

MINUTES

Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission

REGULAR MEETING

January 4, 2006

The regular meeting of the Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission was held at 4:00 p.m. on January 4, 2006 in the OCAT studio of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Witte and roll call was taken. Present were members Mr. Tower, Mr. Kerkhof, Mrs. Sieber, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Lowe. Also present was Jon Urben, Cable Media Services Director for Oshkosh Community Access Television.

Chairman Witte then asked for consideration of the minutes from the September 7, 2005 meeting. It was moved by Mrs. Sieber, seconded by Mr. Tower, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Witte then asked for any communications from cable subscribers and/or the general public. Mr. Gordon Doule addressed to the Commission a request that they revise the CATV policies to allow producers such as himself to ask for a "sum of money" from guests such as politicians to appear on his local resident program. In turn, Mr. Doule noted he would use these funds to "pay for volunteers and other supplies" needed to produce his program, as he has been unable to secure other volunteers to help him.

Some discussion then followed on Mr. Doule's proposal. Chairman Witte specified two areas within the CATV 2 policies that prohibit the use of access equipment and/or facilities for personal financial remuneration. Mr. Urben noted that even if the Commission were to consider overturning the current policies prohibiting personal gain from access equipment or facilities, the City's cable franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable has specific language stating access channels and equipment are to be used for non-profit and non-commercial purposes. Chairman Witte asked if any of the members were willing to consider Mr. Doule's proposal and all members indicated no.

As there was no Report of the Franchisee, Chairman Witte then asked for the Report of OCAT. Mr. Urben noted most of OCAT's focus as of late was on the final preparations required to launch WOCT- the low-power FM radio station set to debut on January 23 at 5 p.m. Mr. Urben reviewed a powerpoint pamphlet about WOCT and the OCAT/Friends of OCAT relationship in this project. Discussion then followed on various technical, promotional, programming, staffing and production issues related to the launching of WOCT. Mr. Urben noted that Scott Williams from their staff has assumed the responsibilities of programming WOCT and would be available to provide short tours of the new WOCT studio following the meeting.

There being no Unfinished Business and no New Business, Chairman Witte noted the next Commission meeting would be Wednesday, March 1 at 4 p.m. Upon motion by Mr. Tower, seconded by Mrs. Sieber, the Commission adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon G. Urban

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cc: Mr. Richard Wollangk
Mr. Bill Harkey