

MINUTES OF CABLE TV COMMISSION MEETING
March 7, 2018
CITY HALL ANNEX – 1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM #1

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pauline Maloney (Chair), Ron Tigges, Jennifer Tigges (Vice-Chair), Kathy McMullen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sr. Carol Hoverman, Alan Vincent. One seat is vacant.

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Nowack, City of Dubuque
Darin Dean, Mediacom
Nathan Ripperger, University of Dubuque

Maloney called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Upon a motion by JTigges, seconded by McMullen, the agenda was approved 4 - 0.

Approval of the Minutes of January 3, 2017

Upon a motion by McMullen, seconded by JTigges, minutes of the January 3, 2018, meetings were approved 4 – 0.

Public Input

Mr. Ripperger thanked the Commission for their capital support and provided an overview of the programming produced at the university. He said their poetry readings and Wendt lecture series are popular. They are working on doing more athletic events and are hoping to improve the quality of the accompanying audio commentary before submitting to the shared educational channel.

PEG Grant Programming Obligations

Nowack reported on the PEG programming obligation responses. He also provided a list of all the PEG grants to date and suggested that in the future letters not be required of those whose grants are eight to ten years old. In many of those cases the people requesting the funding are no longer at their positions and the equipment is now very old. Regarding the number of years that PEG programming obligations remain in effect, the Commission discussed determining those on a case-by-case basis. An entity receiving a large grant might be held to a longer obligation period than an entity requesting merely a small camcorder.

Mediacom Cable Report

Dean informed the Commission that an interview has been conducted with an individual for the local public access producer position, but no one has been hired yet. He re-affirmed Mediacom's to PEG broadcasting.

Cable TV Report

Nowack informed the Commission that he had Tightrope Media Systems re-configure the playback equipment at Mediacom after failure of one of the components there. He noted that both the playback and graphics servers there are due for replacement. He said he would discuss with the interim public access producer the possibility of getting quotes to replace that equipment. He also discussed the City's ongoing efforts to obtain permission to fly a drone over the Southwest Arterial construction corridor, the entirety of which is in restricted airspace. He said there are plans shortly to request funding for a 4K camcorder and for tweaking the equipment at the Historic Federal Building. He showed a recently completed video for the new WaterSmart web portal launch as well as the Cable TV budget video presented to the City Council last month.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by RTigges seconded by McMullen, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.