

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 15, 2020

TO: Mayor & City Council

CC: Mercy Rushing, City Manager

FROM: David Madsen

SUBJECT: Council Meeting Agenda Item: 4th of July Fireworks

Background Information: There has been discussed with fire department members and city staff concerning the city fireworks display on July 4th. We have no idea what restrictions, if any, will be placed on public fireworks shows. We don't even know if they will be allowed. The council needs to make a decision on whether or not we should schedule the event. I was told that because of some fireworks supply issues in China, we will not get the normal show. Our supplier advised that he could put together a show for our budget, but he doesn't know what it will consist of. His company does not know what shipments they are going to receive. The money is budgeted but there will probably not be a fundraiser this year for reimbursement. I will have to submit the permit application to TDI as soon as possible to make sure it gets processed in time and place the order for fireworks. I have submitted a request to the governor's office for any information on this but I'm not sure when we will get an answer.

Recommendation: No recommendation from staff. We will proceed as directed.

Additional Information:

Survey of cities:

Fireworks Displays - 4th of July - per city		
City	Holding Y/N	
Addison	Yes	*scaled down
Canton	Yes	
Floresville	No	
Galveston	No	
Kilgore	Yes	*everyone stay in car
Magnolia	Yes	
Mesquite	No	*due to budget constraints
Overton	Yes	*with limitations
Quinlan	Yes	*just fireworks and music, no vendors, food, games or events
Quitman	Does not do	
Wills Point	Does not do	