

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF NEW BERLIN
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 18, 2006
5:00 PM
Common Council Chambers

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

Members Present: Alderman Harenda, Alderman Hopkins and Alderman Gallagher

Member Absent: Dave Broker

Others Present: Mayor Jack Chiovatero, City Attorney Mark Blum and City Clerk Marilyn Gauger

Alderman Harenda called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

New Business:

Approval of Minutes from the July 20, 2005 meeting

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve the July 20, 2005 minutes as printed. Seconded by Alderman Harenda and carried with Alderman Gallagher abstaining.

Chairman Harenda asked that we go to Old Business at this time.

Old Business:

Review City of New Berlin policies for allowing public usage of Council Chambers for meetings, this includes use of AV equipment and broadcasting capability and Resolution No. 96-26A, Resolution Declaring Official Rules For Use of City Hall by New Berlin Organizations.

CITY HALL USE POLICY

The Committee discussed the policies regarding use, fees and prohibited uses. It was agreed that the City Attorney would review the application prepared by the City Clerk and will draft a new resolution, rescinding the old one (Resolution No. 26-96), and adopting a new one. The will be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.

City Clerk Marilyn Gauger mentioned Conference A/B and wording will be added about reserving space with the City Clerk.

Motion made by Alderman Hopkins to adopt a new policy with discussed changes and the City Attorney will draft the new resolution. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher and carried unanimously.

GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL POLICY

City Attorney Mark Blum and the Committee discussed the fact that the primary focus had to be that this was for governmental purposes. The Committee discussed the Scope and Policy including appeals to the policy and non-governmental entities as well as prohibited programming.

Tape delay of events was discussed and it was agreed that if it applies to one it applies to all.

The Committee agreed that the Audio Visual policy needs work.

It was agreed that declared write-in candidates could not participate in the Voter Forum.

The City Attorney will make changes to the Government Access Channel and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Communications Committee.

New Business:

Possibility of hourly fee for staff to run the equipment for various events, such as forums

There was discussion by the Committee members.

Motion by Alderman Harenda to charge a \$25.00 hourly fee if staff is running our equipment for various events. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher and carried unanimously.

At this time, Old Business continued.

Old Business:

Discussion of review/requirement of a City Public Access Channel

No action taken.

Update from staff on Audio / Visual Equipment Installation.

Installation is completed and this item will be removed from the agenda.

Discussion on the renewal of the Time Warner Cable Contract – Expires 4/25/07

No action taken.

Networking of City Structures – Fiber Optics – Time Warner Contract

No action taken.

Responsibilities of the Communications Committee/Structure/By-Laws

No action taken.

Adjourn

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to adjourn at 6:10 PM. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

John Hopkins, Alderman
City of New Berlin