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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Council Worksession  
April 6, 2016– 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

The worksession was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Keith Wagoner.

Flag Salute

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith Wagoner, Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg and Librarian Debra Peterson, Public Works Director Freiburger (8:01 P.M.).

**Department Update – Library**

- Sedro-Woolley Public Librarian Debra Peterson continued her report on the library that was started at the Council’s retreat with a detailed discussion of the summer reading program for 2016. The program is very popular with a 50% retention rate. She discussed the structure of the program as well as the planned events for this summer. The program goal is 800 minutes of reading with weekly prizes, a half-way prize and end of program prizes including drawings for the grand prizes (Amazon gift cards and bicycles, etc). Peterson handed out materials on STEM education, girls and women in STEM and an invitation to the museum for the Carnegie Library exhibit on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 P.M. for the tulip time tea.

Peterson then talked about the new children’s librarian and the changes to the library’s kids’ program which is currently “top secret”, but super cool and will be STEM based. Story time is a weekly event as well as baby time which covers the birth to six and play and learn targets older kids, but the tween aged kids have been more challenging to engage. She talked about the need to more consistently engage the older kids with programs. Councilmember Sandström asked about the timing for these programs. Peterson responded that the Discovery Program will be happening this summer and would reach school aged kids.

She then reviewed the 2015 statistics: over 100,000 print books in circulation, over 28,000 eBooks available with 36,000 eBooks in circulation. Downloadable audio books are running almost 11,000 last year. The library was one of the first to provide eBooks and in the past seven years, the Northwest Anytime Library partnership has expanded and been very successful for Sedro-Woolley.

The Mayor asked about the staffing and hours of operation. The library is open 40 hours per week, 12-8, M-Th and 12-4 on Fri. & Sat. The library is staffed with

two full time employees: Debra and Teresa Johnson (desk supervisor and cataloging) and five part-time employees who all work a variety of roles as needed, four desk clerks and one children's specialist. The staff have many years of experience and knowledge of the 67,000 books in the city's collection. Debra views the role of library staff as navigators: helping patrons find the right resources or the right books. Annual visits total 72,000 with as many as 400 on any given day. Check-outs range from 150-500 books per day.

Councilmember Owen commented on the fact that the collection includes some of the older books that are hard to find in other libraries. Peterson talked about reciprocity and indicated that our most active reciprocal users are from Mount Vernon. Councilmember Sandström agreed that he also enjoys the older books. 7,000 library cards are out; 4,000 core users; 500 paid library cards (represented 200-250 households mostly located around Sedro-Woolley). City Supervisor/Attorney Berg asked about a more efficient model for reciprocity. Peterson agreed that it makes sense, but indicated that the various libraries use four different software packages which makes it challenging.

She then discussed grant support of the library indicating that the library has received about \$100,000 in grants in the last decade. Her focus has been on early learning, but libraries are about lifelong learning and she has also emphasized older adult reading opportunities. Councilmember Kornegay asked about activities for tweens, specifically junior fiction. Peterson discussed the distinction between junior fiction and young adult fiction.

Mayor Wagoner asked if the library has any immediate needs. Peterson noted she has a long list, but wants more support for STEM projects and tween opportunities. Councilmember Sandström asked about engaging parents and Peterson talked about a program in Kennewick that has been very successful.

### **SR9 Speed Limit Change Ordinance**

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg introduced the SR9 Speed Limit Change Ordinance explaining that this item is presented as a first reading because it is time sensitive relative to the SR 9/Jameson project.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Councilmember Sandström asked about the County Commissioners' meeting regarding EMS from Tuesday regarding their EMS director. Discussion followed.
- Mayor Wagoner announced ribbon cuttings that are upcoming: Woolley Market for the Outfitter and the Plumeria Breeze. He also reported that the legislature passed a proviso to the capital budget conferring authority on DES to transfer the

Northern State Hospital property to the Port of Skagit. The governor is expected to sign the capital budget the week of April 18th.

Public Works Director Freiberger joined the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

- Mayor Wagoner announced a closed session regarding collective bargaining (RCW 42.30.140) and an executive session for the purpose of litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), for 20 minutes with no action requested beginning at 8:02 p.m.

The worksession resumed at 8:35 p.m.

- Public Works Director Freiberger gave a report on the SR 9/Jameson project noting bids were opened today; 7 bids were received and all bids were within 7% of the engineer's estimate with the apparent lowest bidder approximately 4% lower than the estimate. Mark will be bringing a bid award recommendation to the council in April. He also reported that the transportation element of the comprehensive plan is delayed pending details from the city's consultant.
- Councilmember Dunn Lee asked about commercial truck enforcement, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on Officer Eddy's status.
- Councilmember Sandström asked about the strips on SR 9 at Clearlake; Freiberger has requested the same from WSDOT in Sedro-Woolley.
- Councilmember Kornegay asked if any of the bidders were local.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (7-0).

The worksession adjourned at 8:48 p.m.