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**NORTH OGDEN CITY  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** MAYOR RICHARD G. HARRIS  
**SUBJECT:** CHERRY DAYS FIREWORKS  
**DATE:** 2/8/2012

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The Cherry Days Committee met January 26<sup>th</sup> to start getting ready for this year's celebration. During discussion the possibility of reinstating the fireworks came up. The fireworks has been such an integral and important part of Cherry Days it was felt that to not have them would be to lose a major reason for the celebration. The committee was unanimous in its desire to, if at all possible, have the fireworks again this year. It was also felt if the fireworks could be held at one of our own city parks we wouldn't have to rent the Weber High School stadium. The committee also recommended we not hire the entertainment nor rent the expensive sound system. This would result in a savings of \$5,600.00.

Since the committee meeting Lorrie Frazier has contacted Fireworks West, the company that has furnished our fireworks in the past. Ordinarily we have to reserve fireworks a year in advance. The company has agreed, however, to provide the same fireworks show as last year for the same price - \$20,000.00. I have checked with Debbie Cardenas to see if funding in that amount is even available, given the budget stresses we have experienced over the past three years. The audit of last year's budget was recently concluded. Because of very careful spending by the city, there are savings available to carry over to this year that will cover that amount. If the City Council wishes to approve this proposal, it can vote at tonight's meeting to make funding available. The budget will have to be opened at a later date to incorporate this, along with other changes that may occur during the year, into the current budget.

After discussion concerning viewing, parking, space to congregate, etc., the committee recommended the fireworks be held at Barker Park. If the fireworks can be launched from Lyman Barker's field behind Deer Meadows subdivision, they can be viewed from Wadman and Oak Lawn Parks as well as Barker Park. This will provide plenty of room for as large a crowd as we can anticipate and will help the parking as well. Lorrie has contacted Lyman Barker and he has agreed to let the city use his field. The owner of Fireworks West visited this site last week and stated that this venue as proposed is the best he has seen in any city. He will substitute fireworks that detonate at a higher elevation for the lower ones we have used at the stadium in the past, thus ensuring a magnificent show as viewed from all three locations.

In behalf of the Cherry Days Committee, I am requesting the City Council approve the expenditure of \$20,000.00 for fireworks for this year's Cherry Days celebration.