

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date: June 11, 2015**

TO: Robert Hanna, City Manager

FROM: James W. Childers, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: Oral Resolution Finding a Public Purpose and Approving Donations of Stored Library Shelving and Various Metal Library Items to Various Local Charities through the End of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

From approximately 2006 on the Library has stored, with a local moving company, shelving pieces and other metal library items such as bookends. The cost of maintaining these stored items is \$3,600 per year. The Abilene Public Library seeks approval to donate these used items to local charities as they are not likely to be used in the future. Many items are mismatched and would not be appealing if utilized in the existing library settings. Un-transferred items may be recycled as scrap metal at approximately \$10.00 per ton. The funds saved from storage charges will be utilized to refresh existing shelving and other library furnishing needs.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Texas Constitution requires that before a City can make a donation to a private non-profit there must be a finding by City Council that such a donation constitutes a legitimate public purpose. This authorization is intended to include all items donated from the date of passage of this resolution through the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The items would likely be sold for scrap metal value if not donated. Donations will allow schools and non-profit community organizations to utilize the shelving parts to support their missions when they do not have the resources to purchase library shelving parts. Therefore, donation of the items will result in the loss of the sale value of approximately \$60.00 but will also put the pieces into the recycling by re-use process and save the \$3600.00 annual storage fee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Council finds there is a legitimate public purpose in a donation of shelving parts and other library metal items to local non-profit organizations and authorize such donations through the end of the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

Prepared by: Name: <u>James W. Childers</u> Title: <u>Director of Community Services</u>	Item No. <u>6.1</u>	Disposition by City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Ord/Res# _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Denied _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ _____ City Secretary
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