



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, November 16, 2010**

**Study Session**

## **Item -1**

**Discussion Concerning Expanding Sale of Fireworks in December**

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# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Jeff Pederson, City Administrator  
**Meeting:** November 16, 2010  
**Subject:** Expanding Sale of Fireworks in December  
**Item #'s:** 1  
**Presenter(s):** Jeff Pederson, City Administrator

## **Background**

During the 2010 Legislative Session the Nebraska State Legislature passed LB 880 allowing the sale of fireworks from December 28 to January 1 to celebrate New Year's Eve. The bill took effect on October 1, 2010.

## **Discussion**

Current Grand Island City Code Section 16 allows for the sale of fireworks in the City of Grand Island from June 27 through and including July 4 of each year. Section 16-22 sets the local time limits when fireworks can be discharged. A request has come forward from one fireworks vendor for the City to consider amending local Ordinance to allow for fireworks sales during the period specified in LB 880.

The Police Department has commented that the Independence Day Fireworks contribute a significant increase in calls for service of fireworks related complaints and burglaries of fireworks stands. The Chief believes that New Year's fireworks impact upon his Department would depend upon sales volume and the weather and would probably not have a major impact on the Police Department.

The Fire Department was not in favor of allowing firework sales in December as it would add more duties to already limited resources.

Attached is an informal survey of First Class cities regarding expanding fireworks sales in December.

## **Conclusion**

This item is presented to the City Council in a Study Session to allow for any questions to be answered and to create a greater understanding of the issue at hand.

It is the intent of City Administration to bring this issue back in Ordinance form at the November 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting.

# Expanded Fireworks Sale in December Survey

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	<u>Municipality</u>	Expanded Fireworks	
		Yes	No
1	Beatrice		X
2	Bellevue		X
3	Blair		X
4	Columbus		X
5	Fremont		X
6	Gering		X
7	Grand Island		X
8	Hastings		X
9	Holdrege		X
10	Kearney		X
11	LaVista		X
12	Lexington	X	
13	McCook	X	
14	Nebraska City		X
15	Norfolk		X
16	North Platte		X
17	Omaha		X
18	Papillion	X	
19	Plattsmouth		X
20	Scottsbluff	X	
21	Seward		X
22	Wayne		X