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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Special Meeting of the City Council  
Library Summit  
December 15, 2015 – 9:00 A.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Wagoner, Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Brenda Kinzer and Brett Sandström (Late arrival at 9:05) City Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg and Librarian Debra Peterson. Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District (CSRPLD): Lynn Torset, Chris Silves, Library Director Jeanne Williams and Library Board Chair Mindy Cosler.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagoner called the meeting to order noting there was not a quorum and led the flag salute.

Library Chair Mindy Cosler called the meeting of the CSRPLD to order noting they had a quorum.

City Councilmember Brett Sandström arrived at 9:05 AM, creating a quorum.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg summarized previous meeting results including collaboration options, evaluation methods, and services provided by the library of tomorrow.

City Librarian Debra Peterson lead a discussion on shared interests: collection (books, e-readers, cds), staff, space, technology, activities (book discussions, life long learning, children, early learning), community hub/revitalization, ELL program and rural services (access to all patrons). The challenge is how to finance these wonderful options.

#### Issues and Concerns

Issues and Concerns were noted to be funding, location, size, timing, staff, lost opportunity, fear of change, access for Sedro-Woolley School District students, library's potential site and merging services.

CSRPLD Director Jeanne Williams reported on their current 750 sq. ft. facility on State St. noting they have 3,000 items and service over 500 patrons with digital offering of 200 plus people per month. She also addressed their need for a larger space now before combined services could be achieved, possible locations and size of facility.

#### Next Steps

Mayor Pro Tem Wagoner proposed continuing weekly meeting and update the public.

Board member Chris Silves addressed the fact they are receiving nothing from Sedro-Woolley and sees no purpose in continuing, as there is no trust.

Board member Lynn Torset stated he is ready to move now. They would like to work with Sedro-Woolley, but it seems unlikely at present.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg clarified the City's recent action.

Board Chair Cosler stated libraries are cooperative in nature and we need to resolve issues.

Board member Silves moved to close the meeting. Seconded by Board member Torset.

### Public Comment

The following people spoke during the public comment period.

Kim Morgan – 401 Talcott St. – the initial vision of petitioners has been lost. He is disappointed in this negativity and negative comments on facebook need to stop.

Margene Burke – the petitioners knew the County would take over. Two weeks after foundation invited rural to meet but rural said no. Need to cooperate.

Sharon Howell – Let's stop fighting and get along.

Judy Kruger – need a library for this town, help each other and work together.

Judith Meadows – no collaboration now, keep Sedro-Woolley Library as is. Rural has 15,000 people, what are their top 4 needs? Target money towards identified needs rather than building which will last just a few years before it is out grown.

Helge Andersson – tale of 2 cities; why not expand existing building

Elizabeth Swagert – lives in the City, Skagit Valley Herald mis information, the Sedro-Woolley Library currently serving Sedro-Woolley School District students. Has attended all rural meetings for years. There is much animosity toward Sedro-Woolley Library. No one working on the proposed library was selected by Skagit County Commissioners to be on Board.

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley – City library currently serves free computers and book exchange rack. Pioneered the STAR reading program (4 books to non-City kids). Let's start fresh.

George Ron Maxfield – 13065 Glenwood Dr. – Property taxes are greater than purchasing an out of area card. Working together is important and accumulate money until a better plan is made.

Jim Johnson – 587 Carter – very pleased with the local library. Doesn't feel like collaboration is in the works. Shared interests are great.

Katie Janicki – Clear Lake – thanked the rural directors for their work – please work with Sedro-Woolley for one library for all, willing to wait for it to be done right.

Linda Allen – 7377 Hayes Lane – the city has needed a larger library for a long time.

Danny Noel – 8225 Garden of Eden – love libraries- need libraries, Skagit County doesn't work together. You can do what you think you can do. Ask for help to set up from other existing entities rather than recreating the wheel.

Sylvia Matterand – Clear Lake -- do not feel sense of urgency, collaborate and create the best, forget the past hurts and move forward. Don't duplicate, don't waste, Rural – ask constituents what services they want through website.

Carol Torset – 9419 Soren Rd. – wants a library now, want Sedro-Woolley to pay same money or no collaboration. Sedro-Woolley not doing a thing to join. Only taxpayers should have a say.

Christine Johnson – 801 McLean – love of books – libraries is an important part of community and future. Be careful with deliberate planning.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagoner thanked everyone for their comments.

Library Chair Cosler thanked every one for their comments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 A.M.