

MINUTES OF CABLE TV COMMISSION MEETING
November 6, 2013
CITY HALL ANNEX – 1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM #1

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pauline Maloney (vice-chair), Ron Tigges, Sr. Carol Hoverman, Kevin Stevens, Kathy McMullen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Tigges, Alan Vincent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Nowack, City of Dubuque
Jim Barefoot, Mediacom
David Maloney
Ben Jacobsen, Telegraph Herald

Maloney called the meeting to order at 3:57 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes of October 2, 2013

Upon a motion by Hoverman, seconded by McMullen, the Minutes were approved 5 - 0.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Competitive Cable Provider

Nowack reminded the Commission that he had provided them with copies of the Alliance Technologies application for a competitive cable provider state franchise and the letter he sent on behalf of the City to Alliance. Tracking provided by the US Postal Service shows that the letter is now at a postal facility in Urbandale. The content of the letter is based on provisions of the state law in which the City must request franchise fee payments and outlines the PEG capacity and support the City expects per the state law. Nowack also reminded the Commission that Alliance Technologies told the Telegraph Herald that it has no intention of offering service in Dubuque.

Mediacom Cable Report

Mr. Barefoot said that Mediacom has received approximately 26 applications for the position of his assistant and he expects to begin interviewing soon. He recently has received some fresh programming and is expecting a public service announcement from a Girl Scout troop that was in the studio recently working on their filmmaking badges.

Cable TV Report

Nowack said that in his recent operational budget meeting with the City Manager that for the first time he has put in his five-year equipment replacement schedule upgrading Federal Building and Annex Control Room equipment to HD. He has also requested to replace the cable van next year but he's not sure that will be approved. He updated the Commission on the status of projects in production.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by RTigges, seconded by Stevens, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.