

## The Borough of McKees Rocks Special Council Meeting

January 25, 2022 (rescheduled from January 18, 2022)

7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: President Archie Brinza, Councilman Joseph Mixter, Councilman Joseph Lubas, Councilman Craig Myers, Councilman Nicholas Radoycis, Councilman Vincent Corrie, and Councilman Jeffrey Dusch

Absent: Councilwoman Leslie Walker and Councilman Chas Maritz

Other Elected Officials/Borough Representatives Present: Mayor David Flick, Solicitor Megan Turnbull, and Assistant Borough Secretary LeeAnn Wozniak

Agenda Comments/Changes

None

Action Items: - Continuation from January 11, 2022 Public Voting Meeting

1. A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Mixter to approve 3-Year lease agreement with West Hills Nissan for a 2022 Nissan Frontier at a monthly lease payment not to exceed \$281.00/month including trade-in(s) of 2005 Nissan Xterra and 2014 Ford Explorer. Solicitor Turnbull requested any public comment from meeting attendees before Council's final vote. No comments offered. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

New Business:

**1. COSTARS Purchase of 2022 Ford F550 (with Zoresco Upfits) for Street Department**

President Brinza presented to Council consideration of a purchase agreement with Shultz Ford for a new 2022 Ford F550 Truck (with Zoresco Upfits including snow equipment), due to Street Department having major mechanical issues with an older truck Street Department has been using for salting/plowing. President Brinza explained the sale price of the new truck with all Zoresco upgrades to be \$90,791.00, with Shultz Ford offering \$18,000 for trade-in value of a 2007 Chevy 4500 Salt Truck, bringing sales price down to approximately \$72,000.00. President Brinza also mentioned Shultz Ford possibly accepting another trade-in of an older Crown Victoria that in years was used by Police Department, though trade-in amount currently unknown. Controller Beck confirmed with President Brinza prior to

meeting this purchase can be paid through Liquid Fuels funds of at least \$68,000.00 and any minimal short-fall could be taken from General Fund. Before Council considered any motion for approval, Solicitor Turnbull requested public comment from meeting attendees. No comments offered. A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Corrie to purchase the 2022 F550 Truck with Zoresco upfits through COSTARS participant Shultz Ford with an estimated sales price of \$72,000.00 payable out of Liquid Fuels funds. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**2. Administrative Staff and Elected Officials Office Assignments**

Councilman Radoycis presented to Council a letter forwarded to him via email from the Tax Collector, that she received from the new Mayor. The letter indicates that the new Mayor is requesting the Tax Collector to remove all belongings from the current office space occupied by the Tax Collector and vacate by the end of following week, as the office space he was given in the back of Council Chambers is not working out and he will be relocating to that office space as the Mayor's office. Councilman Radoycis feels the wording of the letter is quite demanding and bully-boyish. Councilman Radoycis explained the history of the office space in previous years, explaining that specific office space has not been used by the Mayor for at least the past five years and is currently being utilized by the tax collector. The office space provided to the new Mayor was thought out in length by President Brinza, and there are no other options. Councilman Radoycis would like to make a motion that the office spaces as currently assigned remain permanent. President Brinza confirmed that he spoke to Mayor Flick at length about this situation and Mayor Flick would like to respond to Council regarding the letter and situation. Mayor Flick admitted that after conversation with President Brinza, he realized the letter should have been sent to Council, not the Tax Collector. However, up to this point, there has been no guidance or assistance with transition from the previous Mayor to current time and other than interactions with Borough staff, there has been no communication offered from any other member of Council/elected Officials. Mayor Flick is asking Council to have open communication moving forward so everyone is on the same page and Mayor Flick feels by no means is he a bully-boy. Mayor Flick understands the lack of office space and agreed to stay in office space provided. Councilman Radoycis agreed to withdraw the motion of voting on office assignments at this time, since all now in agreement.

Solicitor Turnbull stated for meeting minute purposes that Council is adjourning the business portion of the meeting, to break for an executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege matters.