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Wyoming Residents Choose to Preserve Public Safety, Pass 1.25 Mills *Revenue will maintain public safety levels and steady budget as leaders seek sustainability*

For months, Wyoming Mayor Jack Poll asked residents to “be involved and be informed” regarding the millage request to dedicate 1.25 mills over the next five years for public safety services. The community responded to his request, and on May 4, residents went to the polls and voted. The result was a 55% to 45% passage of the millage.

Projected revenue from the increase, approximately \$2.6 million, will go to maintain current public safety services. Yet even with the additional millage, the City will continue to face tough decisions as costs continue to rise and revenues continue to fall.

The City Council recently passed the 2010-2011 Budget which included the additional funding; however, the budget

also included several personnel and service reductions in areas outside police and fire.

While the five-year term of the millage provides some breathing room and maintains current public safety services, City leaders will continue to examine service delivery options that include service consolidation, partnerships with other communities, and contracting out. These options will not be able to address all of our service needs, but evaluating these opportunities will be an important part of the City’s efforts to achieve financial sustainability. All those associated with the City, from Council members to volunteers, are dedicated to providing residents with the highest quality of service at the lowest cost possible.

Teen Council Members Share at KIDSPEAK 2010



Two members of the City of Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department’s Teen Council recently shared their testimonies about the role technology plays in their lives at KIDSPEAK 2010, which was held at Grand Rapids City Hall.

Wyoming students Sydney Birge and Kevin Humphrey spoke to a listening panel that included State Senator Mark Jansen, Grand Rapids City Commissioners, Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education members, area business and college representatives, among others.

Birge’s presentation focused on her school’s use of technology and the importance of texting as a means of communication among her generation. Humphrey spoke about online classes and the need for schools to be teaching cutting edge technologies and systems.

MAYOR’S

Message



Welcome Spring time,

It’s great to see our city come alive again as the parks and other outdoor activities start in full swing. Spring is a reminder that time continues to pass, and that we need to be thankful for today, but also continue to work for a better Wyoming. I appreciate the trust you have expressed by the recent passage of the millage for fire and police. This is only the first step of a plan to set Wyoming on a financially sustainable future, long after my years as your Mayor

are completed. We will continue to look at community partnerships to improve services and lower costs. With your trust and the efforts of our staff and City Council, financial goals can and will be reached.

Enjoy your city,

Jack Poll, Mayor

News Briefs

LIBRARY NEWS

SUMMER CARNIVAL! Celebrate summer! Celebrate reading! Join us for games, crafts, prizes, and tons of carnival-style fun as we kick off the Summer Reading Club on Friday, June 18, 2:00 p.m. **TODDLER TIME** (ages 3 and under with a caregiver) – Nurture your toddler’s love of books through music, movement and stories on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., June 15 to August 11. **FAMILY STORYTIME** (ages 6 and under with a caregiver) – Share stories, music and rhymes as a family on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., June 17 to August 5. For further details on these and all of our programs, check out our web page at www.kdl.org, call us at (616) 784-2007, or follow us on Twitter @KDLNews!

KIDS CLEAN UP AND MAKE CASH

The 2nd Annual Kid 2 Kid Sale will be held Saturday, July 24 from 10 am to 1 pm in the South Parking Lot at the Wyoming Senior Center. The event lets kids (with help from parents) rent a booth and sell old toys, games, movies & sports equipment to other kids. Pre-registration is required: contact the Parks & Recreation Dept. at 530-3164. A table and two chairs is provided for \$5 to residents and \$7 to non-residents.

NEED TO FILL YOUR POOL?

Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) hydrant attachment rental for pool filling is available at the Treasury Office. The cost for a one-day rental is \$56.88, multi-day is \$113.76. A \$500 security deposit must also be paid. RPZ’s are picked up and returned to the Clean Water Plant at 2350 Ivanrest after the payment is made in the Treasury Office at City Hall. Deposits are refunded after the RPZ has been inspected. Pools may be filled with a garden hose at a comparable cost, but it does take longer.

Great Line-up Planned for Concerts in the Park

Once again, the Wyoming Community Enrichment Commission has worked hard to bring you an exciting summer line-up for Concerts in the Park! This summer’s shows will feature the following acts:

- June 15 -- Gregg Sandborn plays John Denver
- June 22 -- Buddy Twist (classic rock)
- June 29 -- John & Amy Amos (variety)
- July 6 -- Calder City Band (variety)
- July 13 -- Union Guns (country)
- July 20 -- Jimmie Stagger (blues)
- July 27 -- Voices of Freedom
- Aug 3 -- Grand Rapids Accordion Ensemble

All concerts will take place at 7 p.m. at Lamar Park. Please remember to bring your own seating. We hope you join us for another great season of Concerts in the Park!

Outdoor Fireplace Regulations in Effect

A new Outdoor Burning Ordinance has been adopted and residents should be aware of the following guidelines when operating outdoor fireplaces.

- Fireplaces may not be closer than 20 feet to any combustible material or closer than 20 feet to adjoining lot lines.
- They must have a noncombustible barrier at least 18 inches wide surrounding the outdoor fireplace.
- They must be attended at all times.
- They may only burn clean wood or other solid fuel and may not burn garbage or yard waste.
- They must be a manufactured container designed and purchased for the sole purpose of burning wood or solid fuel.

For a complete list of the guidelines or more information call (616) 530-7250.

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