CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

April 13, 2023 Special Meeting

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall – 4035 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke *Mark Sigrist* *Ted Berry* *Christine Houk*

1. President Berry moved to excuse Mayor Stage and Mr. Holt; seconded by Ms. Houk.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

The Chair recognized Ms. Houk, Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-16-23 (Adopting a Plan of Operation and Governance and Authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with a licensed competitive retail Electric Service Provider for the City's Electric Governmental Aggregation Program) was given its first reading.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, thanked Council for holding this special meeting. He explained that this industry is unique, in that prices are received at 10:00 a.m. and are only good until 4:00 p.m. the same day. Thus, the reason for this meeting and providing Council with handouts of the information to be considered. He said as bad as things were when they City first put out bids, he feels the tide has turned and introduced Mr. Greg Bechart, Scioto Energy and the City's consultant.

Mr. Bechart explained that they have done three (3) rounds of pricing with 12, 24, and 36 month terms. Because of inflation and other issues, the market was volatile and until recently, the rates did not provide any savings opportunity to the residents of Grove City. AEP has announced a raise in their rates coming in June ($0.7 to $0.10 kWh). Because of this increase, he went back to the market for pricing and are here now to review and decide on those rate options. He explained that these offers are being held until 4:00 p.m. today. She share a slideshow to explain the charges and the offers. He said the lowest rate offered is $0.683/kWh for 12 months. He said the rates offered would provide a savings of about 20% over the new AEP rate set to begin in June or July. He shared how AEP buys energy every two years and why he feels a 24 month contract is a good choice.

Mr. Sigrist asked about the pros/cons of a 12 or 24 month contract. Mr. Bechart said it is a comfort level. Council can't go wrong either way. However, if a 12 month contract is selected, they would have to start requesting pricing in six months. A 24 month contract is what most of his customers choose. He further explained that if the market falls off and rates get better that what is lock in today, the resident has the right to "opt out" and change to a different company.

Ms. Houk asked what would happen if we were to join with more municipalities to bid for energy. Mr. Bechart said there isn't any advantage. If you are buying on load, then no one could beat the utility company, as they have the largest load.

Mr. Berry asked if they chose a 12 month contract, could the demand and rates go up. Mr. Bechart said the demand has been going up and the market is very volatile. He said the 24 month contract would protect the consumer.

Ms. Kathy Cowen-Becker, resident, said she worked with Mr. Berry and Mr Sigrist to offer renewable energy to the voters. She said with the current issues, locking in a 24 month contract is best. She said she feels they should stay away from Energy Harbor, which is the new name for First Energy. She voiced support for AEP Energy for a 24 month term. She noted that Delaware and Hilliard are also passing legislation for this issue.

Ms. Amanda Ford, resident, voiced support and also stated that she is not fond of Energy Harbor. She said she prefers to go all renewable.

Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, reminded Council that they received an e-am this morning from Mr. Moscato voicing support for the passage of this ordinance. In addition, she read an e-mail from Ms. Mynatt who set a message this afternoon voicing support for 100% renewable energy initiatives.

Mr. Schottke asked where Exhibit "A" was. Mr. Smith said that was his fault. Exhibit A is the Plan that had two public hearings; was sent to the PUCO and approved by them. He said he has it and will get copies made for Council now.

Ms. Houk reminded everyone that while other communities added charges to their electric rates, Grove City chose not to do this and there will be no "built-in" charges. In addition, she said there will a notification campaign to our residents to understand what is happening with this program; how they can "opt-out" if they so choose; what the new rate would be and when it starts. She then noted that there are no shortage of dirty hands in the energy businesses and said Vistra, a Texas based entity, is the owner of both Dynegy and Energy Harbor and she feels this is a contrast to AEP Energy.

Mr. Bechart explained that the supplier who is selected will handle all the messaging and notification to each account address. They will explain the "opt-out" option. Mr. Smith sated that the City will also be conducting an educational campaign for the residents.

Mr. Smith provided a copy of Exhibit "A" to the Council Members.

Mr. Berry moved that Section 2 be amended to insert "AEP Energy/100% National Wind" and amend Section 3 to insert "AEP Energy", "24 months" and"$0.7.021"; seconded by Mr. Sigrist.

Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Houk moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes

Ms. Houk moved that this ordinance be approved as an emergency, as amended; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

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Chair

Grove City Electric Aggregation
RFP Round IV Review

April 13, 2023

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Round IV Participation/Parameters

- Scioto reached back out to the three qualifying entities since the initial round of pricing back in the spring (AEP Energy, Dynegy, and Energy Harbor)
- Requested fixed price offers commencing with the July 2023 meter reads
- Terms of 12, and 24 months
- Opt-out aggregation structure
- No early termination fee if participant wishes to leave or closes their utility account
- Prices were to incorporate renewable energy credits (RECs)

Traditional "Brown" Offers*

	12 Month	24 Month	36 Month
AEP Energy	6.727¢	6.909¢	7.267¢
Dynegy	6.622¢	6.787¢	7.111¢
Energy Harbor	6.480¢	6.590¢	6.950¢

These rates do not include any type of renewables/RECs

*Prices are from April 7, 2023

Offers including REC’s

	12 Month	24 Month
AEP Energy/100% National Wind	6.836¢	7.021¢
Dynegy/100% National Wind	7.090¢	7.285¢
Energy Harbor/100% National Wind	7.000¢	7.120¢
Energy Harbor/Carbon Free EFECS	6.890¢	6.980¢

- All three provided National Wind RECs, which is considered both renewable and emission-free
- Energy Harbor’s “Carbon Free EFEC” is zero-carbon electricity produced from emission-free sources, which in this case is nuclear generation in Ohio

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What is the Estimated Impact for Typical Homeowner/Small Business

Summary of AEP Residential Tariff Charges @ 800 kWhs*	Est. AEP Residential Tariff with Utility Supplied Generation @ 10.95¢/kWh	Est. AEP Residential Tariff with Electric Aggregation Supply @ 6.89¢/kWh
Customer Charge	$10.00	$10.00
Generation Charge	$87.62	$54.69
Delivery (Distribution & Transmission)	$63.22	$63.22
Total Estimated Monthly Charge	$160.84	$127.91
Estimated Monthly Savings		***$32.93 (20%)***

*Average residential account uses 800 kWhs per month

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