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Johnson said, "The elementary school will begin a major renovation project soon and the area used to set up the fireworks display will become a construction zone. However, the overriding issue relates to the slump in the economy. We have asked our employees to help in reducing our operating costs and spending \$46,000 for the fireworks display this year does not reinforce that effort. As far as the public is concerned, I know the fireworks have been enjoyed by thousands every year and I hate to give that up. On the other hand, I think the vast majority understand the times that we are in and would expect that the fiscally responsible thing to do is exactly this."

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