

MINUTES OF CABLE TV COMMISSION MEETING
September 7, 2016
CITY HALL ANNEX – 1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM #1

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Dolson.

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

JTigges called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Upon a motion by Vincent, seconded by McMullen, the agenda was approved 6 - 0.

Approval of the Minutes of June 8, 2016

Upon a motion by RTigges, seconded by Maloney, minutes of the June 8, 2016, meeting were approved 6 - 0.

Public Input

Hoverman discussed the Telegraph-Herald Friday TV supplement and noted that not all the PEG channels were listed. Barefoot recounted conversations he had had with the TH editor about this. RTigges noted there was plenty of room on the page for it. Nowack said he would write the TH about this.

Mediacom Cable Report

Barefoot said the IP issues that had the public access channel off the air for some days in August have now been resolved. He also discussed a conversation he had with people at Mercy Hospital regarding their desire to produce a monthly prayer service.

Cable TV Report

Nowack reported that Mediacom technicians were in the Annex earlier in the afternoon installing the digital encoding equipment that will enable the local PEG channels to send digital signals to Mediacom rather than the analog signals that are now being sent. Similar equipment has already been installed at The Forum and Mediacom, and that it is scheduled to be installed at Loras College on Friday. Activating this digital equipment is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday morning and will take the PEG channels off the air for a matter of hours while fiber is being re-patched. JTigges asked if the public would be notified, and Nowack said he would contact his cable Notify Me e-mail list as well as run an announcement on the two city channels.

Nowack also discussed projects currently in production and noted that this week has four live telecasts beginning with the Labor Day Parade on Monday and ending with the State of the City Address on Thursday night.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Hoverman, seconded by Vincent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.