

ITEM#: 47
DATE: 06-26-18

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: RESERVED STALLS IN DOWNTOWN MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT N

BACKGROUND:

On April 13, 2018, First National Bank (FNB) contacted City Staff with a request to create additional reserved parking stalls for their employees. FNB expressed interest in leasing fourteen parking spaces in Municipal Lot N due to its proximity to the bank. In the past, FNB had arrangements with neighboring businesses for approximately ten stalls, but due to some recent changes in the area, they have lost those stalls.

As a result of this request, staff looked at the inventory and utilization of spaces in Lot N. Currently there are 87 parking spaces in Lot N, a summary of those stalls is shown below.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Qty</u>
Metered [10/hr max @\$0.50/hr]	56
10-Minute [Free]	12
Handicap [Free]	3
Reserved [\$50/month]	16
Total	87

All the 16 reserved stalls in Lot N are currently taken, and most of the meter usage appears to occur along the stalls at the edge of the lot. There is a cluster of 14 meters in the center of the south side of Lot N that are relatively underutilized, which could be converted to reserved stalls for FNB (see map, Attachment 1). **Staff believes that those 14 stalls (Lot N stalls #61 to #74) can be converted to reserved stalls and be made available for reservation by FNB starting in July 2018 without impacting the availability of short term customer parking in this lot.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct Staff to Update the Official Parking Meter Map to show parking stall numbers 61 to 74 in Municipal Lot N as 24-hour Reserved Parking.
2. Make no changes to Municipal Lot N.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

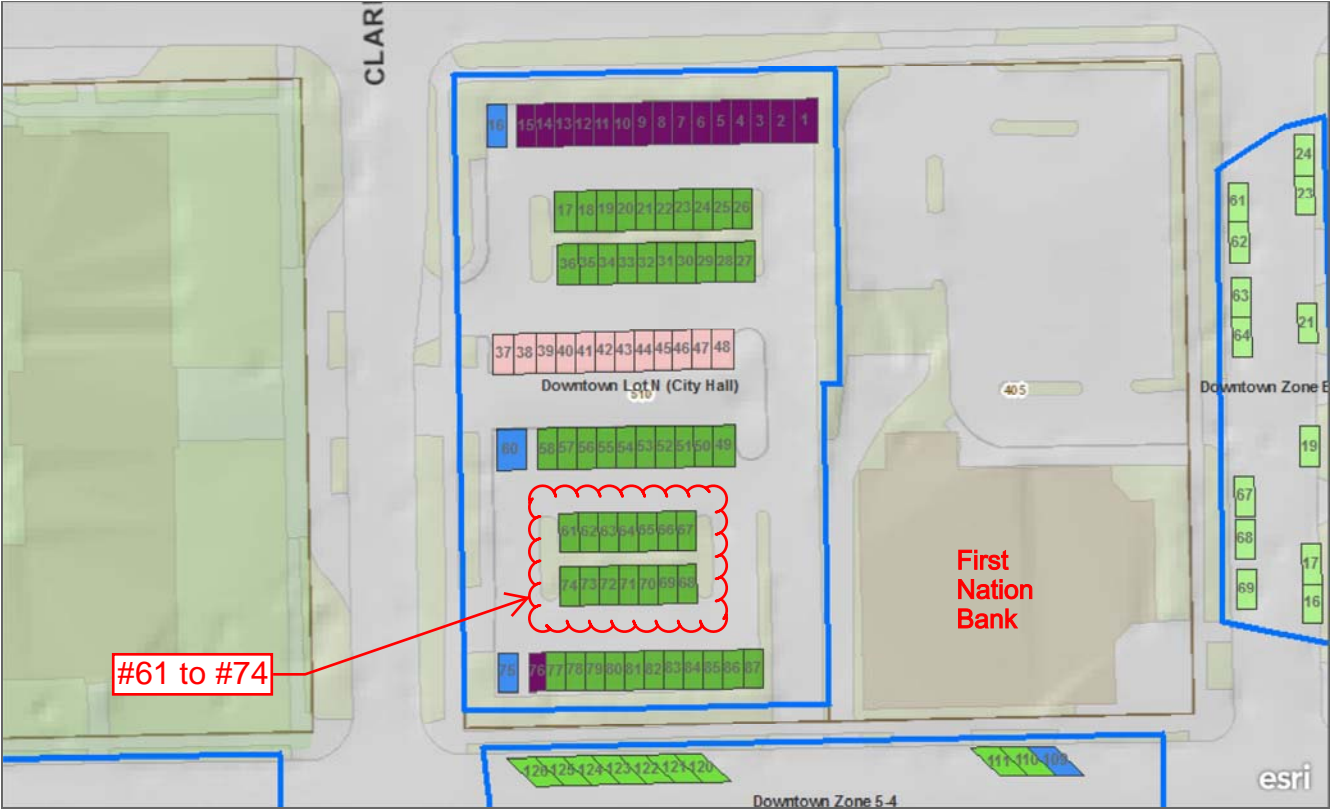
It is staff's understanding that several FNB employees are currently using the metered parking in Lot N. This change would clarify that use and improve the revenue of Lot N.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

It is important to note that the reserved parking agreement will only be for a month to month basis. Therefore, should a need arise in the future for more metered parking spaces, this agreement can be cancelled.

Attachment 1: Lot N

Ames Parking



#61 to #74

Ames Parking maps

100ft

City of Ames, IA