

# The planters were beautiful. In 2008.



At the corner of Central and Pershing

Congratulations to Grant Farms, beautification volunteers and City departments for keeping City street corners and planters around Cheyenne beautiful throughout the Summer. Job very well done! (2008)

## Are the pitiful planters this year worth saving a few bucks and embarrassing our city?

Let's say, for purposes of discussion, that it would have cost another \$10,000.00 to continue to present visually attractive planters to residents and visitors. The City's budget is \$50 million-plus and the DDA's is in the neighborhood of \$1 million. Be reminded, also, that nearby businesses are asked to contribute to the cost of the planters - sometimes when none are even in the close proximity to their place of business.

Just like graffiti diminishes the credit visitors give a city, the loss of impressive planters all along the downtown streets and at the intersections of Pershing and Central/Warren, will send visitors back to their homes guffawing about the pitiful presentation made by the City of Cheyenne.

How do we elect so many who simply don't get it? That don't understand that the first impression is the lasting impression? That don't understand that a filthy city does not generate return visits?

What did it cost to have Grant Farms plant and nurture beautiful planters?

Let's say it cost as much as \$50,000.00 - including what was extracted from the nearby businesses that already paid an additional ten mill of property taxes for amenities such as the planters. Not that much.

I'll do the math for you.

With a \$50,000,000.00+ annual budget, a cost of \$50,000.00 for presentable planters would be one tenth of one percent. Expressed numerically, that is .001 (.1%) or not a helluva lot more than the catered lunches and "straw poll" dinners ingested by the mayor and council members. One tenth of one percent of the annual budget spent for impressive flowers and plants would do much more good for the city than cheap banners strung on utility poles. And, of course, the out-of-pocket cost for beautiful planters is nowhere near \$50,000.00. But, evidently the mayor can't see that.



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## Developing ...

A lead on the unsolved Jamie Kamai murder has come to the Cheyenne Herald. A name was provided and details and circumstances of the murder were given that may lead to finally finding the cold-blooded murderer. Details as they emerge.

Details of the sale of land from a county commissioner to a major Laramie County developer after that commissioner had cast votes several times in support of "legislation" beneficial to the land buyer. Now, belatedly, that commissioner is abstaining from voting on matters involving the buyer. Details are unfolding - price, acreage, unusual provisions, etc.