

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
COUNCIL

SUMMATION OF MINUTES  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2007

**I. Introduction and Comments**

Members present:

Carl Zager

Suzann Owen

Jesse Strycker

Eric Ost

Others present:

Martin O'Neill, CATS

Justin Goodwin

Rick Dietz

**Public:**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Busick moved to approve the August 7, 2007 minutes. Strycker motioned to approve and Zager seconded. Minutes approved 5-0-0.

Busick moved to approve the September 4, 2007 minutes. Owen motioned to approve and Strycker seconded. Minutes approved 5-0-0.

**Old Business**

**IV. Public Comment**

No one from the public was present.

## **Reports and Announcements**

### **A.) BTC Members**

No reports were given.

### **B.) CATS**

**The report is in the official record.**

Martin O'Neill presented the report to the council.

### **C.) Insight Communications**

**The report is in the official record.**

There was no one present from Insight. They are not required to attend due to the franchise being at the State level now.

### **D.) WTIU/TIU2**

**The report is in the official record.**

There was no one present from WTIU/TIU2. Phil Meyer is only required to attend quarterly meetings due to the new franchise agreement. Busick presented the monthly report to the council.

### **E.) AT&T**

No one from AT&T was present.

Busick asked Dietz if he had any response from AT&T. Dietz stated that everyone should have gotten a copy of the letters that had gone out regarding the status of AT&T and their adding of the PEG channels to their UVerse line up. Dietz stated that he had a meeting with Ms. Rhodes, an attorney from AT&T, and she let Dietz know that the letter that the council had received was also circulating AT&T regarding the adding of the PEG channels but he has had failed attempts at getting back in touch with Ms. Rhodes.

Owen asked about an onsite visit on 9/5/07 that AT&T was supposed to attend. Dietz stated that the site visit did occur and AT&T did attend as well as their contractors. AT&T visited CATS and WTIU. This was an overview and research type of visit. O'Neill stated that if they were to accommodate AT&T their engineers would install the equipment that they need at AT&T's expense. Ost asked if they will need 24 hour access to the library if they have equipment problems. O'Neill stated that this is not something that has come up yet. Owen asked; on a technical scale from 1-10, of this being able to be done. O'Neill stated that there are no technical barriers in AT&T getting their equipment installed.

Zager asked what the council could do in getting an investigation begun on the feasibility of Wi-Fi in Bloomington. Dietz stated that right now they are not at an open house kind of stage yet but that the council could assist in getting the word out and researching information on the subject.

Strycker stated that he has seen AT&T trucks with UVerse logo's on the side of them in the Bloomington area and did some research and it is still not available in the area and the trucks that he is seeing are actually service trucks with the UVerse advertisement.

#### **F.) Bloomington Digital Underground**

There was not a recent meeting so there was nothing to report at meeting time. Dietz stated that there will be a meeting very soon and the information for the time and date for that meeting will be posted.

### **III. Old Business**

#### **A.) The role of the BTC.**

### **IV. New Business**

Busick stated that he would be in favor of the council having a work session to work on recommendations as to what should be included in the next franchise law. Ost stated that Matt Pierce being invited would probably be a good idea. Zager stated that he would like to take the November 13, 2007 meeting and use it as a work session. Zager agreed that Representative Pierce should be invited and asked if inviting the IURC would be completely out of line. Busick stated that he did not think that this would be out of line at all. Zager stated that he thought that other entities such as TIU2, CATS, AT&T and Insight should be involved along with Monroe County Telecommunications. Busick asked Justin to please add this to the agenda. O'Neill asked if they could move rooms for better camera coverage. Owen asked if the meeting could be moved out of City Hall and maybe to the library. O'Neill said that this could be done and that the library would be preferable. Busick asked Justin to book the McCloskey Room for the meeting due to no library availability.

### **V. Adjournment**

The next official meeting of the Telecommunications Council is set for Tuesday November 13, 2007 at 7:30 in the McCloskey Room