

**City of Bloomington
Telecommunications Council
Business Meeting – June 4th, 2013**

**Common Council Chambers
City Hall at the Showers Building
401 N. Morton St.**

I. Members Present: Thom Gillespie, Carl Zager, and Duane Busick

Members Absent: Eric Ost

Note: There is one vacant position available on the Telecommunications Council.

II. Public Comment - None

III. Approval of Minutes: Carl Zager motioned to accept the May minutes. Duane Busick seconded the motion. Thom Gillespie called for the question, and all were in favor.

IV. Reports and Announcements

1. Telecom Members: None

2. WTIU – Phil Mayer

* Reports quarterly, because we have a PBS channel, channel 17. This is WTIU World that broadcast public affairs programming.

*Report for the three month was sent to council by email.

* Local Programming/ Weekly specials “In Focus & the Friday Zone” are now available on any mobile platform. An “M” needs to be placed before the video player address.

* In the last 2 weeks, PBS has developed roku channel for those who have a set top box. Those interested just go to PBS, punch in your zip code, select WTIU, and they will be able to view local programming.

*“The Friday Zone” won its 2nd consecutive regional Emmy award for Outstanding Children’s Special or Series. It is the 4th award they have received. Producer Holly Gregory won in a craft category for the show as well. Five total regional Emmy awards have been won for the show.

*We continue to work with the library and the city to connect the library to the telecom hotel, to AT&T U-verse and help provide technical support.

2. CATS – Martin O’Neil

* Monthly programming

* Jason Radke attended the Central States Alliance for Community Media conference. After he returns a report will be created and shared.

- 182 programs added to collection
- 33 community events
- 33 Governmental meetings
- 110 patron programs
- 6 PSA
- 128 Program duplications

V. Information from or about Video Service Provider –

Duane Busick – We have numbers from Comcast for the first quarter of 2013. There is an adjustment in income of over 2,250,000.00

They reported: \$2, 710,138.00 (120,000 approximately more than the previous first quarter of 2012.

Does anyone know why there was an adjustment made?

Carl Zager - It seems to me that this has happened before, but not this large of a figure. I would like to propose that we put together an analysis of the franchise payment trends over at least 2011, 2012, & 2013 for all 3 video service providers. I would like to include incidents of incorrect payment, adjustments, and late payments. Then we forward that report in the form of council report to the Board of Public Works with appropriate recommendations.

Duane Busick – 2nd the motion

Carl Zager – We have no way of verifying the amount of subscribers, what services they are using. At one time, we did but they are no longer required to do that under the law. This is a big adjustment. It's a red flag!

Questioned called: All in favor, motioned passed.

Duane Busick – We did receive a little money from Smithville, \$153.00. We hadn't received anything from them for the last two quarters. We ought to see if we can get franchise numbers from Richland Bean-Blossom, Town of Ellettsville, and Monroe County.

Work Session planned for Monday, June 17 th, 6pm at the CATS to work on putting the analysis report together.

Carl Zager- I will check with Eric Ost. I know he has been collecting this data too.

VI. Old Business - None

VII. New Business

VII. Adjournment

Thom Gillespie motioned for adjournment.

Next Regular Meeting

July 2nd, 2013

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