

CITY OF MONONA
Cable TV
Broadband Telecommunications Citizens Commission
Thursday, February 18, 2010
MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair Jeff Wiswell, Paul Meyer, Val Edwards, Deb Whitehorse, Linda Hoelzel, Susan Manning

Commissioners absent: Lindsay Wood Davis

Staff Present: Media Coordinator Andrew Hagen

Guests Present: Eric Redding

Chair Wiswell called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Minutes of the October 1st, 2009 meeting were approved with a motion from Commissioner Meyer, and a second from Commissioner Edwards. Minutes approved unanimously.

Appearances: There were no appearances.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

a. Budget Report

Mr. Hagen reported franchise fees for 2009 were expected to be 97% of what was budgeted. By controlling costs to 93% of budgeted, Mr. Hagen expected to add about \$5,000 into the reserve fund.

b. Corrective Legislation

Mr. Hagen reported on 3 bills to correct Act 42 from 2008. The first is expected to die in a Utilities Committee, which proposed the 2007 Cable Bill. The second bill, removed other utility rules making it PEG only, and was referred to a Local Municipality Committee, which is likely to pass it up to the State Legislature. Chairman Wiswell noted that even on the floor, few non-budget bills are likely to pass this year. The last bill is a Federal Bill proposed by Representative Tammy Baldwin. Mr. Hagen reported how the bill is waiting for more sponsors and will also move slowly.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Hagen reported a busy schedule for the staff recently including a Jessie Vetter Rally, 2 concerts, 3 listening sessions, 2 staff sessions, and several sports. Mr. Hagen had also managed to redirect the address of the old website to the new one, and corrected an error in the city's email from the switch. Mr. Hagen was looking for a replacement for an old DVD player, and was considering a Blue Ray player. Mr. Hagen reported how the Municipal Judge was willing to televise initial hearing, as other communities do, and suggested the committee discuss it at a future meeting.

Adjournment. Commissioner Meyer moved for adjournment and was seconded by Commissioner Hoelzel. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.