

**CITY OF ANTIGO
BROADBAND UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 25, 2016**

A meeting of the Broadband Utility Commission was held on the above date at 4:36 p.m., at the Multi-Purpose Room in City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Alderperson Balcerzak and Jaime Horswill, Clerical/Utility Assistant, recorded the minutes thereof.

Members Present: Andrew Hessedal, Matthew Wiegert (arriving at 4:31 pm), Robert Cornelius, Ben Wilhelm (arriving at 4:33 pm) and Alderperson Balcerzak

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jim Pike, Communications & Technology Supervisor; Brandon Irish, Cirrinity; and Jaime Horswill, Clerical/Utility Assistant.

1. Election of Officers

Andrew Hessedal nominated Ben Wilhelm to continue to serve as Chairperson. With no other nominations, Alderperson Balcerzak moved, Andrew Hessedal seconded, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ben Wilhelm as Chairperson. Carried 4-0, Absent 1.

Jim Pike, Communications & Technology Supervisor, advised that this commission needs to meet once a year. The City of Antigo formed the Broadband Utility and then sold it to Cirrinity on a lease purchase agreement. If something should happen with the lease purchase agreement, the utility would revert back to the City of Antigo. This is why the commission needs to remain active.

At this time Chairperson Wilhelm arrived and presided over the meeting.

Alderperson Balcerzak nominated Robert Cornelius to serve as Vice Chairperson. With no other nominations, Andrew Hessedal moved, Ben Wilhelm seconded, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Robert Cornelius as Vice Chairperson. Carried 5-0.

Mr. Pike advised that the Clerk-Treasurer could continue to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Pike will continue to serve as the Utility Manager.

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2. Update and Report from Cirrinity

Brandon Irish, Cirrinity, advised that last year fiber was run to Polar (down Highway 64) and Phlox (down Highway 47), and to Courtland and MacIntosh Subdivisions.

Mr. Irish advised that this year they were awarded a grant and will be running fiber to Mattoon to the school and water tower. Fiber will be run to Silver Birch Ranch as well. There have been discussions regarding the existing fiber in Antigo. Fiber to houses is a possibility in certain areas, but is currently on the back burner with the two projects (Mattoon and Silver Birch) this summer.

Mr. Irish advised that this year there was a substantial increase in customer base and additional towers and hops added.

Upon inquiry by Robert Cornelius, Mr. Irish indicated that currently Cirrinity has fiber running down Highway 64 ending just before Elton.

Mr. Irish indicated that Cirrinity's market area is rural customers. The problem within the City is that there are other competitors that charge \$20 - \$30 a month for Internet and Cirrinity's base package begins at \$60 a month plus an install cost. There is a value to have fiber within your home, but it is a hard sell.

Mr. Irish noted they do have air fiber serving some of the rural schools.

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3. High School E-Rate Update

Mr. Pike noted that when the City built the Broadband Utility part of the arrangements were to run fiber to the school. This was accomplished by utilizing the E-Rate program to cover the construction cost. This July the bill should be paid and the E-Rate payments will be completed.

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4. Payment of Invoices (if any)

None

5. Any Other Matters Authorized by Law to be Discussed

NONE

6. Adjournment

Hessedal moved, Cornelius seconded, to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. Carried 5-0.

APPROVED

Ben Wilhelm, Chairperson

Date