

OWOSSO CABLE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMISSION

MAY 19, 2010

5:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: CHAIRPERSON JAMES GUTTING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: CHAIRPERSON JAMES GUTTING

PRESENT: Commissioners W. Shaffer Fox, Christopher Hardwick, Jack Johnson, and Eddie Urban, Vice Chairperson Michael Tillotson and Chairperson James Gutting.

ABSENT: None.

SET TIME LIMIT AND RE-AFFIRM RULES OF CONDUCT

Motion by Commissioner Fox to set a time limit of 60 minutes and re-affirm the Rules of Conduct.

Motion supported by Commissioner Hardwick and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Urban to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of a discussion on the implementation of a schedule as soon as the new equipment is installed.

Motion supported by Commissioner Hardwick and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Fox to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2010 as presented.

Motion supported by Commissioner Urban and concurred in by unanimous vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

FCC RULES

There was a very brief discussion regarding the FCC Rules and the ruling by the Supreme Court upholding the First Amendment rights of programmers to submit any viewpoint for playback.

CABLE EQUIPMENT BID

There was significant discussion regarding buying proprietary equipment or self engineering a computer system that is capable of broadcasting without trapping the City into one specific hardware/software package. City Clerk Amy Kohagen noted that she had received advice from an experienced cable operator suggesting the City steer clear of a self engineered system and stick to systems dedicated to the purpose of broadcasting.

There was further discussion regarding the quality of the Leightronix system offered by Roscor and members positive past experience with equipment from this manufacturer. A service contract was discussed and a one year contract was recommended.

Motion by Commissioner Hardwick to recommend to Council the Roscor bid for Leightronix broadcast equipment with a one year service contract in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Motion supported by Commissioner Fox and concurred in by unanimous vote.

The Commission went on to discuss scheduling and the current issues regarding the lack of scheduling.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rebecca Tillotson noted that Midland has equipment available to the general public for the recording and production of programming. She thought the availability of such equipment would help draw interest to channel 95.

Burton Fox said he felt the City had lost 50% of its viewership because of scheduling issues over the last couple of months. He asked that a schedule be developed immediately.

Chairperson Gutting noted that it would be helpful if programmers would allow their programs to be ingested in the computer so that they may be scheduled for broadcast rather than playing on the DVD player as the player does not allow for scheduling unless it is continuously monitored.

There was further discussion regarding scheduling. City Clerk Kohagen indicated her office would try to accommodate the request as staff time permitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Fox to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

Motion supported by Vice Chairperson Tillotson and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk