

MINUTES OF CABLE TV COMMISSION MEETING
May 7, 2014
CITY HALL ANNEX – 1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM #1

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Tigges (Chair), Jennifer Tigges, Alan Vincent, Kathy McMullen, Sr. Carol Hoverman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Stevens (Vice-Chair), Pauline Maloney

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Nowack, City of Dubuque
Jim Barefoot, Mediacom
Craig Schaefer, Loras College

RTigges called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Upon a motion by Hoverman, seconded by Vincent, the Agenda was accepted 5 - 0.

Approval of the Minutes of April 2, 2014

Upon a motion by Vincent, seconded by McMullen, the Minutes were approved 4 – 0, Hoverman abstaining.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Access Equipment & Expenditures

Schaefer presented a request for \$18,549 field production gear including cameras, cases, microphones, lights, and solid state recording cards. He noted that Loras students are doing a tremendous amount of production and some of their equipment is very old. RTigges noted that certain adapters are available to record to SD cards in Panasonic P2 drives. Hoverman moved to approve up to \$19,000 for the request. The motion was seconded by Vincent and approved 5 – 0.

From the Archives Presentation

Nowack discussed a new showcase called From the Archives that will premiere on the City's government access channel in June. He provided some background on the showcase which began with the digitizing of some of the City's old videotapes seven years ago. He showed a video of how the showcase will appear on the air.

PEG Channel Proposal

Nowack provided a brief update on this proposal. He is waiting to get a quote for an upgrade to the Annex TV Control Room routing system which he'd like to do simultaneously with the proposal.

Mediacom Cable Report

Barefoot reported that he is looking into a problem that is manifesting itself with the live Mercy Mass telecasts which have no audio on certain Mediacom cable converter boxes. He also informed the Commission that he's been working with the Dubuque Substance Abuse Coalition and expects to have a completed show from a recent event fairly soon.

Cable TV Report

Nowack informed the Commission about two new shows premiering on CityChannel Dubuque this week as well as others that are being considered. He also passed along information about two channels that Mediacom is moving from the Sports & Information tier to the Digital Family Cable tier.

And finally he said that earlier in the day he submitted a recommendation for the Video Production Intern to the City's personnel director.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by McMullen, seconded by Hoverman, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.