

No Falls City Funding For Fireworks Display

(KLZA)--No city money for the Falls City 4th of July fireworks display.

That word came down during Monday's meeting of the Falls City City Council, following a request for funding made by Rick Lemerond.

Lemerond, who has spearheaded the popular, annual attraction for a number of years, told the Council it costs between \$5,000 to \$7,500 to make it happen. "We have people come to town [for the display], spending money [which generates sales tax.]," Lemerond told the Council. "Other towns, actually the City bankrolls the whole activity."

Mayor Jerry Oliver informed Lemerond there were no funds budgeted for such a donation, suggesting that the Budget Committee consider the request in the future.

Councilman Don Ferguson directed Lemerond to seek the support of the Chamber of Commerce. "If this wants to become a community event, that's the probably the first place to start, with the Chamber. They have people that are supposed to do things like that."

Another concern was also voiced by Council members who said making the donation could open the door to other such requests, which could not be financially supported.

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