

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF NEW BERLIN
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
Wednesday March 21, 2007 5:00 PM**

**NEW BERLIN CITY HALL
3805 S. Casper Drive
Common Council Chambers**

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Communications Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Ken Harenda called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

Roll Call; Declaration of Quorum and Public Notice

Members Present: Alderman John Hopkins, Bruce Peterka and Kris Scalzo. Excused: Alderman Paul Gallagher. Quorum was met with 4 of the 5 members present. Also present: City Attorney Mark Blum and City Clerk Marilyn Gauger.

Minutes

Motion by Alderman John Hopkins to approve the January 17, 2007 as printed. Seconded by Kris Scalzo and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Networking of City Structures – Fiber Optics – Time Warner Contract.

No action.

Responsibilities of the Communications Committee/Structure/By-Laws.

No action.

Discussion on electronic (paperless) agenda packets.

- Council E-Packet System & Paperless Initiative.

City Clerk Gauger indicated the e-Packet should start at Plan Commission because all their documents are in digital format. IT Director Nick Roethel is having conversations with Director of Community Development Greg Kessler to get his input. IT Director Roethel to bring forward to this committee his plan for starting with Plan Commission. Committee members requested input from Plan Commission members after implementation takes place.

Discussion on Wireless Communications – WiFi Issue – City of New Berlin.

Alderman Harenda indicated that originally this item was referred to this body from Common Council directing the Committee to recommend what is the best avenue to take. Alderman Harenda read IT Director Roethel's email regarding this issue in his absence.

Motion by Alderman John Hopkins that New Berlin is not interested in approaching a public or private WiFi provider at this time but will remain vigilante in monitoring WiFi technology as it becomes fiscally and technically appropriate. Seconded by Bruce Peterka and carried unanimously.

Discussion on Franchise Agreements – Federal Level (FCC).

The FCC came out with text regarding their decision on cable vs. new AT&T system. Alderman Harenda indicated we are monitoring and will come forward with our position at the local level.

Request to provide internet access in the Council Chambers & discussion on funding this installation/service.

Alderman Harenda indicated IT Director Roethel is looking to bring service into the council chambers.

Discussion regarding request from AT&T for a license for their light speed program within the City of New Berlin.

This item is in Closed Session.

Discussion regarding AT&T's New U-Verse TV Service within the City of New Berlin.

This item is in Closed Session.

City Clerk Gauger read the following:

Closed Session

The basis for the items to be discussed in Closed Session are as enumerated in Section 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; more specifically discussion on the AT& T New U-Verse TV Service within the City of New Berlin.

Motion by Kris Scalzo to go to Closed Session at 5:15 PM. Seconded by Bruce Peterka and carried per roll call vote unanimously.

Motion by Alderman John Hopkins to reconvene in Open Session at 5:42 PM. Seconded by Bruce Peterka and carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion by Kris Scalzo to adjourn at 5:43 PM. Seconded by Bruce Peterka and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Marilyn Gauger, CMC/WCMC
City Clerk