

CABLE COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 11th, 2008

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Kopitzke, Tate, Way, Herter

OTHERS: Director Hoerth, Johnson

Chairman Kopitzke brought the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Herter moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Tate. Carried by all.

Hoerth reported on the budget, the only increases proposed are in wages and benefits for the 2009 operating budget. The department will also propose after the first of the year to purchase an additional High Definition video camera. This camera would be a back up to the one that the producer takes off site and also replace one of the oldest cameras used for broadcasting the city council meetings.

Johnson reported that Charter has announced that they will “duel–broadcast” New London Access on Analog channel 96 and digital channel 990 so those without a digital cable box will still be able to view New London Access.

Johnson then gave a tour of the new digital playback system to the committee members.

Chairman’s Report – None

Committee Members Report- Way noted of a recent newspaper article in which the Oshkosh Cable Commission announced that they were disbanding due to the State taking over the cable franchise contracts. The article explains that the Oshkosh Cable Commission primarily worked on and regulated the franchise contract, and now that the State took it over the Oshkosh Cable Commission is not needed. The New London Cable Commission is set up a bit different in that it regulates the New London Access service so the purpose of the two commissions are not the same.

Way also inquired if the new bulletin board program could be hooked up to an exterior marquee and suggested getting a marquee in front of the Municipal Building to promote city services and community events. The commission suggested bringing up the possibility of purchasing a marquee during the budget process.

Way moved to adjourn, seconded by Herter, carried by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Sectary,
Chad R. Hoerth
Director of Park, Recreation & Cable 3