

**City of Barnesville
Special Meeting
April 19, 2004**

Mayor Ken Bauer called this special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Ken Bauer, Council members Del Ellefson, Charles Martinson, Roger Cooper and Chad Hagen. Absent were council members Guy Swenson and Kim Simonsen. Others in attendance were City Administrator Ray Miller and General Manager/Utilities Jerry Dow.

Council Members Kim Simonsen and Guy Swenson called this meeting to discuss the capital expenditures required to add two TV channels and hold the first reading of Ordinance 2004-9. General Manager/Utilities Jerry Dow informed council members that the T.E.C. Advisory Board had met and discussed adding Victory Sports programming and Bravo programming to Barnesville Municipal Cable TV channel line up. The T.E.C. Advisory Board is recommending to council to approve the capital expenditure required to add two TV channels and to raise the rate for Preferred Basic cable service to \$32.95. Council members asked for clarification on quality of programming on the channels and the possibility of eliminating some of the current programming to reduce costs to avoid the rate increase. Council members also questioned when the channels would be available to subscribers. Council members also agreed that they had received input from citizens requesting the programming offered by Victory Sports.

04-19-04-01 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Hagen to approve the first reading of proposed Ordinance 2004-9. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2004-9

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RATES FOR CABLE TV SERVICES .

The City Council of the City of Barnesville does hereby ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the rates for Cable TV services were previously established by City Council resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council did previously enact Ordinance 2003-20, an ordinance to establish rates for cable TV services; and

WHEREAS, the Telephone/Electric/Cable TV (T.E.C.) Board for the City has recommended the following charges for Cable TV services apply;

NOW, THEREFORE, Ordinance No 2003-20 is replaced as follows:

Section 1. Per month service rate

Economy Basic Cable	\$11.95*
Preferred Basic	\$32.95*

Section 2. Per month premium channel rate

HBO	\$11.00
CINEMAX	\$ 8.00

Section 3. Per month premium channel package rate

HBO/CINEMAX	\$15.00
STARZ/ENCORE	\$ 7.95

Section 4. Monthly cable TV costs for businesses and institutions such as Nursing homes, Assisted living, Hotels and Motels. This section is exclusive to the above mentioned institutions

BULK RATE:

Utilize the current monthly Basic/Preferred Basic rate plus the total number of living units multiplied times the current wholesale cost of programming.

Utilize a mix & match process. Subscribe to Preferred Basic for the "House" location and the Basic rate for the resident units

Example:

Preferred Basic*

\$32.95 plus 11 living units x \$12.00 (the wholesale cost of programming) = \$161.95 plus tax and FCC charge.

Basic*

\$11.95 plus 11 living units x \$6.00 (the wholesale cost of programming) = \$77.95 plus tax and FCC charge.

Mix & Match* (Preferred Basic & Basic)

\$32.95 plus 11 living units x \$6.00 (the wholesale cost of programming) = \$95.95 plus tax and FCC charge.

Premium Channels

HBO: \$11.00 per month per subscriber when provided on an individual occupant basis.

\$4.00 per month per subscriber when provided to all occupants.

Cinemax: \$8.00 per month per subscriber when provided on a individual occupant basis.

\$4.00 per month per subscriber when provided to all occupants.

Starz/Encore: \$7.95 per subscriber

*Premium channels not included. **All rates subject to change.**

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and enactment, followed by publication according to law.

04-19-04-02 Motion by Mr. Hagen and second by Mr. Cooper to approve purchasing two modulators and the costs to install a cement base for the satellite dish at a combined cost of \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jerry Dow
General Manager/Utilities

Kenneth J. Bauer
Mayor