

Voters To See 1.25 Millage Proposal on May Ballot to Preserve Public Safety Services, Maintain Quality of Life in Wyoming

After several months of study, discussion and input from various stakeholders, the Wyoming City Council has recommended that Wyoming residents be given the choice in May to approve a 1.25 mill increase for public safety, including police and fire services.

The decision to pursue a 5-year, 1.25-mill increase will help the City achieve financial stability by generating \$2.6 million to maintain public safety services, which represent nearly 65 percent of the City's general fund.

To further stabilize the budget, in November voters will be asked to allow the 2 mill dedicated Capital Improvements Millage for sewer, water and street improvements to be used for general operations of the City. This

request does not increase property taxes, instead it allows the City to use a portion of the Capital Improvements funding for general operations such as public safety. Voters can look for that request at the November 2, 2010 election.

"It comes down to a matter of choice for our residents to invest in our community and to preserve public safety services," states Mayor Jack Poll. "If they approve the public safety millage we will be able to maintain our current levels of protection. If they do not, we will have to start eliminating services.

"Simply put, there will be fewer police officers who will take longer and be able to respond to fewer calls for help."

If voters do not pass the millage, Wyoming

will be forced to:

- Make personnel reductions in the police department.
- Reduce the number of police road patrols.
- Cut police response to certain calls for non-emergency service, including minor traffic complaints, larceny, fraud, forgery and counterfeiting, embezzlement, barking dogs and harassing communications.
- Cut firefighter response to medical calls.
- Resort to using paid on-call firefighters at fire scenes. If enough firefighters are not available, the department will not be able to fight interior fires.

Citizens are encouraged to contact Council Members or staff with questions and concerns.



MAYOR'S

Message

Fellow Wyoming Residents, we are now in the full fury of winter and we all look forward to the days ahead as we anticipate spring. Change has surely been the buzzword that is talked about daily in the news and in our own personal lives, and your City Council has been working diligently to plan and anticipate for the future needs of our city.

These times give us the opportunity to look at what our community needs most amidst these times of cutbacks. Your City Council is offering you a choice in May to draw a line in the sand and say that we want our city service levels to stay as they are today. My goal as your mayor will be to ensure that each community member clearly knows what his or her vote will mean. Then the decision will be yours to decide what direction we will pursue.

City staff and I will be available to meet with you and any group that would like to discuss this ballot proposal. One thing that will not change is our commitment to providing you the best service at the lowest cost. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this ballot request, and I encourage all Wyoming residents to be involved and be informed!

Clean Water Plant Receives National Certification

The City of Wyoming Clean Water Plant is pleased to be recognized as the 27th organization in the nation and second in Michigan to be certified and admitted to the National Biosolid Partnership's environmental management system (EMS) for biosolids program. The City of Wyoming's achievement recognizes that the agency has been independently verified as having an effective biosolids environmental management system. For more information regarding the award or the program, please visit www.wyomingmi.gov.

News Briefs

LIBRARY NEWS

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th for staff training. CULTURAL DISCOVERIES at the Library! Experience China at the Wyoming Branch! February 9th at 2 p.m. – Chinese Lantern Making. February 13th at 2 p.m. - Chinese New Year Celebration! Arts, Crafts and Lion Dancing! ROBOTS AT THE LIBRARY! Have you ever wanted to know more about robots? Now is your chance! Team members from Code Robotics will be at the library to teach you about Chinese robots and demonstrate a robot of their own on February 20th at 2 p.m. ATTENTION ALL WIMPY KIDS! Can't get enough of the adventures of Greg and Rowley? Are you afraid off "The Cheese"? Then you will want to come for a time of wimpy fun based on the hilarious Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney. February 27th at 2 p.m. ADULT BOOK CLUB. We have a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month. Call the library to find out this month's book title!

For further details on these and all of our programs, stop in the library to pick up a program guide, check out our web page at www.kdl.org, or call us at (616) 647-3985/3987! Plus, KDL is now on Twitter! Follow us @KDLNews for all the latest updates on programs, events and resources at your library.

MONTHLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER KEEPS YOU UPDATED!

The Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department began sending out a monthly e-mail newsletter in January to keep you informed of important activities and events, plus provide additional information to assist you in the enjoyment of your recreation and leisure experiences. If you would like to receive future newsletters, please e-mail us at parks_info@wyomingmi.gov or call (616)530-3164 to sign-up today.

ODD/EVEN PARKING CONTINUES

To facilitate winter street maintenance, odd/even parking will continue to be in effect through the end of February. Be sure to park on the correct side of the street, or you will be ticketed. As a reminder, during any declared snow emergency, any motor vehicles and other licensed trailers or equipment shall be parked only on that side of the street having even numbers on even numbered calendar days, and on that side of the street having odd numbers on the odd numbered calendar days between the hours of 12:00 a.m. midnight and 7:00 p.m. of the same day.

Wyoming Counting on 2010 Census

In 2010 the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct its 22nd national census. Your participation is crucial, as census numbers are used to distribute over \$400 billion in federal funds to communities each year. They also determine Michigan's representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they provide valuable statistics for government and community advocates. This year's form will take just ten minutes to complete, as it asks only ten questions. Residents are encouraged to visit www.2010census.gov for further information.

Daddy Daughter Dance 2010



February 18, 2010

6:30-8:30



Call 616-530-3164 to Register

Telephone Numbers

Mayor's Office	530-7227
City Manager.....	530-3173
City Clerk	530-7296
Police Department.....	530-7300
Fire Department	530-7250
Public Works.....	530-7260
Utilities	261-3550
Planning & Community	
Development.....	530-7258
Parks & Recreation.....	530-3164
Building Inspections.....	530-7285
Assessor	530-7231
District Court.....	257-9814
Treasurer.....	530-7280
Utility Billing.....	530-7389
Wyoming Senior Center.....	530-3190
Wyoming Public Library.....	647-3980

Meetings

City Council Meeting | on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

City Council Work Sessions | on the second Monday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commissions Meetings | on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Zoning Board Of Appeals | on the first and third Monday afternoons of the month at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Parks & Recreation Commission | on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the West Conf. room.

Wyoming City Council

Jack Poll, Mayor

Sam Bolt, Mayor Pro tem,
Councilmember-at-Large

Dan Burrill, Councilmember-at-Large

Kent Vanderwood, Councilmember-at-Large

Bill VerHulst, 1st Ward Councilmember

Richard K. Pastoor, 2nd Ward Councilmember

Joanne Voorhees, 3rd Ward Councilmember