion of the Iron Horse liquor license to include the majority of one City block including parcels located on both sides of a public alley, and

WHEREAS, Iron Horse will host a number of large outdoor concerts which will likely lead to visitors crossing the alley numerous times throughout the course of the night which would create a traffic hazard for any vehicular traffic in the alley, and

WHEREAS, the owners of Iron Horse have requested the closure of a public right of way to alleviate a potential pedestrian safety concern, and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Sturgis shall:

1. Authorize the alley between Lazelle and Dudley from Junction to 97' west of Middle to be closed to public access from August 3-17, 2021.
2. Authorize Iron Horse to have staff available at the alley to allow guests to enter the premises.
3. Place all garbage cans on the exterior of the property in spaces mutually agreed upon by the Public Works Director and the managers of Iron Horse. The cans shall not obstruct sight triangles.
4. Ensure that no structures (either temporary or permanent) shall be placed on the alley right of way.
5. Ensure that all private porta-pots shall be fully placed on private property.

CITY OF STURGIS

Mayor Mark Carstensen

ATTEST:

Fay Bueno, Finance Officer

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