

CITY OF MONONA
Cable TV
Broadband Telecommunications Citizens Commission
Tuesday, January 25, 2011
MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair Jeff Wiswell, Paul Meyer, Linda Hoelzel, Lindsay Wood Davis, Susan Manning

Commissioners absent: Deb Whitehorse, Val Edwards

Staff Present: Media Coordinator Andrew Hagen

Guests Present: Eric Redding,

Chairman Wiswell called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

Minutes of the November 25, 2011 were approved with a motion from Commissioner Hoelzel, and a second from Commissioner Davis. Minutes approved unanimously.

Appearances: There were no appearances.

Old Business

a. LPFM Application

Commissioner Davis reported that Congress had passed, and the President had signed a law, which will allow for many new LPFM licenses to be issued by the FCC. It is now up to the FCC to make the rules, which could be 90 days or 6 months, but will probably take a year. Mr. Hagen showed the form from the 2004 window, which he had completed, but said there wasn't a category for municipalities, so he had filled it as a non-profit. Commissioner Davis would contact a member of the FCC to see if they expected to change the forms for municipalities. Mr. Hagen said the form did not have places for letters of support from local groups and businesses. Commissioner Davis said it is typical for the initial forms to be set up that way. Chairman Wiswell said most electronic forms try to reduce extra forms to make comparisons easier. Commissioner Meyer reported all members of the LPFM sub-committee except one were still involved in the Monona Grove area. Commissioner Manning said the committee should update the MG school board..

b. Database of Monona Residents/Notification System

Mr. Hagen reported a demonstration of the GIS system that assistant city engineer Jeff Greger is working on. It is a long-term project, but makes identifying residents affected by multiple categories very easy, though it would not have a means to make the notification. Commissioner Meyer noted that LPFM could also be used to notify many residents in a short time. Commissioner Hoelzel noted either system would have been helpful to declare snow emergencies like the one earlier in January.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Hagen reported on recent projects, and several upcoming projects including Candidate Forums, a Monona Drive Presentation, School Board listening Sessions and a Green Monona Tour.

Adjournment. Commissioner Davis moved for adjournment and was seconded by Commissioner Meyer. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.