

Why the Dollar Donation and What it is for?

On October 8, 1991 the City Council voted for citizens to be given the opportunity to donate \$1 on the monthly water bill to be divided equally between the Library, Fire Department and Park. The Community Center was later added in 2005 and in 2021 the Animal Shelter replaced the Library.

Over the years the donations have been used to benefit the Parks, Community Center and Fire Department without it being an impact on the City Budget. It is a voluntary donation that can only be approved for spending by the city council and at your request can be removed from your bill, but the \$12 annually does so much to benefit our children and community as a whole and the funds collected can only be used for parks, Community Center, Fire and now Animal Shelter, nothing else.

WHAT HAS THE DOLLAR DONATION BEEN SPENT FOR?

Parks
Event Center
Fire Dept
Animal Shelter

Fencing, Lighting at McGee Park, scoreboard processor, skate park, BMX Trail, wind screening for ballfield, repairing concession stand roof, park improvements at Lone Star JR Park, Heritage Park and Wooldridge Park, purchasing ballfield graders, commercial trash cans at McGee Park and consultant fees; that all together since 2007 has amounted to \$91,226 of improvements that never was considered in the city tax rate calculation.

Lighting system, foundation repair, coke machine, microphones, sound system, electrical and building repairs, cameras, water slide, computers, concerts and events, basketball and volleyball court, fencing, can coolers, food warmer, chairs. and tables and awning covers that all together since 2007 has amounted to \$97,496 of improvements that never was considered in the city tax rate.

Door Locking System, lockers, AED, radios & apparatus, washer & dryer, increase storage, kitchen remodel, website creation, purchasing computer tablets, Lucas Device, cardio equipment and station furniture that all together since 2007 has amounted to \$78,541 of improvements that never was considered in the city tax rate.

\$6,158 has been spent so far for security fencing around impound lot at Camp Carter leaving a balance of \$19,685 that is set aside to build a new animal shelter estimated to cost approximately 200K and again using dollar donations to build the animal shelter will not cause additional taxes.

PROPOSED FUTURE PLANS FOR USE OF DOLLAR DONATION FUNDS

- New Playground Equipment including installation costs at McGee Park estimated to cost \$63,000.
- Providing electrical service and improvements to Lone Star JR Park
- Citizen recommendations for park improvements as outlined in the City's Park Master Plan
- Upgrades to playground equipment, volleyball court and building repairs to Community Center
- Locate and build a new Animal Shelter

DOLLAR DONATIONS IS MONEY WELL SPENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY MAKING MORE IMPROVEMENTS AND NOT IMPACTING THE CITY'S OPERATIONS BUDGET, HELP US TO HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BETTER BY SUPPORTING THE MONTHLY DOLLAR DONATION FUND.