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City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
2007-0504	Communication	In Committee
	Communciation from Stanley Russell requesting closed captioning be provided on the West Allis cable channel.	
	Introduced: 8/7/2007	Controlling Body: License & Health Committee

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

ACTION DATE	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>8/7/07</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Barczak				
			Czaplewski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			Dobrowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			Kopplin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			Lajsic				
			Narlock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			Reinke				
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sengstock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			Vitale				
			Weigel				
			TOTAL	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>		

SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Kurt Kopplin _____
 Chair Vice-Chair Member

COMMON COUNCIL ACTION **PLACE ON FILE**

ACTION DATE	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>AUG - 7 2007</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Barczak				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Czaplewski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			Dobrowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			Kopplin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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			Reinke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			Sengstock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			Vitale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			Weigel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			TOTAL	<u>9</u>			<u>1</u>

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July 31, 07

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JUL 31 2007

CITY OF WEST ALLIS
CLERK/TREASURER

Stanley Russell #
PO Box 12003
Milwaukee Wis
53212-0003

Violating the closed rule,
49 C.F.R. § 79.1.

Request we
Send a response
letter to
Stanley Russell
at PO Box
even if held.

To whom it may concern

This letter is about closed captioning
that's law now by FCC. closed captioning or
CC is the Name its for the deaf & hard of
hearing so they can enjoy the television like
you. It has once many stations that
didn't have it I wrote many letters even
to cable stations. I called your station
before but never got nothing out of it.
So now you have a letter here asking for
~~the reason for the delay~~ See for yourself July 27
ON 25 GUT Acc channel at 8:00pm hearing
Loss trying to talk about hearing loss
maybe you can tell me something. I wear 2 hearing
aids at all time so I can hear, others in the
house here is deaf why talk to TV up to high.
Please Note copies will be sent to (FCC) any
cable channel that might do your job
Please reply to me.

Stanley Russell
P.O. Box 12003
Milwaukee Wis

414-899-9539

cc: Jerry M.



Note here letters has been written to others in the pas this is just one station.

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JUL 31 2007

CITY OF WEST ALLIS
CLERK/TREASURER

Stanley J. Russell
PO Box 12003
Milwaukee, WI 53212-0003

February 10, 2005

Dear Stanley J. Russell:

Thank you for contacting Discovery Networks. We appreciate your taking the time to express your thoughts and concerns to us regarding the closed captioning on our programming. Comments such as yours are very important to us, and we will forward them on to our programming management and executives.

Discovery Networks is committed to meeting the Federal Communications Commission's closed captioning requirements and to making its programming accessible to hearing-impaired viewers, those who use captioning as an aid towards learning English and others who find captioning useful. Per the Federal Communications Commission's mandate, Discovery Networks will continue to add closed captioning to daytime and primetime programs on Discovery Channel, TLC, Animal Planet and Travel Channel. With limited exception provided by law, Discovery Networks will caption 100 percent of its programming on all of its channels by January 1, 2006.

If you have any further inquiries or comments, please contact us via our webform at <http://extweb.discovery.com/ViewerRelations>.

Thanks again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,
Viewer Relations
Discovery Networks

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CITY OF WEST ALLIS

WISCONSIN



Department of Administration & Finance
Office of Cable Communications

JERRY MUSIAL
Video/Cable Communications Coordinator

August 21, 2007

Stanley Russell
PO Box 12003
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212-003

Dear Mr. Russell,

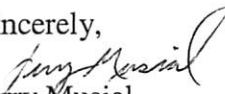
I am responding to your letter dated July 31, 2007 and our phone conversation on Thursday, August 16, 2007, regarding closed captioning for the Common Council Meetings cablecast on City Channel 25.

Under FCC guidelines there is the 2% expense rule, wherein if captioning costs are more than 2% of revenues then the facility is exempt from captioning requirements. The City of West Allis received \$559,000 in franchise fees from Time Warner Cable and 2% of that is \$11,000. I have checked with post-captioning costs and for our Meetings, which run an average of 45 – 60 minutes the costs would be \$15,000 to \$20,000. And, with post-captioning I have to send a recorded version to the facility, which they caption and return to me. This process takes approximately 8 – 10 days, which would negate my ability to replay the meeting several times before the next one is recorded.

As for live real-time captioning those costs are even more extreme, since I would have to have a stenographer on site recording verbatim what is transpiring, and specialized computer software to do the actual captioning. I do however agree with you that persons who are deaf or hard of hearing should be entitled to know what is going on in their local government. I am therefore going to look into the costs of having someone at the Council Meetings “Sign” what is being said during the meeting.

I will contact you again, when I have actual costs as they pertain to “Signing” the Council proceedings. Thank you for bringing this issue to my attention.

Sincerely,


Jerry Musial