

## MEMODANDUM

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**To:** Mayor and Common Council  
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**Date of Meeting:** December 28, 2016

**Subject: Community Fire Works – Freedom Fest**

The Mayor and 10 members from the community took on fund raising for the Community Fire Works program when the local Reedsburg Jaycees were unable to maintain the commitment to raising funds for the 4th of July fireworks celebration.

Mayor Dave called for a community wide service group meeting on how to fund raise for the fireworks.

From this meeting a core group of individuals Freedom Fest was born. After the first couple of years of raising the funds on our own we were beginning to find it difficult to accomplish our July 4<sup>th</sup> goals with such a small group of roughly 10 people.

Mayor Dave approached the City Council with this issue and they graciously agreed that the Freedom Festival was too important to the community to go away and appropriated funds in the budget to pay for the fireworks.

By the City taking on the major cost of the fireworks this allows the Freedom Fest committee to concentrate on raising funds for the rest of the events at the festival including bands and entertainment for the kids including bounce houses.