



City of Green

Central Administration
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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Barbara Babbitt - Ward 1 - President
Rocco Yeargin - Ward 3 - Vice President
Bob Young - Ward 2
Matt Shaughnessy - Ward 4
Richard Brandenburg - At-Large
Clark A. DeVitis - At-Large
Dave France- At-Large
Molly Kapeluck, MMC Clerk of Council

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

I. Call to Order - Mayor Neugebauer

Mayor Neugebauer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He welcomed the new council members, Dave France, Richard Brandenburg and Clark DeVitis. He also welcomed the new law director, Lisa Carey Dean.

II. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Mayor Neugebauer

III. Roll Call of Council Members

Present: 7 - Barbara Babbitt, Richard Brandenburg, Clark A. DeVitis, Dave France, Matt Shaughnessy, Rocco Yeargin and Bob Young

IV. Election of President

The Mayor opened nominations for the President of Council. Mr. Yeargin nominated Mrs. Babbitt, seconded by Mr. Shaughnessy. With no other nominations, the Mayor closed nominations for president.

Aye: 7 - Babbitt, Brandenburg, DeVitis, France, Shaughnessy, Yeargin and Young

V. Election of Vice President

Mrs. Babbitt opened nominations for Vice President. Mr. Young nominated Rocco Yeargin as VP, seconded by Mr. France. With no other nominations, Mrs. Babbitt closed nominations.

Aye: 7 - Babbitt, Brandenburg, DeVitis, France, Shaughnessy, Yeargin and Young

VI. Adoption of Council Rules, subject to amendments

Mrs. Babbitt moved to adopt Council Rules, subject to amendment, seconded by Mr. Yeargin.

Aye: 7 - Babbitt, Brandenburg, DeVitis, France, Shaughnessy, Yeargin and Young

VII. Committee of the Whole

SECOND READING ITEMS

[2019-21](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A NATURAL GAS PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -Introduced 12-10-19--

Sponsors: Gerard Neugebauer

Attachments: [2019-21 re NOPE Agreement](#)
[2019-21 re Exhibit A](#)

Mrs. Babbitt said 2019-21, 2019-22 and 2019-23 all are regarding the same subject so she will read them all in together.

[2019-22](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREEN, OHIO TO ENTER INTO THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (“NOPEC”) AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING NOPEC AND APPROVING THE BYLAWS OF NOPEC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -Introduced 12/10/19--

Sponsors: Gerard Neugebauer

Attachments: [2019-22 re Joining NOPE](#)
[2019-22 re Exhibit A](#)

[2019-23](#) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -Introduced 12/10/19--Public Hearings to be held January 7 and January 14, 2020.

Sponsors: Gerard Neugebauer

Attachments: [2019-23 re Approving NOPEC](#)
[2019-23 re Exhibit A](#)
[NOPEC Ad](#)
[2018- NOPEC annual-report.pdf](#)
[The Safe Choice NOPEC Brochure.pdf](#)

Mrs. Wax Carr explained, as a companion to the last piece of legislation read in there is a public hearing. She said the gentleman from NOPEC was not there yet but she

felt that her and the Mayor could answer any questions. She reminded them that Brenda Fargo was at the last meeting to explain. Mrs. Wax Carr briefly explained the three pieces of legislation and why the City liked this program. Mrs. Wax Carr said the city is looking to move their gas aggregation to NOPEC and explained the other services that the city would receive. They also give grants back to communities.

VIII. Public Hearing

- Regarding Ordinance 2019-23 - Charlie Ramer, Senior Relationship Manager

Mrs. Babbitt opened the public hearing at 5:38 p.m. The Mayor explained the city was up for gas aggregation and he explained the process that the City took and how past Mayor Brenda Fargo had helped.

Tony Ziehler, 3883 Golden Wood Way - Mr. Ziehler asked for the source of money to NOPEC so they could give grants. Mayor Neugebauer explained. Mr. Ziehler then asked how the Beacon Journal writer has rated NOPEC. Mrs. Wax Carr said there are three other communities looking at NOPEC. The Mayor explained the process over the years. Mr. Ziehler asked about some of the projects funded by the grants. Mrs. Wax Carr said energy efficient projects. She said she would follow-up with Council and get to Mr. Ziehler.

Mrs. Babbitt closed the public hearing at 5:48 p.m.

IX. Unfinished Business - Executive Session - Personnel Matter, DRB Appointment

Mrs. Babbitt moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel matter regarding appointment of the Design Review Board. She invited Student Representative Autumn Groen to join Council and each of the applicants for the Design Review Board, seconded by Mr. Shaughnessy at 5:50 p.m.

Aye: 7 - Babbitt, Brandenburg, DeVitis, France, Shaughnessy, Yeargin and Young

A motion was made by Council Member Babbitt to to adjourn executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m, seconded by Mr. Shaughnessy . The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Babbitt, Brandenburg, DeVitis, France, Shaughnessy, Yeargin and Young

Appoint Member to the Design Review Board

Mrs. Babbitt moved to appoint John Dodovich to the Design Review Board. She thanked those that applied. She talked about having an alternative. Seconded by Mr. Shaughnessy.

Aye: 7 - Babbitt, Brandenburg, DeVitis, France, Shaughnessy, Yeargin and Young

X. Adjournment

Mrs. Babbit adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
MOLLY KAPELUCK, CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
BARB BABBITT, PRESIDENT

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