

MINUTES OF CABLE TV COMMISSION MEETING
December 2, 2015
CITY HALL ANNEX – 1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM #1

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy McMullen (Chair), Pauline Maloney, Mark Dolson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Nowack, City of Dubuque
Jim Barefoot, Mediacom
Darin Dean, Mediacom

RTigges called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Upon a motion by Vincent, seconded by Hoverman, the Agenda was approved 4 - 0.

Approval of the Minutes of October 14, 2015

Upon a motion by JTigges, seconded by Vincent, the Minutes were approved 4 - 0.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Request for Funding

Nowack presented a request on behalf of the access community for \$63,429 for the necessary equipment to be able to send digital audio & video from the four local PEG origination sites to Mediacom's head end. Mediacom would purchase and install the digital equipment and be reimbursed from the PEG fund. The project also requires some cabling work to be done at Loras College, The Forum, and City Hall Annex to get SDI video from the video router to the fiber room at each location. Darin Dean, technical supervisor for Mediacom in Dubuque, was on hand to answer questions. JTigges wondered if it was necessary to purchase two spare digital encoders and the general consensus was that we should. RTigges noted that currently only City Hall Annex is capable of providing true SDI video and that the other sites would need to convert their analog audio & video to SDI. Nowack said he expected that once this digital modulation equipment is in place, he expected the other sites to install digital routing equipment like the City did a year ago. Darin Dean said the quality of the channels should improve either way. Hoverman moved to approve up to \$63,500 for the project. The motion was seconded by Vincent and approved 4 - 0.

Mediacom Cable Report

Barefoot reported some continuing issues with his Carousel graphics server changing IP addresses and will be contacting Tightrope and his local IT person to get this resolved.

Cable TV Report

Nowack said that the new Cablecast HD server was installed and configured on Tuesday and is now on the air. Cable TV staff is working on populating the new HD graphics server with images in preparation for it to go into service perhaps by next week. He then showed some clips from the City's annual holiday program, a series of three programs in which the face of Dubuque was captured while driving the local streets.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Vincent, seconded by JTigges, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.