

RESOLUTION NO. 962-17

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CENTRAL SKAGIT RURAL PARTIAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT INCLUDING THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, THE BUILDING JOINT DEVELOPMENT AND OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT AND THE LIBRARY SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Sedro-Woolley is home to two libraries, the Sedro-Woolley Public Library and the Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District; and

WHEREAS, the Sedro-Woolley Public Library has a long-standing history of serving the Sedro-Woolley School District community; and

WHEREAS, the District was formed by a vote of the people on November 6, 2012, and includes all of the Sedro-Woolley School District except the City of Sedro-Woolley and the towns of Lyman and Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, the District engaged in a robust community engagement process to determine its future plans and concluded that locating a library in Sedro-Woolley would best serve its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City and the District have been actively discussing a regional partnership since late 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Wagoner proposed a partnership concept on January 21, 2016 and that concept has been the topic of numerous City Council meetings and ultimately was the subject of a joint process between the City and the District that resulted in a recommended concept on November 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City Council engaged in a robust public process regarding a possible partnership with the District that included public testimony on December 15, 2015 and February 10, 2016 and also included the adoption of Resolution 943-16 which established a formal public process on June 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's public process included a facilitated special meeting in a workshop/open house format to discuss the recommended concept on February 24, 2017, a second reading on the concept which included public comment on March 8, 2017, a first reading in a question & answer format for the three draft agreements at a special meeting on June 14, 2017, a public hearing on June 14, 2017 and a second reading with opportunity for public comment on July 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has accepted written comments throughout this process as well as comments on the items from the audience at nearly every City Council meeting since January 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City developed a section on its website to provide citizens with direct access to the documents throughout this process and has maintained an updated question and answer document to address specific questions as they have been asked; and

WHEREAS, cooperation among local governments supports the shared mission of each library, expands access, improves services and more efficiently delivers those services; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act in Chapter 39.34 of the Revised Code of Washington authorizes units of general local government to enter into interlocal agreements to cooperate for public benefit purposes; and

WHEREAS, RCW 27.12 specifically authorizes entities to contract for library services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley authorizes Mayor Wagoner to sign three interlocal cooperation agreements: the Partnership Agreement, the Building Joint Development and Ownership Agreement and the Library Services Agreement that allow the City of Sedro-Woolley and the Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District to implement the Library Partnership Concept and partner to deliver library services to the regional Sedro-Woolley community.

PASSED by majority vote of the members of the Sedro-Woolley City Council this 12th day of July, 2017 and signed in authentication of its passage this 13th day of July, 2017.



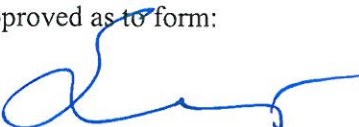
Keith L. Wagoner, Mayor

Attest:



Patsy Nelson, Finance Director

Approved as to form:



Eron Berg, City Attorney