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Orange City cancels fireworks; donates to local church food pantry

ORANGE CITY –The Orange City Council voted to cancel its Fireworks and Fun independence event Tuesday, citing concerns over the coronavirus pandemic.

By canceling the Fireworks and Fun event, scheduled for June 27, 2020, the city will save money that would have been spent on the fireworks. City Council decided it is in the best interest of the community to donate \$10,000, a large portion of the saved funds, to the Orange City United Methodist Church to use for their daily food pantry for the Orange City community.

The Orange City United Methodist Church, 396 E University Ave, has seen close to a 300% increase in the groceries needed by the community during the pandemic. They give away groceries, Monday through Friday, 9 am to noon, one bag per family per week, and every third Saturday.

“It wasn’t easy to cancel our annual fireworks; it’s such a great time for everyone, but there isn’t a safe way to do it this year.” says Mayor Gary Blair. “When Vice Mayor O’Connor brought up the idea of donating the funds to Orange City United Methodist Church, the Council agreed that is what our community needs right now.”

A check presentation ceremony will be held at Orange City United Methodist Church at a later date.

For more information about the Orange City United Methodist Church, please contact, 386-775-3068.

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