

MINUTES OF MURRAY CABLE COMMISSION
January 24, 2018
4:00 P.M.

The Murray Cable Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Chair John Yates presiding.

Members Present: Chair John Yates, Mr. Buford Anderson, Ms. Brenda Rowland, Ms. Janice Thomasson

Member Absent: Ms. Jane Shoemaker

Staff Present: Danna Clayton, Jim Osborne, Mayor Rose

Guests Present: Tina Cox, Mandy Philips

Chair Yates called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and there was a moment of silence for the tragedy in Marshall County.

The minutes of December 6, 2017 were presented for approval. **Ms. Rowland Moved; seconded by Mr. Anderson. All members present voted aye.**

Chair's Report

Chair Yates stated the meeting calendar has not been finalized and he will bring to the February meeting for approval. He stated the next meeting will be February 28, 2018.

Election of Officers

Mr. Osborne stated he and the Mayor recommend Dr. Yates as Chairman and Brenda Rowland as Vice Chairman. **Ms. Thomasson Moved; seconded by Mr. Anderson. All members present voted aye.**

Net Neutrality

Ms. Thomasson reported on December 14, 2017, the FCC voted to repeal Net Neutrality rules prohibiting Internet providers from slowing down or blocking websites. She stated a lawsuit challenging the decision was subsequently filed by the Attorneys General of twenty-one states, including Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear and concurrently, fifty U. S. Senators support legislation to reverse the FCC decision. She stated the support of one more senator is needed for it to be sent to the House of Representatives for a vote and if the measure is approved, it must be signed by the President. Ms. Thomasson stated many believe state and local action has the best chance of making an impact on restoring Net Neutrality in the short term. Ms. Thomasson stated she made a statement online on behalf of the City of Murray Cable Commission and recommends City of Murray Cable Commission members send a message urging Senators Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul, and Representative Jamie Comer to support legislation to restore Net Neutrality.

Mr. Osborne stated the TV service from Spectrum has not been moved to the new City Hall. Mr. Osborne stated he believes the franchise agreement requires Spectrum and Murray Electric Cable to provide the Government channel, show the council meetings live, and to attend the Cable Commission meetings. Mayor Rose stated the franchise agreement will be looked at.

Ms. Cox stated Murray Electric Cable did lose two channels but the majority of the feed-back has been good.

With no further business before the Commission, **Ms. Thomasson moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Rowland. All members present voted aye.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.